



**National
Multiple Sclerosis
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MS Longest Day of Golf Raises Funds, MS Awareness

WASHINGTON, D.C. – More than 130 local golfers grabbed their clubs, hit the links, and played golf from dawn to dusk during the MS Longest of Golf, held in July, August, and September. To date, the event has raised \$82,000 to support the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Capital Chapter, which serves individuals residing in Washington, D.C., Northern Virginia, and Southern Maryland.

Some of the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area's best golf courses donated greens fees, and all MS Longest Day of Golf participants agreed to meet a fundraising minimum of \$125 to help end MS.

Dyson Richards of Ellicott City, Md., was the top fundraiser, reaching \$7,050. Arlington, Va., resident Henry Cassidy raised \$5,742.

Proceeds from the event support local programs and services for people affected by MS, as well as national research and initiatives.

To learn more about the MS Longest Day of Golf and other National MS Society events, visit www.MSandYOU.org or call (202) 296-5363.

About Multiple Sclerosis

Multiple sclerosis interrupts the flow of information from the brain to the body and stops people from moving. Every hour in the United States, someone is newly diagnosed with MS, an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system. Symptoms range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are moving us closer to a world free of MS. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, with more than twice as many women as men being diagnosed with the disease. MS affects more than 400,000 people in the U.S., and 2.5 million worldwide.

Studies show that early and ongoing treatment with an FDA-approved therapy can reduce future disease activity and improve quality of life for many people with multiple sclerosis. Talk to your health care professional and contact the National MS Society at www.MSandYOU.org or (202) 296-5363 to

learn about ways to help manage multiple sclerosis and about current research that may one day reveal a cure.

About the National Multiple Sclerosis Society

MS stops people from moving. The National MS Society exists to make sure it doesn't. Locally, the National Capital Chapter provides a wide range of vital services in the areas of counseling, education, employment, information and referral, public policy development and advocacy, and financial assistance to the many thousands of people with MS and their families who live in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. For more information about MS or the National Capital Chapter, please call (202) 296-5363 or visit www.MSandYOU.org.

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