

The National MS Society is a collective of passionate individuals who want to do something about MS now—to move together toward a world free of multiple sclerosis. The Chapter helps people affected by MS by funding cutting-edge research, driving change through advocacy, facilitating professional education, and providing programs and services that help people with MS and their families move their lives forward. We are moving -- moving research forward by relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatment and cure; moving to reach out and respond to individuals, families and communities living with multiple sclerosis; moving politicians and legislation to champion the needs of people with MS through activism, advocacy and influence; and moving to mobilize the millions of people who want to do something about MS now.

The Ohio Valley Chapter drives the pursuit of these goals through a fierce adherence to our core values of commitment, leadership, integrity, excellence and teamwork, and by fully integrating our organization into the larger community through strategic partnerships and collaborations in the business, government and nonprofit sectors. It is our philosophy that we can best meet the needs of people with MS by strengthening the communities in which they live; by providing information and support to other community stewards, leaders and organizations; and by leveraging the resources of our partner agencies in order to reinforce community service networks, reduce service duplication and coordinate care across the continuums of health, human services, housing, transportation and basic needs provision. We not only attempt to fill gaps where community services fall short, but also actively seek them out and strive to provide support, advocacy and resources towards creative solutions that benefit all members of the community. We work in coalitions, are active in regional strategic planning initiatives and participate in efforts larger than ourselves to augment the work of others; we network, brainstorm and promote collective action among our peers; we have the courage to drive efforts and take on the responsibility for primary service provision when appropriate. Through these collaborations and efforts we are able to provide the highest quality direct services and case management, professional medical education, community outreach, programming and premiere events such as Bike and Walk MS, all the while reinforcing connections between sectors.

People with MS are at the center of everything that we do, with the realization that at the heart of people with MS is the community in which they live and the vast network of people who directly and indirectly support our efforts. We make every decision with the best interest of our clients and responsibility to our donors, constituents and community in mind. We are committed to our cause, to our region and to the highest ethical standards.

MS stops people from moving. We exist to make sure it doesn't.