



Terry Bradshaw Teams Up with The ALS Association to Raise Awareness of ALS

This week we launched a new public awareness campaign featuring Hall of Fame quarterback and FOX Sports announcer Terry Bradshaw that raises awareness of ALS and the progress that has been made since the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge in 2014.

“ALS is a terrible disease that has taken far too many Americans, including several former NFL players,” said Terry. “I’m honored to be fighting for all those living with ALS and their family members. We desperately need the public’s support to keep the momentum going.”



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Help with the Largest Snowmobile Event in the World



We need volunteers to help with the celebration dinner that concludes the **Black Woods Blizzard Tour**. If you’re in the Duluth area and available on Saturday, February 2, we want to hear from you. We need people from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm to help set up the event space and silent auction and from 3:30 – 11:30 pm to check guests in and out or assist guests with the electronic bidding system.

By volunteering, you’ll be an integral part of an event that is on track to raise \$1.2 million. This money will fund ALS research and the programs and equipment we provide free of charge to people affected by ALS. You’ll also receive drinks, snacks, and lunch or dinner as a thank you for your time.

Want to Connect Directly with Someone? Become a Family Assistance Volunteer

Through the family assistance program, trained volunteers are paired with families affected by ALS to help with everyday tasks. With volunteer assistance, families report decreased stress and increased quality time together.

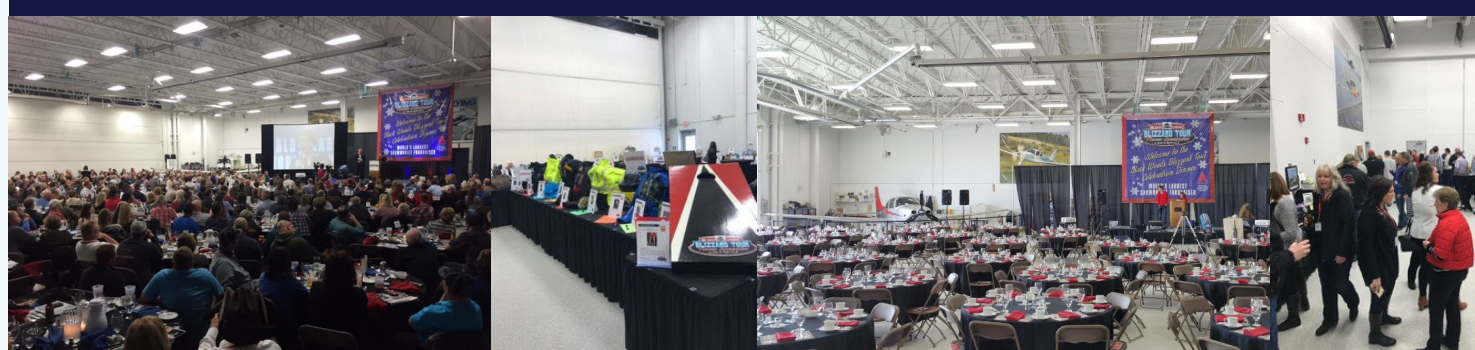
If you have some time to give and want to establish a relationship with someone with ALS, please consider joining this program. A list of our current requests, including location, frequency, and type of help requested, can be found on the [volunteer page of our website](#).



For more information or to express an interest in these opportunities, please contact Laura Winterstein, volunteer engagement manager, at 888-672-0484 or volunteercoordinator@alsmn.org.



Join us for our 20th Anniversary Black Woods Blizzard Tour Celebration Dinner!



The Black Woods Blizzard Tour is celebrating its 20th year of raising funds for the families affected by ALS. On Saturday, February 2, we will hold our Celebration Dinner at Cirrus Aircraft in Duluth. This is the final day of the event, and we will have much to celebrate. Please [join us](#)! [Learn more](#) how you can be a part of this unique event.

Upcoming Special Events



January 30 - February 2, 2019

**Black Woods
Blizzard Tour**



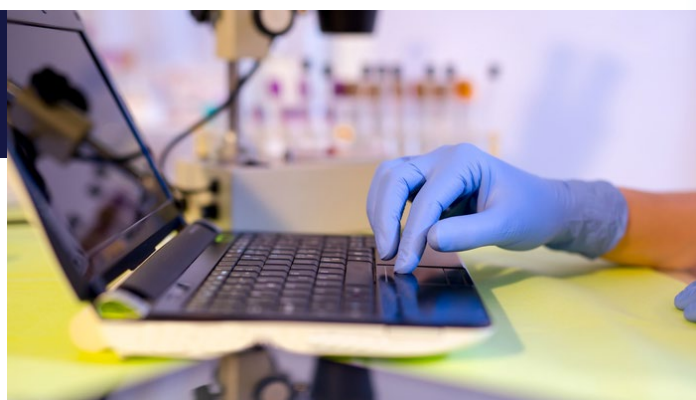
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SOD1 Phase I Antisense Trial Shows Promise and C9orf72 Phase I Antisense Trial Begins

After years of hard work by The ALS Association-funded investigators, Biogen recently announced promising results of the phase 1 SOD1 antisense trial (BIIB067) that is now moving into the next clinical phase and announced the initiation of a phase 1 antisense trial (BIIB078) targeting C9orf72. [Click here](#) to learn more.



Motor Neuron Excitability is Reduced in People with ALS Following Ezogabine Treatment

Dr. Brian Wainger from the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) presented initial top-level results from a recently completed phase II clinical trial of ezogabine (retigabine) on motor neuron excitability (NCT02450552). The study, supported by The ALS Association, met its main goal of quantifying a reduction in motor neuron excitability in people with ALS following treatment. [Find out more](#).

