



# 2021 IMPACT REPORT

The ALS Association Tennessee Chapter

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# Mission & Note from CEO

## Our Mission:

The ALS Association Tennessee Chapter's committed to our mission to discover treatments and a cure for ALS, and to serve, advocate for, and empower those affected by ALS to live their lives to the fullest. The Tennessee Chapter supports people living with ALS and their loved ones through services and education. We leave no stone unturned in the search for the cure of this progressive neurodegenerative disease.

## Note from Michelle Sweeney, CEO:

*Hello! 2021 was another challenging year, but despite the ups and downs, The ALS Association Tennessee Chapter remained committed to our ALS community as we served, advocated for, and empowered those affected by ALS. I want to take the opportunity to say thank you to our donors, volunteers, and advocates for your continued support. We have seen advancements in research, as The Association is now funding 155 active research projects in 12 countries in an effort to accelerate progress towards effective treatments and a cure, the ACT for ALS was signed into law by the President of the United States in December 2021, and our Chapter served over 400 individuals and their families living with ALS through vital care services programs, such as ALS Clinics, support groups, communications programs, and more. I am incredibly grateful for our staff and Board of Directors, who work tirelessly towards our mission of creating a world without ALS. I am incredibly grateful to our supporters who continue to support our efforts so that we can advance our mission. And most importantly, I am grateful to the individuals and families we serve that remind us to live each day with courage, strength and resilience. I wish you the best in 2022! -Michelle Sweeney*

## Tennessee Chapter Board of Directors

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# Chapter Impact

The ALS Association Tennessee Chapter has been making a difference in the lives of people with ALS and their families since 1987, coordinating services with care and compassion, ensuring that individuals receive the highest level of support possible to maintain their dignity and independence.

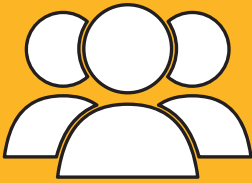
## BY THE NUMBERS 2021

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424

people living  
with ALS  
served



135 new clients



157

ALS Clinic  
attendees

43

Respite/  
General  
Grants  
awarded



397 bereavement contacts

17

support group  
meetings

individual  
touches

173



33

communication  
interventions

174



pieces of durable  
medical equipment  
loaned



# Care Services

In 2021, our Chapter met the needs of over 400 people living with ALS, and their families, through a variety of services, including virtual support groups, multidisciplinary ALS Clinics, the loan of durable medical equipment, educational resources, and more - all to ensure that individuals living with ALS receive the highest level of care possible. Learn more about our local care services programs by [clicking here](#).



## *Program Highlight - ALS Multidisciplinary Clinics*

ALS multidisciplinary clinics (MDC) have become the standard of care for ALS worldwide, owing to its ability to improve patients' quality of life, prolong their survival, and reduce hospital admissions, according to prior research studies. These clinics bring together a team of medical specialists, providing comprehensive and specialized care, addressing many of a patient's needs in the same place or even in the same visit. Because ALS symptoms affect every patient differently, treatment typically requires several different types of health care providers with diverse and specialized skills and knowledge. Instead of patients and their caregivers struggling to balance appointments and recommendations from several specialty providers, many hospitals and clinics are now providing multidisciplinary teams who work together to improve care for both patients and caregivers. This approach may help lower a patient's stress levels related to having to visit multiple health care providers. Studies have shown that multidisciplinary teams improve ALS patients' quality of life, mental health, social functioning, and survival.

These teams may be composed of a neurologist, and physical, occupational, respiratory and speech therapists, as well as a dietitian, neuropsychologist, nurse, and social worker. If needed, home health care providers, and medical equipment and assistive technology specialists may also be available. The team usually meets before and sometimes after the patient's arrival to design and implement a personalized treatment plan.

In the U.S., many hospitals, Veterans Affairs medical centers, and health care facilities offer multidisciplinary care, some of which operate on a full-time basis, while others are on a specific schedule. Here in Tennessee, we are very lucky to have 4 multidisciplinary clinics. The ALS Clinic of the MidSouth in west Tennessee, The Vanderbilt Neurology Vanderbilt Clinic in middle Tennessee, The ALS Clinic at Erlanger in Chattanooga, and The Gary C. Shealy Memorial ALS Clinic in east Tennessee.




# Advocacy



**Big News in 2021! The ACT For ALS Act is now law. Thank you to all ALS Advocates for the hard work it took to get this bill across the finish line. Thank you President Joe Biden for supporting people living with ALS and their loved ones by signing this historic legislation. Your tireless support makes a difference!**

**Thank you to all the ALS Champions in Congress for their leadership in passing the ACT for ALS. This important bill will directly impact the lives of people with ALS.**

**Interested in vital Advocacy issues affecting our ALS heroes?**



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TO BE AN  
ADVOCATE](#)





# Research

The ALS Association is the world's largest private funder of ALS research worldwide, and our efforts have led to some of the most promising and significant advancements in the field. We advance ALS science by building research infrastructure and funding individual research projects and engaging the patient community in the search for treatments and a cure. The ALS Association is committed to doing *whatever it takes* to find effective treatments and a cure. Thank you for your continued support!



Currently funding  
155 active  
Research Projects  
in 12 countries

Throughout 2021, The ALS Association also continued to work tirelessly to bring AMX0035, a promising new drug shown to extend life and slow disease progression, to people living with ALS. And we've never been closer. Amylyx recently filed a New Drug Application with the FDA for approval of AMX0035.

*Interested in learning more about Amylyx and The ALS Association's support of their journey? [Click here](#) to listen to a conversation between the Amylyx team and The ALS Association from September 2021.*



# Development

## Walk to Defeat ALS

Thank you to everyone in Tennessee that participated in the 2021 Walk to Defeat ALS. Teams gathered at home, local parks, churches, and community centers to bring awareness to the realities of ALS. **Close to 500 people registered and joined one of the 110 teams across the state and over \$376,000 was raised!** Because of you, The ALS Association will accomplish great things through research, advocacy, and local care services.

### Chattanooga Top Teams

Maria's  
Ultimate  
Warriors

Janna's  
Volunteers

Johnny's  
Walkers

### Tri-Cities Top Teams

Italian  
Stallions

Holston  
Medical  
Group

Nan's  
Fans

### Nashville Top Teams

TShawstrong

Marty's  
Party

Marie's  
Gang

### Knoxville Top Teams

Carianne's  
Committed  
Cure-Seeking  
Cavalcade

Hawks for  
Jen

Mike's  
Journey for  
God's Glory

### Memphis Top Teams

Pop Rocks

Team  
Terry

Beth's Band  
of Family &  
Friends

### Union City Top Teams

The Bee  
Team

Mayor's  
ALStars

Team Mars

Thank you to our Local  
Walk to Defeat ALS Partners:



Thank you to our National  
Walk to Defeat ALS Partners:







# Development

## An Evening of Hope

Our 4th Annual An Evening of Hope: House Party Edition was a success! Attendees joined friends at a host's home where they watched a program virtually, ate delicious food, bid on exciting auction items, and donated to support our vital care services programs. The event raised nearly \$50,000! Save the date for the 2022 event on Saturday, April 2nd at Richland Country Club in Nashville. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets or sponsorships!



**Other Development Updates:**

1. Over 250 donations of \$1,000+
2. Two successful direct mail campaigns raising over \$50,000
3. Estate Gift of \$50,000 received



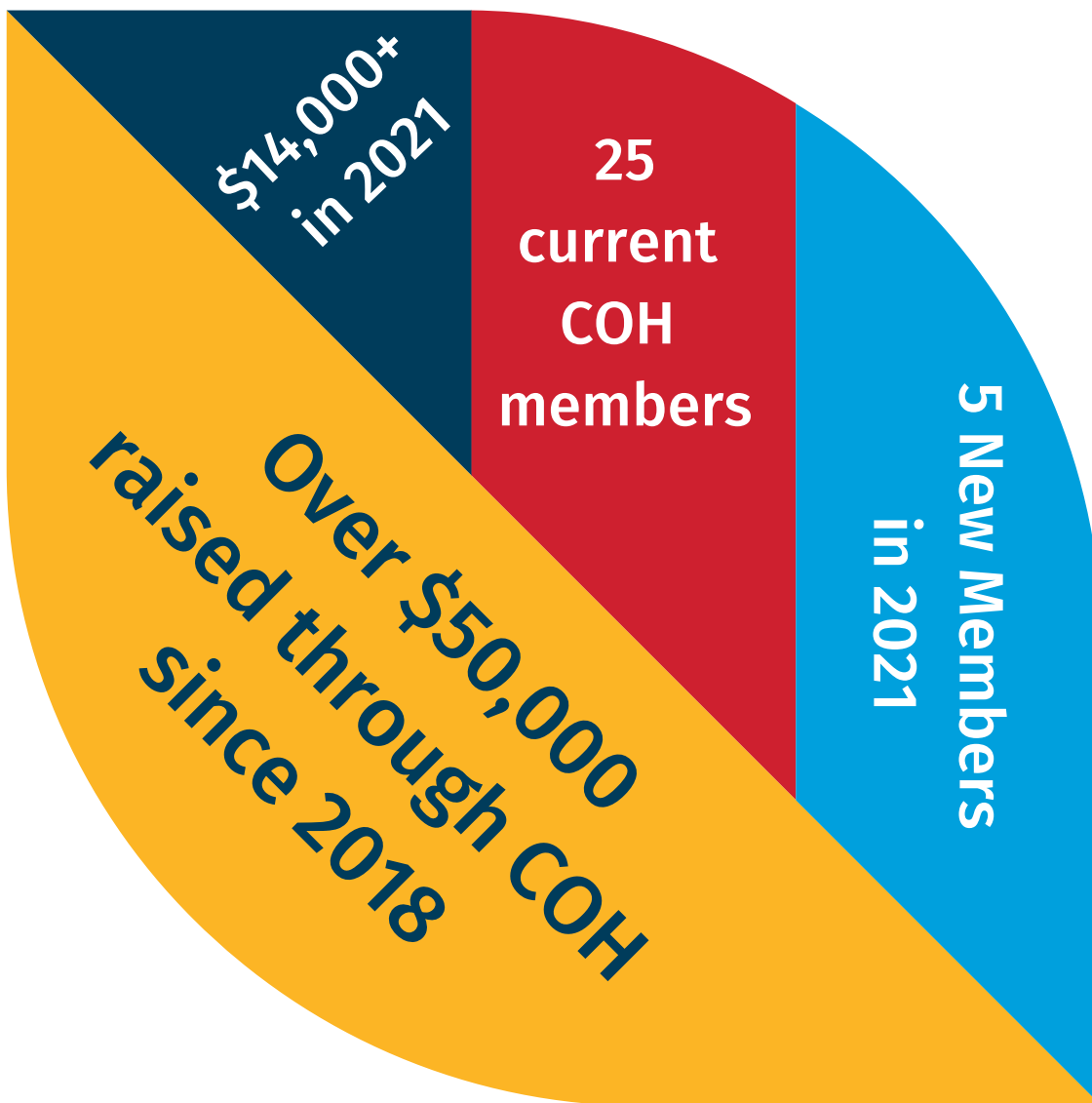


# Circle of Hope



*Our Circle of Hope monthly donors have provided us with a foundation of consistent funds which makes it possible for us to offer vital care services programs to those affected by ALS in the state of Tennessee.*

Thanks to our 2021 Circle of Hope members:



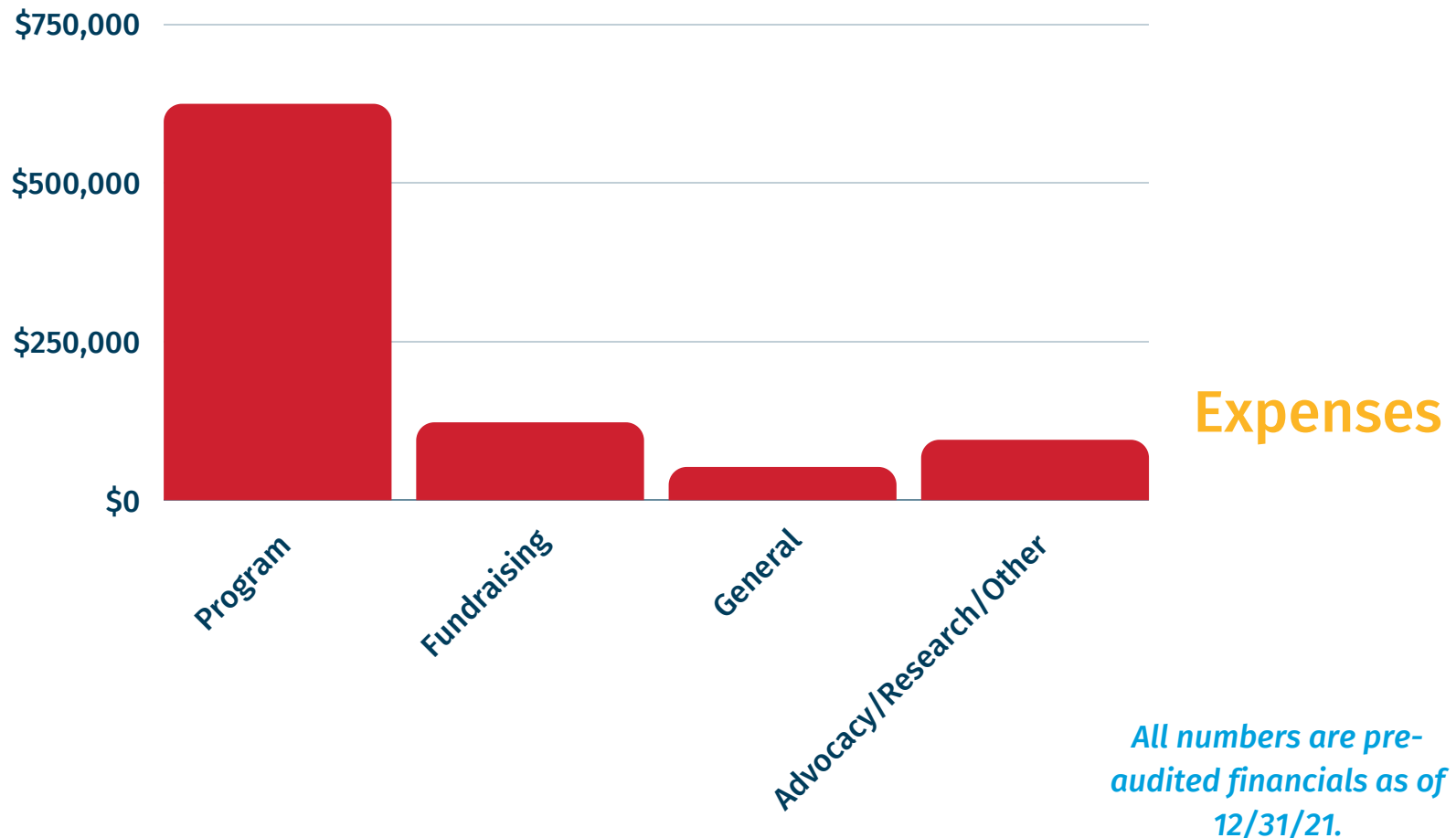
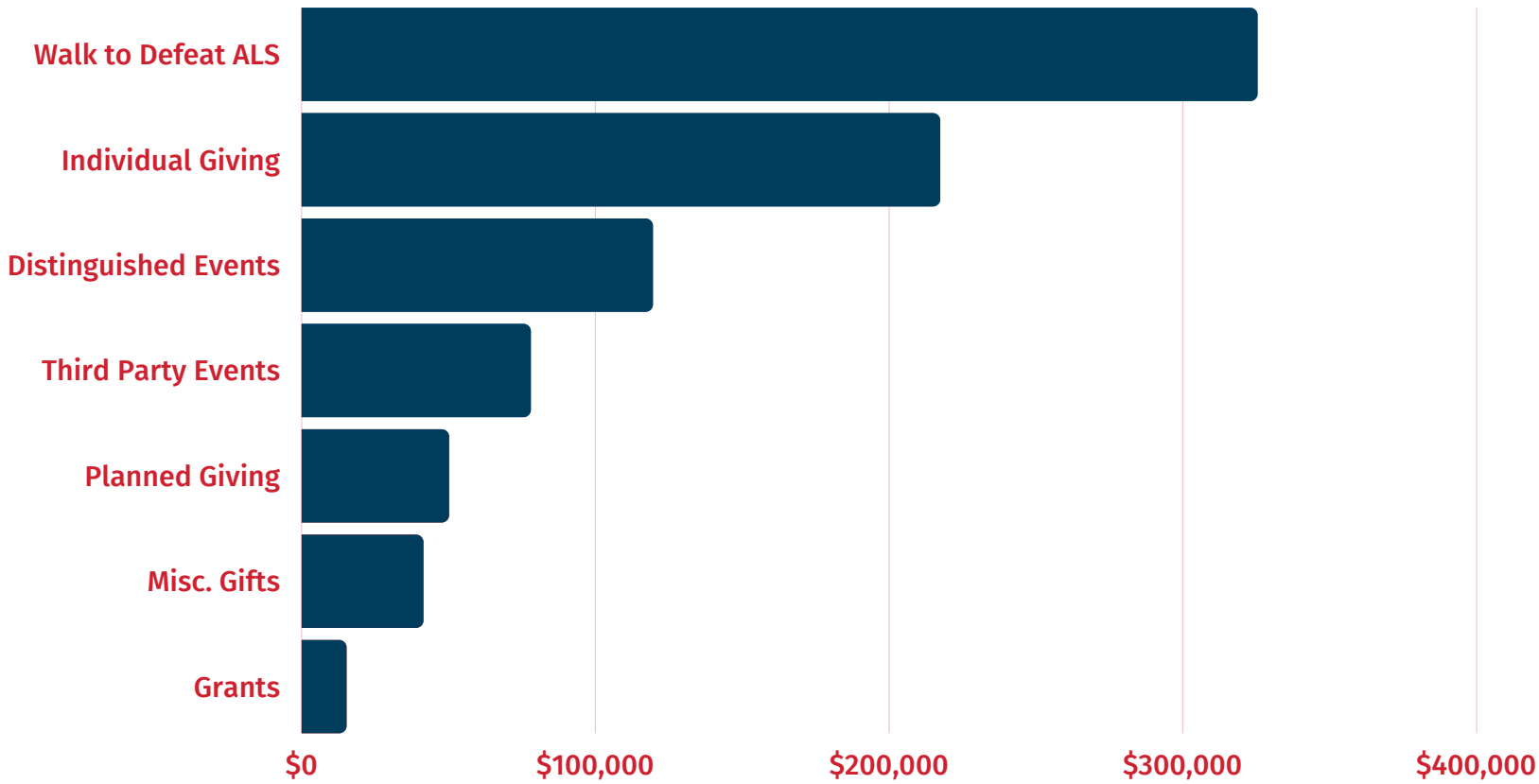
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# Chapter Financials

## Revenue



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