



**National
Multiple Sclerosis
Society**
New Jersey
Metro Chapter

ELEVATOR SPEECHES:

I am raising funds to support the mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. I will be participating in [insert event] with a goal of raising [insert goal amount]. The National MS Society is dedicated to creating a world free of MS, but they can't do it without our help. It's faster and easier than ever to support this cause. Help me reach my goal by making a donation and moving us closer to a world free of MS.

Your donation supports critical funds to support cutting-edge research and programs and services for everyone impacted by MS. Ending MS means no one will receive an MS diagnosis again. Every dollar counts. Every person makes a difference.

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MS FACTS:

- Multiple sclerosis (MS) – 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 be predicted.
- Having MS means not knowing what the day will bring and to be prepared for the unexpected.
- MS affects more than 2.1 million people worldwide.
- There are 13,000 people in New Jersey who have registered with the Society as living with MS.
- MS is the most common neurological disease affecting young to middle-aged adults.
- Most people are diagnosed with MS between the ages of 20-50 years of age.
- MS is two-to-three times more common in women than men.
- There are 13 FDA approved therapies available that can slow the progression of MS (as of July 2014).

HOW WE HELP PEOPLE AFFECTED BY MS:

The New Jersey Metro Chapter provides a wide variety of programs and services to all of those affected by multiple sclerosis throughout New Jersey:

- Information on new medical research developments on the cause, treatment and cure for MS.
- Information and referral to services and support programs
- Education for people who are newly diagnosed
- Educational teleconferences that can be accessed from anywhere
- Professional education seminars
- Individual and peer counseling services
- Financial assistance for durable medical equipment, home, and car modifications
- Financial assistance for home/respite care
- Therapeutic recreation & exercise programs
- Social/emotional support through self-help groups and specific telephone support groups
- We are activists that advocate everyday on behalf of people with MS and their families. Issues of concern include – but are not limited to – housing, transportation and accessibility.