

MS = skating on thin ice



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Established in 1953, the Chapter is an important part of a nationwide network that advances the Society's mission to achieve a world free of multiple sclerosis.

We provide quality programs and services to over 10,000 Ohioans living with MS and their families in a 38-county area. Areas served include the Akron, Cleveland, Columbus and Youngstown metropolitan areas as well as all Central and Eastern Ohio counties. Our two offices are located in Independence and Worthington.

## National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Ohio Buckeye Chapter



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Diagnosed with MS in 2009  
Living with MS for 2 years

This is my story...

Carrie Gable

What is your connection to multiple sclerosis?

I have multiple sclerosis.

How has MS impacted your life?

One month before my 30th birthday, I woke up and noticed strobe light-like flashes in my left eye. I saw a doctor and was told I had a stress headache behind my eye. A few days later, I woke up and had gone blind in my left eye. I went back to the doctor where I was told I had optic neuritis, which was usually a symptom of MS. After I had an MRI, it was determined I had RRMS. After days of IV and oral steroids, my sight returned to about 90% which is where it remains today.

I am affected on a daily basis by hand and foot pain and frequently experience the MS Hug. When I tell people I have MS, I usually get an odd look and am told that it looks like nothing is wrong with me. People don't understand that I suffer silently in pain every day with a disorder that has no cure.

Are you receiving or have received assistance from any services or programs?

I have not received assistance.

Have you experienced issues with any services or programs? If so, which ones?

I have not experienced any issues.

What else should we know about your unique story?

My life with MS is unique in that I, like many other sufferers, appear to be healthy. There are days when I move a little slower and don't remember things as easily as I used to, but I look "normal". When I tell someone about my having MS, I try to educate them about the disease and explain to them that a person can be sick and look healthy. I have also heard that since I am not physically affected on a normal basis, MS isn't a serious disease. I do my best to educate these people about MS.

Thank you for listening to my story!  
Carrie Gable - Shaker Heights, Ohio

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