



AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF CANADA

# OUR MISSION

SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DE LA SCLÉROSE LATÉRALE AMYOTROPHIQUE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION #4 • GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT ALS & THE ALS SOCIETY OF CANADA

## THE MISSION OF THE ALS SOCIETY OF CANADA IS

- **To support research towards a cure for ALS**
- **To support ALS Partners in their provision of quality care for persons affected by ALS**

### RESEARCH to provide hope

The ALS Society of Canada funds only the most promising projects reviewed by some of Canada's top researchers and, over the years, this strategy has been rewarded with breakthrough discoveries.

With the significant, recent advances made in neurology and genetics, we know that effective therapies and cures are now, more than ever, within reach. There is still much to learn and so much to do to end this devastating disease.

Our research program is a collaborative initiative with the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

### SUPPORT to serve immediate needs

Through volunteers and staff in our partner units, families affected by ALS are offered practical and emotional support, referrals to services in the community, and equipment. In addition, we together develop resources for volunteer and organizational development, public awareness, and advocacy.

The ALS Society of Canada supports partner units and their volunteers to raise funds for research and awareness, especially during June ALS month and through the WALK TO D'FEET ALS.

In addition, the ALS Society co-ordinates professional healthcare seminars, conferences and workshops, and actively participates in the Health Charities Council of Canada, the Caregiver Coalition, and the End of Life Care Coalition.

The ALS Society of Canada advocates on behalf of those affected by ALS for appropriate changes in public policy.

### INFORMATION to build awareness

The ALS Society of Canada provides comprehensive, accurate, and timely information about ALS to those with ALS, those affected by ALS, the research and healthcare community, the media, our donors, and volunteers.

We communicate through a newsletter, a brochure, and a through our extensive web site – [www.als.ca](http://www.als.ca).

The ALS Society of Canada was founded in 1977 as a national voluntary organization dedicated solely to those affected by ALS.

The ALS Society has partner units in every Canadian province.

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