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Annual Report—2009
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
Central Pennsylvania Chapter

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Moving together toward a world free of MS

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Multiple sclerosis, an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system, interrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and body. 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 at least two to three times more women than men being diagnosed with the disease. MS affects more than 400,000 people in the U. S. and 2.1 million worldwide.

We are a collective of passionate individuals who want to do something about MS now, moving together toward a world free of multiple sclerosis. We help each person address the challenges of living with MS. We help 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.

This year saw exciting research progress, with unprecedented opportunities on the horizon and more scientists than ever working on important questions. While the economic environment resulted in an unfortunate slow down in funding, gaps were created in planned expenditures to support MS research. We hope this impact will be of short duration.

Despite these challenges, the National MS Society continues to propel research forward and move us closer to a world free of MS. **In 2009 the Society provided over \$33.5 million to support 345 new and ongoing projects in our research portfolio. Plus \$1.5 million was raised for Fast Forward**, our drug development subsidiary which continues to attract new funding streams. In addition, thanks to the efforts of our MS activists, \$5 million has been specifically set aside for funding MS research out of the 2009 Department of Defense budget.

The cure for MS is yet to be discovered, but the needs of people affected by MS exist firmly in the present. That's why the Society provides — and **moves others to provide** — **programs and services for people living with MS now.**

Anybody who has witnessed the sea of humanity at a Walk MS®, Bike MS® or Challenge Walk event, or experienced the camaraderie of a self-help group, knows that the MS community is as tight-knit as it is diverse. **The way we see it, moving others is essential to our mission.**

The Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society serves more than 5,800 people in 30 counties. Those counties include: Adams, Bradford, Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lebanon, Luzerne, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Pike, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Wayne, and York.

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**NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER AND
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA ENDOWMENT FUND**

**STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 AND 2008**

	2009			Total
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	
PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE				
Public Support				
Received Directly				
Special Events (Includes In-Kind Donations of \$22,793 in 2009 and \$7,193 in 2008)	\$ 1,500,993	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,500,993
Less: Benefit to Donor Costs	(117,927)	0	0	(117,927)
Net Special Events Support	1,383,066	0	0	1,383,066
Membership and Contributions (Includes In-Kind Donations of \$6,600 in 2009 and 2008)	184,506	192,698	0	377,204
Legacies	38,788	21,327	0	60,115
Received at National (Other than Legacies)	80,833	1,562	0	82,395
Total Received Directly	1,687,193	215,587	0	1,902,780
Received Indirectly				
Combined Federal Service Campaign	21,033	0	0	21,033
Federated Fundraising Organizations	50,568	0	0	50,568
Total Received Indirectly	71,601	0	0	71,601
Total Public Support	1,758,794	215,587	0	1,974,381
Other Revenue				
Investment Income	13,522	0	5,714	19,236
Service Program Fees	0	3,725	0	3,725
Total Other Revenue	13,522	3,725	5,714	22,961
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS	219,312	(219,312)	0	0
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE	1,991,628	0	5,714	1,997,342
FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES				
Program Services				
Research	358,559	0	0	358,559
Client Programs	440,063	0	0	440,063
Community Programs	274,101	0	0	274,101
Professional Education and Training	12,919	0	0	12,919
Public Education	560,135	0	0	560,135
Total Program Services	1,645,777	0	0	1,645,777
Supporting Services				
Fundraising	209,658	0	0	209,658
Management and General	156,774	0	0	156,774
Total Supporting Services	366,432	0	0	366,432
Public Support to National	289,729	0	0	289,729
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	2,301,938	0	0	2,301,938
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	(310,310)	0	5,714	(304,596)
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING	992,462	0	37,869	1,030,331
NET ASSETS - ENDING	\$ 682,152	\$ 0	\$ 43,583	\$ 725,735

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What can you do to move us closer to a world free of MS? Whether your contribution is time, skills, funds, or ideas, it can make all the difference. **Join the Movement. Explore the following events at pac.nationalmssociety.org.**

Bike MS: To Paradise and Back presented by Capital BlueCross and Mason Dixon Challenge

Are you up for the challenge? And ready for the ride of your life? With **2 unique rides right here in Central Pennsylvania**, you can find the ride that's just right for you. These fully-supported rides not only connect you with other riders, but also to a growing movement to end multiple sclerosis.

Walk MS presented by GIANT Food Stores, LLC

Walk MS is a simple, but incredibly powerful way for you to share in the hope for the future. Walk MS is our rallying point, a place and time for us to stand together and to be together. There are **12 MS walks here in Central Pennsylvania**—Join the Walk MS in your community!

Challenge Walk

Accept the challenge to walk 30-50 miles over 2 to 3 days, at any of our **nine Challenge Walks across the nation**.

Community Events

Are you interested in hosting and creating your own Community Event to raise awareness and fundraise for the MS movement? **Let us help you get started!**

Other Local Events:

George F. Hempt Memorial MS Polo Match, *Harrisburg Magazine's* Readers' Choice 2009 event, is the premier gala event of the National MS Society.

Volunteer

The gift of time can provide a meaningful experience for you while helping others. Volunteers are vital to the work of the National MS Society. Your valuable skills and fresh perspectives will make a difference for people living with MS. Contact your local Society office to find out how you can help create a world free of MS. You can also visit **VolunteerMatch** at www.volunteermarch.org to get started today.

Take Action through Activism

Sign up to be an MS activist. Help turn MS issues into national priorities. Call on public officials to make changes that benefit people living with MS. Thousands are getting involved. Many are individuals who live with MS. Some are friends and family members. And many simply recognize their passion and ability to make a difference.

Programs and Services

Living with MS means the road to wellness is more than treatment of the disease. Equally important are health and wellness strategies, a strong support network of family and friends, satisfying work and leisure activities, a meaningful place in the community, and adequate attention to one's inner self. The National MS Society offers a variety of programs and services to help you meet those needs.

Corporate Support

Involve your company and colleagues. Join companies that have partnered with the National MS Society through **corporate teams, sponsorship, and outright giving**.