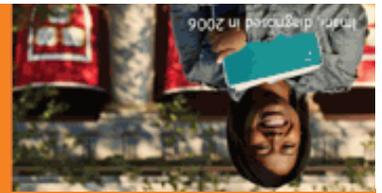


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Established in 1953, the Chapter is an important part of a nationwide network that advances the Society's mission to achieve a world free of multiple sclerosis. We provide quality programs and services to over 10,000 Ohioans living with MS and their 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.

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Diagnosed with MS in 1991
Living with MS for 10 years
prior to diagnosis

This is my story...

What is your connection to multiple sclerosis?

I have multiple sclerosis.

How has MS impacted your life?

I was diagnosed with MS in October 1991. My first symptoms were in September 1981, but I was pretty much in remission for those 10 years. When I was diagnosed with MS I was working full time at a large nursing home. Fatigue was my main symptom and I would be exhausted driving home and all evening and weekend. I reduced my hours after several years and then retired when some cognitive issues affected my work. I now volunteer for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society as their librarian and I'm a co-leader for a self-help group. Since I'm home during the day I'm able to partake in a MS sponsored aquatic therapy program. I miss working but feel fulfilled volunteering to help others.

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?

I've made many new friends—all with MS—that I would not have met without my diagnosis. I tell people this is the good part of MS. I retired from work 12 years ago and started volunteering for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and two other organizations. It's especially nice to be retired now since I have a seven month old granddaughter who lives on the next street and I can babysit her for two and a half days a week.

Thank you for listening to my story!

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