The headline is pretty straightforward but the story behind it is one we’re excited to share. In February of 2019, The ALS Association Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota Chapter is relocating its headquarters from downtown Minneapolis to the Midway neighborhood of St. Paul, Minnesota — more specifically, at 1919 University Centre, near the corner of University and Prior. The current office space at Union Plaza in the North Loop of Minneapolis has served us well for a number of years, but for various reasons we’ve been unable to mold it into the welcoming environment we originally envisioned.

Our Chapter is growing, and our new space will provide more flexibility for expanded programming to address the evolving needs of the ALS community. But the primary reason for this move can be boiled down to one word: accessibility.

The new offices will be an upgrade in nearly every way. The building itself (pictured above) is located directly on the Green Line of the Twin Cities’ light rail transit system and also features ample accessible parking. The 10,000 sq. ft. suite, which is currently undergoing a custom buildout, is located on the first floor and will be our operational hub as we explore new ways to serve individuals and families across three states.

Perhaps the most exciting element of the new space will be our 2,000 sq. ft. Connectivity Center, which will house emerging technologies related to ALS care. Made possible from a generous grant from Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies, this space will allow us to host trainings, webinars, equipment demonstrations, support groups and more from a highly modular setting. We’ll be unveiling more details after the dust settles, but expect to hear about video conferencing, educational podcasts, video tutorials, and telehealth collaborations in the near future.

Our staff and Board of Directors are simply buzzing about the potential and we genuinely believe this will be a transformational moment for ALS care and support in our region. Whether you live in Minot, Sioux Falls, or Duluth, this move will foster an even stronger connection between The ALS Association and the people we serve.

We would also like to acknowledge that this kind of move would not be possible without your generous support of our Chapter. The faith you demonstrate in our efforts motivates us to work even harder on your behalf, and we look forward to having you alongside us as we embark on this journey. If you have any questions about the move and our future plans at the new Chapter headquarters, feel free to contact me directly (612.672.0484 / jenniferhjelle@alsmn.org). And if you’d like to make a contribution in support of this important effort, you can donate online today or call for additional details.

I can’t wait to welcome you into our new space!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hjelle
Executive Director
The ALS Association MN/ND/SD Chapter