WE ARE MS ACTIVISTS

- *people with MS*
- *family members*
- *friends*
- *neighbors*
- *MS event participants*
- *health care professionals*
- *anyone who wants to make a difference*

"The most important lesson I have learned through advocacy is that change can occur. While I may no longer be able to stand in the literal sense of the word, I can 'stand' up in other ways for myself and others."

Judy Pollack Hallam,
chapter activist,
GRC member

"As an advocate I learned the meaning of the power of one voice. People with MS must not remain silent on issues that impact them. When we speak up we will be heard."

Ginny Morse,
Inductee,
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
Volunteer Hall of Fame

STAY INFORMED ON MS ISSUES

Every day we move closer to a world free of multiple sclerosis.

Track issues in your state...
tell us your story.

Maine legislature
www.maine.gov/legis

Massachusetts legislature
www.state.ma.us

New Hampshire legislature
www.nh.gov

Vermont legislature
www.leg.state.vt.us

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Changing Policy Changing Lives

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

In Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont more than 19,000 individuals face the challenges of MS. Together we can do something now to help move their lives forward.

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We Are Proud of Our Activism Successes

The Greater New England chapter has earned a reputation as a credible voice among lawmakers. In each state, volunteer Government Relations Committees determine priority issues and mobilize others to take action.

Activities at a Glance…

- Make impacts in the legislative, regulatory and private sector arenas
- Focus on issues relating to
  - Health care
  - Health insurance
  - Long-term care
  - Disability rights
  - Medical research
- Lobby for state funding for programs and benefits
- Conduct annual MS days at the state capitols
- Serve on state councils, boards and working groups
- Provide grass-roots training
- Partner in public awareness campaigns

WHAT WE DO

The National MS Society and individuals affected by multiple sclerosis relentlessly advocate every day for policies and programs that benefit people with MS and their families.

- ✓ Mobilize Grass-roots Activists
- ✓ Rally at Capitols
- ✓ Hold Community Forums
- ✓ Educate Public Officials
- ✓ Testify
- ✓ Fund MS Initiatives
- ✓ Form Alliances
- ✓ Utilize the Media
- ✓ Remove Barriers
- ✓ Protect Civil Rights
- ✓ Ensure Access
- ✓ Address Policy Gaps

GET INVOLVED

Don't let things happen
Make things happen

- Be Bold
- Speak Up
- Know Your legislators
- Stay Informed
- Build Skills
- Tell Your Story
- Share Ideas
- Meet New people
- Recruit Others
- Vote

Sign up to be an MS Activist. You will receive periodic federal and state email alerts on key issues.

Go to:
www.nationalMSsociety.org/advocacy

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