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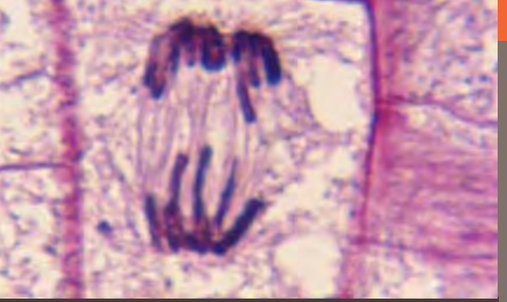
The National MS Society brings us all together to meet the challenges of each person living with Multiple Sclerosis.

- Our programs and services are tailored to enable people to get the support and information about MS that they need – when they need it.
- Our research and our professional education programs drive global innovation unraveling the MS mystery and improving MS care and treatment.
- Our advocacy programs give a voice to everyone who wants to be an activist in the MS movement.

MS, or multiple sclerosis, is a chronic disease of the central nervous system (brain, optic nerves, and spinal cord). The symptoms are varied and often unpredictable; they include weakness, numbness, fatigue, loss of balance, vision, or mobility, cognitive changes, mood swings, and pain. MS is as unique as the individual who has it.

Dr. Dora Hughes, left, and her sister Dr. Mary Hughes are making a difference. Dora is a Health and Education policy adviser to Senator Obama from Illinois and Mary is Medical Director of the Augusta MS Center at the Medical College of Georgia. Dora Hughes has been living with MS since 1985.



Gene studies are critical to unlocking the MS mystery, and each day brings new understanding.

Researchers are at work every day on MS research around the world.

Research & Clinical Care

Groundbreaking progress was made in 2005

We fuel the relentless search for three cures for MS: a way to stop the disease cold; a way to repair what it has done; a way to prevent it from ever happening in the future.

Unraveling the mystery of MS genetics

- The Society helped establish a collaborative international MS Genetics Consortium. In 2005, researchers began using a new DNA chip that enables data processing at speeds never before possible. Scientists are now identifying genes that merit closer study and developing innovative research designed to reveal MS triggers and new treatment targets.

Speeding improvements in clinical care

- Clinicians at more than 85 sites in the United States and Canada now work together on ground-breaking initiatives. The Society-funded MS-CORE brings together knowledge and expertise of these collaborative clinical teams - shaping new approaches to care and therapies.

Preventing or repairing nerve damage done by MS

- Four international teams of investigators began work on innovative ways to reverse – or prevent– the damage caused by Multiple Sclerosis. The teams meet regularly to assess progress and have committed to be ready to launch clinical trials by 2010.

Caring for the youngest people with MS

- Six Pediatric MS Centers of Excellence launched in 2005 offer medical and psychosocial support to children with MS and their families. Care is available to all regardless of proximity to the centers or the family's ability to pay.

The best and the brightest

- The Society expanded its commitment to the future of MS research and care by funding 102 fellowships for post-doctoral scientists, physicians, and nurses. These bright young minds will help us achieve a world free of MS.

Clinicians are studying innovative MS drugs in clinical trials.

Dr. Lauren Krupp is the clinical director of one of six pediatric centers of excellence that provide specialized pediatric care.

Programs help families stay connected and move their lives forward.

Rehabilitation helps people retain and improve mobility.

Programs & Services

Helping people with MS meet their needs every day

Throughout the Society, programs are designed to enable and empower everyone whose life is affected by MS.

- Education and training on wellness, symptom management, employment and career training, and more.
- Connection to others through chapter-affiliated self-help groups, peer support programs, volunteer opportunities, MSWorld chat groups and online forums.
- Opportunities for sharing and celebration at weekend retreats, family days, art and recreational programs, and special events.
- College scholarships for students in families hard pressed by MS expenses; the 2005 scholarship program supported 88 individuals and their educational dreams.
- Assistance and information in many forms: Referral programs at every chapter; award winning publications InsideMS and Keep S'myelin (for children) and the chapter-based MSConnection; national and chapter Web sites, live and archived Web casts, and our expanding national call center.

Society activists and our Public Policy Office in Washington, DC, focus action on state and federal policies that enhance life for people with MS.

- Activists laid the ground work for the fair hearing on the re-issue of Tysabri that took place in early 2006.
- Society took the lead in a movement to reform application standards for Social Security Disability Insurance.
- Activists urged approval of funds for the National Institutes of Health where vital MS research is conducted.
- Over 250 activists visited our nation's capital to successfully advocate on issues large and small during the March 2005 Public Policy Conference.
- During 2005, chapters worked on 235 state and local issues, with 123 successes. (a 52% success rate)

Dustin Sordelette, whose father lives with MS, is pursuing his educational dreams with the help of a Society scholarship.

The Society ensured that people with MS had a voice at the Tysabri hearings before the FDA panel.

Raising the Funds

People like you make all of this possible through your commitment to:

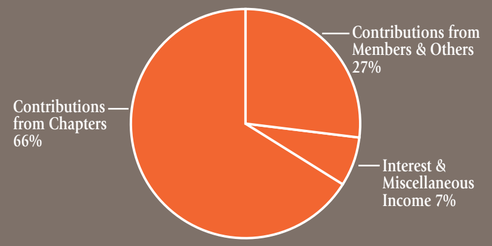
- MS Bike Rides
- MS Walk and MS Challenge Walk
- Corporate partnerships
- Individual leadership gifts
- Member dues, web and direct mail gifts, and special events across the Nation
  - 88,018 participants in MS Bike events nationally
  - 150,473 participants in MS Walks nationally
  - 497,160 donors via the national direct mail program

Combined Statement of Financial Position For the Year 2005

	2005 Combined	2004 Combined
Assets	$ 80, 503,232	$ 69,214,305
Cash and cash equivalents	52,923,317	50,464,169
Investment at appropriate market	17,136,675	15,613,579
Contributions receivable	7,055,284	5,642,667
Prepaid expenses and other assets		
Fixed Assets, at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of $29,468,481 and $26,318,286 respectively	9,048,769	9,547,246
Total Assets	$ 166,667,277	$ 150,481,966
Liabilities and net assets:		
Accounts payable and accrued	59,313,225	52,485,071
Deferred Income	4,699,515	3,852,396
Total liabilities	64,012,740	56,337,467
Commitments		
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	74,036,649	67,766,051
Temporarily restricted	21,829,377	19,915,265
Permanently restricted	6,788,511	6,463,183
Total Net Assets	102,654,537	94,144,499
Total liabilities and net assets	$ 166,667,277	$ 150,481,966

National Office

Income



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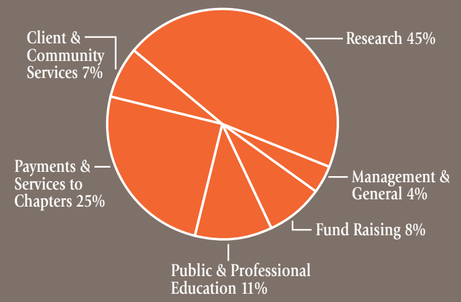

National Office & Local Offices

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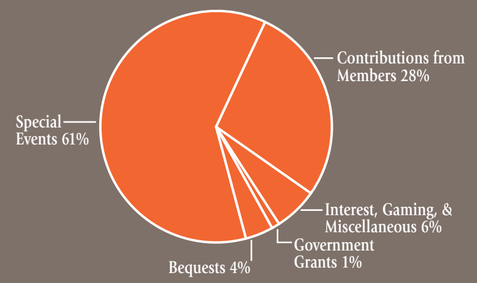

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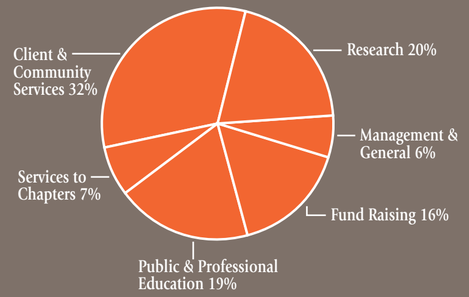

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• 56 local offices, 15 divisions, and 40 Branch Offices

• 522,635 members • 170 MS clinical centers affiliated with local offices • 350 Society-funded MS research projects

Alabama
• Alabama Chapter

Alaska
• All America Chapter
—Alaska Division

Arizona
• Arizona Chapter

Arkansas
• All America Chapter
—Arkansas Division
• Mid South Chapter

California
• Northern California Chapter
• Pacific South Coast Chapter
• Southern California Chapter
• All America Chapter
—Great Basin Sierra Division

Colorado
• Colorado Chapter

Connecticut
• Greater Connecticut Chapter
• Western Connecticut Chapter

Delaware
• Delaware Chapter

District of Columbia
• National Capital Chapter

Florida
• Mid Florida Chapter
• North Florida Chapter
• South Florida Chapter

Georgia
• Georgia Chapter

Hawaii
• All America Chapter
—Hawaii Division

Idaho
• All America Chapter
—Idaho Division
• Inland Northwest Chapter

Illinois
• Greater Illinois Chapter
• Gateway Area Chapter

Indiana
• Indiana State Chapter
• Kentucky/Southeast Indiana Chapter

Iowa
• North Central States Chapter

Kansas
• Mid America Chapter
• All America Chapter
—S. Central/W. Kansas Division

Kentucky
• Kentucky/Southeast Indiana Chapter
• Ohio Valley Chapter
• All America Chapter
—West Virginia Division

Louisiana
• Louisiana Chapter

Maine
• Maine Chapter

Maryland
• Maryland Chapter
• National Capital Chapter

Massachusetts
• Central New England Chapter

Michigan
• Michigan Chapter

Minnesota
• Minnesota Chapter
• North Central States Chapter
• Wisconsin Chapter

Mississippi
• All America Chapter
—Mississippi Division
• Mid South Chapter

Missouri
• Gateway Area Chapter
• Mid America Chapter

Montana
• All America Chapter
—Montana Division

Nebraska
• Nebraska Chapter

Nevada
• All America Chapter
—Great Basin Sierrra Division
—Nevada Division
• Arizona Chapter

New Hampshire
• Central New England Chapter

New Jersey
• Greater North Jersey Chapter
• Mid Jersey Chapter
• Greater Delaware Valley Chapter

New Mexico
• All America Chapter
—Rio Grande Division
—Panhandle Division

New York
• Long Island Chapter
• New York City Chapter
• Southern New York Chapter
• Upstate New York Chapter

North Carolina
• Central North Carolina Chapter
• Eastern North Carolina Chapter
• Mid Atlantic Chapter

North Dakota
• North Central States Chapter

Ohio
• Ohio Buckeye Chapter
• Northwestern Ohio Chapter
• Ohio Valley Chapter
• All America Chapter
—West Virginia Division

Oklahoma
• Oklahoma Chapter
• All America Chapter
—Panhandle Division

Oregon
• Oregon Chapter

Pennsylvania
• Allegheny District Chapter
• Central Pennsylvania Chapter
• Greater Delaware Valley Chapter

Rhode Island
• Rhode Island Chapter

South Carolina
• Central North Carolina Chapter
• Eastern North Carolina Chapter
• Mid Atlantic Chapter

South Dakota
• North Central States Chapter

Tennessee
• Mid South Chapter

Texas
• Lone Star Chapter
• North Central Texas Chapter
• All America Chapter
—Panhandle Division
—West Texas Division
—Rio Grande Division

Utah
• Utah State Chapter

Vermont
• All America Chapter
—Vermont Division

Virginia
• Blue Ridge Chapter
• Central Virginia Chapter
• Hampton Roads Chapter
• National Capital Chapter

Washington
• Greater Washington Chapter
• Inland Northwest Chapter

West Virginia
• All America Chapter
—West Virginia Division

Wisconsin
• Wisconsin Chapter
• Minnesota Chapter

Wyoming
• All America Chapter
—Wyoming Division

The Future Begins Now

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Involve your company and colleagues

Join the leadership of the Society in your local area

Connect with MS professionals and experts

Become an activist and voice for change

Support people with MS through monetary gifts

Register for an MS event near you

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