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ASSOCIATION  
Florida Chapter



## Florida Ride to Defeat ALS

\$1,000 covers the cost of a lift chair  
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**November 21, 2020**



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# RIDE YOUR WAY

## AGENDA

- 7:00 AM *Riders Login - Stretch - Mingle in Chat Box*
- 7:30 AM *Patients, Families and Supporters Login - Visit Expo*
- 8:00 AM *Opening Ceremonies*
- 8:30 AM *Ready, Set, Ride!*
- 10:00 AM *Expo Reopens as an Open House for Patients, Families and Supporters! Closes at Noon*

[RIDE YOUR WAY - CLICK HERE TO CONNECT](#)

## SPREADING THE WORD

Our supporters know the impact spreading the word can have for research. Today, we encourage you to spread the word about your participation in The ALS Association Florida Chapter's Ride Your Way - benefiting the Ride to Defeat ALS.

### HASHTAGS

#ALSRideYourWay  
#FloridaRide  
#RidetoDefeatALS  
#ALSInThisTogether  
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### SOCIAL MEDIA

Tagging The ALS Association Florida Chapter and The ALS Association's social media channels is a great way to increase awareness of today's event. Below is a list of "tags."

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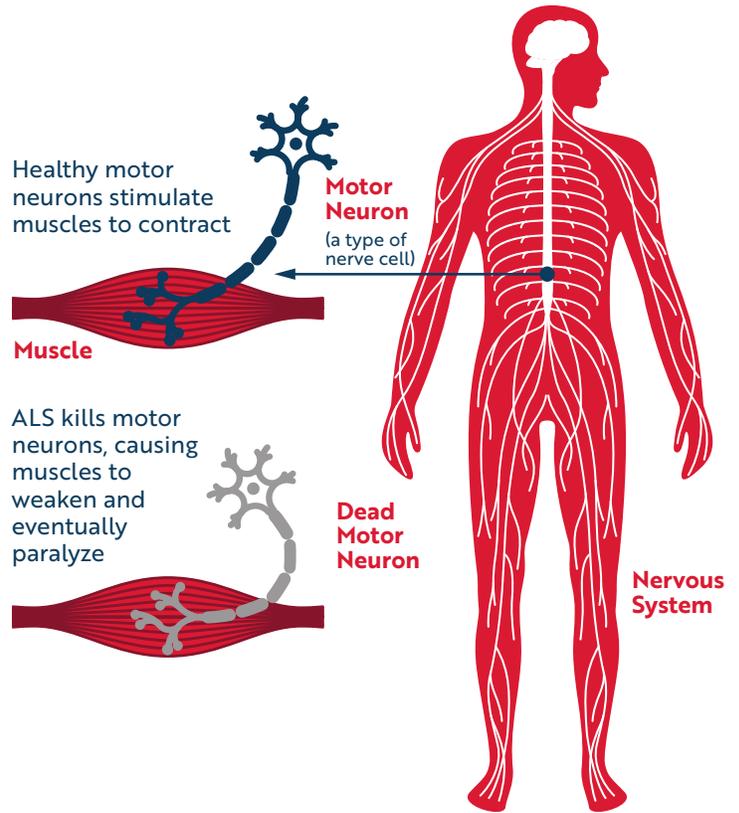
# WHAT IS ALS?

a·myo·tro·phic  
lateral  
sclerosis

ALS is an always fatal neurodegenerative disease in which a person's brain loses connection with the muscles. People with ALS lose their ability to walk, talk, eat, and eventually breathe.

ALS usually strikes people between the ages of 40 and 70, but it can strike anyone at any time. In the past year, over 20,000 people living with ALS were served through our chapter network.

Although there is not yet a cure or treatment that halts ALS, scientists have made significant progress in understanding what causes ALS. But their work is not done. Together, we work toward a cure.



## FACTS ABOUT ALS



**5,000+**  
people are diagnosed per year



Only **4 DRUGS** are currently approved by the U.S. FDA to treat ALS (Riluzole, Nuedexta, Radicava, and Tiglutik)



**2-5 YEARS** is the average life expectancy



**\$2 BILLION** is the estimated cost to develop a drug to slow or stop the progression of ALS



**10 PERCENT** of cases are inherited through a mutated gene



**90 PERCENT** of cases occur without family history



**\$250,000** is the estimated out-of-pocket cost for caring for a person with ALS



Every **90 MINUTES** someone is diagnosed or someone passes away from ALS

There is **NO CURE** for ALS



### SYMPTOMS

**Progressive loss of muscle control**  
ALS gradually prohibits the ability to:

- Speak
- Grasp objects
- Swallow
- Move
- Walk
- Breathe



### DIAGNOSIS

**Difficult to diagnose**

- ALS is often diagnosed by ruling out other diseases, which may take months or years



### MILITARY

**Veterans are more likely to get ALS**

- ALS impacts veterans regardless of the branch of service served in and affects those who served in both peacetime and war



# MISSION

## MISSION INTEGRATION AND SYNERGY

### Care Services

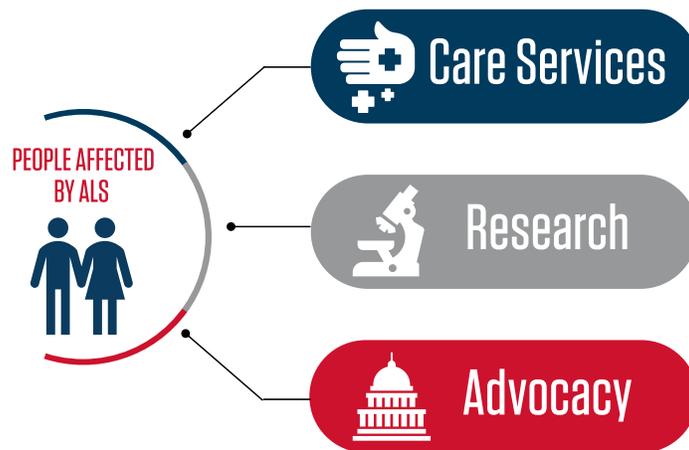
- Local access to clinical trials
- Service needs and surveys drives advocacy

### Research

- Can change the course of treatment
- Data to drive benefit and insurance decisions

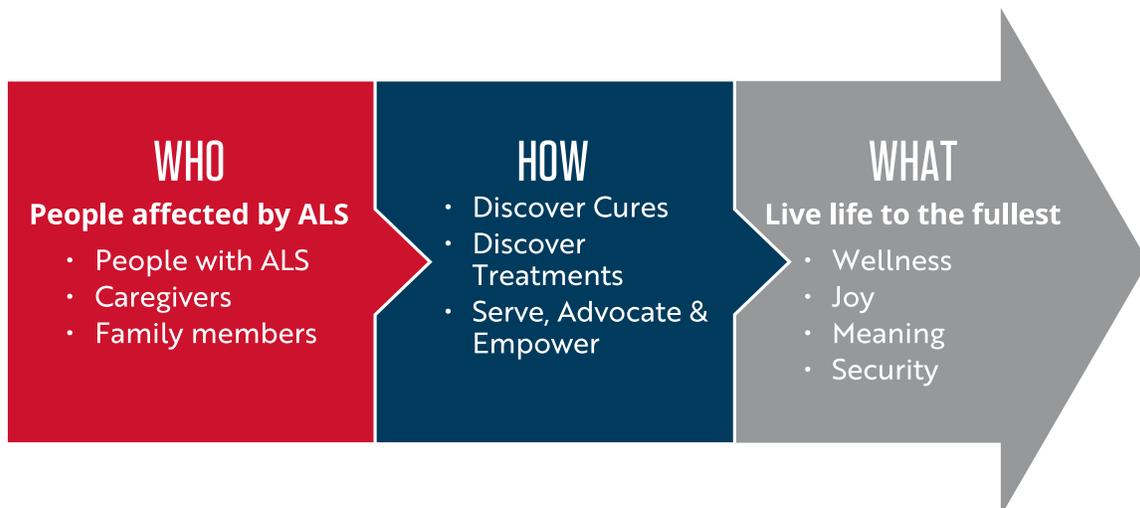
### Advocacy

- Generates government support for research and clinical services
- Protects rights of families with ALS, despite genetic advances



## A COMPREHENSIVE MISSION

To Discover treatments and a cure for ALS, and to serve, advocate for, and empower people affected by ALS to live their lives to the fullest





# ADVANCES IN ALS RESEARCH

A significant number of research innovations, advancements in drug development and clinical trials, new collaborations, and more, all aimed at finding treatments and a cure for ALS, accelerated the pace of discovery. We're excited to share some of our most newsworthy research headlines that gave us and people living with ALS hope this year!

The ALS Association is proud to provide funding for these exciting innovations.

## HEALEY CENTER ESTABLISHES FIRST ALS PLATFORM TRIAL



The ALS Association invested \$3M in Healey ALS platform trial to accelerate drug development. This ground-breaking trial will test multiple therapies for efficacy at the same time, providing time and cost savings and increasing patient access to trials.

## REGULATORY GUIDELINES ADVANCE ALS THERAPEUTIC DEVELOPMENT



- The Association released Principles for Urgent, Patient-Centered ALS Clinical Trials, a series of recommendations to clinical trial sponsors and regulatory bodies worldwide. The principles set out a clear framework for ALS clinical trials that are efficient, impactful, and respectful to people with ALS.
- The Association worked closely with members of the ALS community and the FDA to create a landmark, patient-led guidance initiative that helps drive ALS drug innovation more quickly from the lab to the patient. The Association provided feedback to the FDA by hosting a national workshop and creating a report that informed the final guidance document. The guidance provides regulatory flexibility in trial design and drug approval resulting in direct benefits for people with ALS.

## PUBLICLY AVAILABLE GENETIC DATA PROPELS INNOVATION



Genomic sequencing is a process to discover ALS new genes. The Association contributed \$3.3M to fund a centralized, cloud-based, genome-sequence database. The first of its kind, it will allow all researchers to share genomic data and conduct standardized analyses, leading to identification of new ALS drug targets.

## ALS FOCUS ESTABLISHED TO DRIVE MISSION STRATEGY



The Association launched ALS Focus, a survey program that captures the needs and perspectives of people with ALS and their caregivers, placing them at the center of ALS treatment and policy decision-making. All data is open and free to the entire ALS community.

## SIGNIFICANT ADVANCEMENTS FOR ALS CLINICAL TRIALS



- Amylyx Pharmaceuticals, Inc., (funded by the Association) announced that AMX0035 demonstrated statistically significant treatment benefit for people with ALS in the CENTAUR phase 2 trial.
- Biogen announced encouraging positive results for the drug tofersen\* showing reduction of toxic levels of SOD1 protein and slowing disease progression in people with ALS. Phase 3 trial to confirm its efficacy and safety is underway.

*\*The Association funded the drug's underlying technology.*

## COLLABORATIONS MOVE ALS RESEARCH PROGRESS FORWARD



- The Association teamed up with ALS Finding a Cure and the MDA to co-fund Houston Methodist Neurological Institute and Massachusetts General Hospital for a first in-human T-regulatory cell (Treg) clinical trial totaling more than \$2.5M. This trial will test whether patients' own immune Treg cells can be leveraged to treat ALS.
- The Association collaborated with Target ALS to fund the TDP43 Biomarker Initiative with a \$350,000 grant. Mutated TDP43 is a major toxic protein found in ALS. This project will lead to development of a biomarker test to reliably measure TDP43 in human biofluids, tremendously impacting ALS clinical research and drug development.

## INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTS AND ACCELERATES ALS RESEARCH



- The Association continued support of the Northeast ALS Consortium (NEALS), the largest consortium of ALS clinical researchers in the world. This funding will support new initiatives and ongoing programs to increase the quality and efficiency of ALS clinical trials.
- The Association funded Massachusetts General Hospital and Barrow Neurological Institute with over \$600,000 to improve clinical trial operational infrastructure and support initiatives to enhance clinical trial access and increase trial participant recruitment and retention.



# ADVOCACY IMPACT

With the support of over 20,000 ALS Advocates, we secure resources to support treatment and research for the entire ALS community. Our nationwide network of 39 chapters and two service areas are essential to our efforts at the federal, state and local levels in advancing our mission to discover treatments and a cure for ALS, and to serve, advocate for, and empower people affected by ALS to live their lives to the fullest.

## Here are recent successes in ALS advocacy!



Enrolled bipartisan congressional champions to introduce the SMART (Safeguarding Medicare Access to Respiratory Therapy) Act to **ensure Medicare beneficiaries with ALS can access noninvasive ventilators (NIV)** by removing NIV from competitive bidding.



Continued to play a key role in **ensuring people with ALS have access to wheelchairs, speech-generating devices, and other complex technology** through legislative and regulatory pressure.



Joined with other leading patient organizations in the fight to **preserve protections for pre-existing conditions for people with ALS** under all insurance plans, including Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance.

**690+**  
**MEETINGS**  
**11 ACTION ALERTS**

Supported over **690 meetings with Members of Congress** at the 2019 Advocacy Fly-In and National ALS Advocacy Conference. **Empowered more than 20,000 ALS Advocates** with eleven action alerts – resulting in nearly **73,000 advocacy messages** to Congress.



**Spearheaded the effort to pass the bipartisan ALS Disability Insurance Access Act to waive the 5-month wait** for people living with ALS. As of December 2019, 220 Representatives and 50 Senators support the bill.

**\$20 MILLION**

**Initiated and led the campaign to increase funding** for the ALS Research Program at the Department of Defense (DOD) to **\$20 million in fiscal year 2020 – a \$10 million increase over the funding levels in previous years.**

**\$10M NATIONAL ALS REGISTRY**

**Fought for \$10 million in funding for fiscal year 2020 for** the National ALS Registry at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to identify genetic and environmental factors for ALS, provide support to researchers to find treatments and a cure, and promote access to clinical trials.

**\$41.7B NIH**

Joined with other leading patient organizations to secure for \$41.7 billion in fiscal year 2020 funding for the **National Institutes of Health (NIH)**. In fiscal year 2018, NIH invested \$83 million on ALS research.



# THE ALS ASSOCIATION ADVOCACY PROGRAM



## FEDERAL UPDATE

Due to the global pandemic, the annual ALS Association Federal Advocacy Day was held remotely on June 1-3, 2020. Nearly 60 volunteers from the Florida Chapter participated, which is the largest delegation in the Chapter's history. All told, volunteers interacted with all 29 Florida legislative offices during the event. Key issues that were presented during these meetings included:

- Increased funding for ALS research;
- The ALS Disability Insurance Access Act (S.578/H.R. 1407), which will eliminate the five-month Social Security Disability Insurance waiting period for people living with ALS;
- The CONNECT for Health Act (S. 2741/H.R. 4932), which will expand access to telemedicine and telehealth for people with ALS.

## STATEUPDATE

At the end of June, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis approved \$800,000 in state funding for the Bitner Plante ALS Initiative of Florida. The Initiative provides support for ALS patients seeking treatment at the multidisciplinary ALS clinics located at Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville; University of South Florida, Tampa; University of Miami; and UF Health Jacksonville.

This year's appropriation was an increase from \$100,000 the program received in the previous fiscal year. Rep. Travis Cummings, Sen. Aaron P. Bean, Rep. Holly Raschein and Rep. MaryLynn Magar and Sen. Rob Bradley all served as champions for the Bitner Plante Initiative throughout the state's budget planning season.

Be sure to thank the Governor as well as your state senator and state representative for their support of Bitner Plante. If you are using Twitter or Facebook, don't forget to tag @ALSFlorida!

If you are interested in joining our advocacy program, please sign up at [www.als.org/advocacy](http://www.als.org/advocacy).





# The National ALS Registry: Get The Facts

The National Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Registry enables persons with ALS to fight back and help defeat ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). By signing up, being counted, and answering brief questions about your disease, you can help researchers find answers to critical questions.

Learn more at [www.cdc.gov/als](http://www.cdc.gov/als) or (800) 232-4636



## Who can sign-up?

Anyone with ALS



## What do I need?

- A computer with an internet connection
- An email address



## What if I need help?

Caregivers and others can help you in person or even over the phone



## What kind of information is collected?

- Basic demographics (e.g., age, sex, height, weight)
- Military history
- Physical activity
- Family history



## Will my information be private?

- YES! Only approved registry scientists can see it, NOT employers or insurers
- You CANNOT be looked up in the registry by name



## Do I need to update my information?

YES! Every six months – you'll get an email reminder



**YOU JOINING**





# ALS FOCUS

*Bringing the perspectives of people with ALS and their caregivers to the forefront of research, care, and advocacy.*

## WHAT IS ALS FOCUS?

ALS Focus is a patient and caregiver-led survey program that asks people impacted by ALS about their needs and burdens. The goal is to learn about individual experiences throughout the disease journey so that the entire ALS community can benefit.

## JOIN US - YOUR VOICE MAKES AN IMPACT

*Participate in research in addition to clinical trials.*

*See your survey responses compared to the rest of the ALS community.*

The survey data we collect is:

- Open and free to the entire ALS community
- Protected – All data and findings are de-identified using a unique code called a global unique identifier (GUID)
- Combined with other ALS research studies that use a GUID, such as the National ALS Registry and clinical trials, to broaden the impact of your participation
- **Actionable!** Data will be used to inform decisions and strengthen programs and policies around:
  - ✓ Drug development
  - ✓ Drug payment and reimbursement
  - ✓ Clinical trial design
  - ✓ Clinical care
  - ✓ Regulatory review
  - ✓ Home health, and more

*Every step of the survey development process is informed and reviewed by a committee of people with ALS and caregivers.*

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- People living with ALS
- Current or past caregivers of people with ALS

*\*Participants must be at least 18 years old and reside in the United States. Survey instructions and questions are presented in English.*

## HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

Once registered, each secure online survey can be completed in approximately 15-25 minutes.

## WHERE?

[CLICK HERE](#) to register for ALS FOCUS & complete your demographic information!

The ALS Association is recruiting people with ALS and their caregivers for the ALS Focus survey program to capture their needs, preferences and experiences as they meet the challenges of ALS.

## REMEMBER:

Sharing your experience will make a difference!

Completing the National ALS Registry surveys helps researchers uncover the risk factors for ALS while completing the ALS Focus surveys helps identify the burdens of living with the disease.



For more information, please contact [ALSFocus@alsa-national.org](mailto:ALSFocus@alsa-national.org)

# SUPPORT GROUPS

We understand that dealing with ALS is physically, emotionally and financially devastating for the person diagnosed and their family. ALS Resource Connections groups provide a caring, supportive, open environment for people to gather, connect, and talk with one another. These groups are open to persons living with ALS, their families, caregivers and friends, and are located around the state to provide opportunities to learn more about living with the disease from others who understand the challenges, and to help establish a network of valuable resources and sustained support. A Chapter Regional Program Manager facilitates each meeting and will have speakers on relevant topics combined with time for attendees to discuss and share information and provide feedback to one another. If you are attending a group for the first time, please RSVP to the facilitator. \*PLEASE NOTE: Times and locations occasionally change so please check our website prior to each meeting.



We realize that COVID-19 is creating a “new normal” for the time being - but ALS doesn’t stop and neither do we. The ALS Association Florida Chapter has postponed in-person attendance of support groups until further notice. HOWEVER, we still want to support and see you and are now offering virtual support groups. Please see below for instructions and a schedule based on your region.

## VIRTUAL CHAPTER MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

1. You do not need your own username or password to sign in to the meeting, simply use the link provided to you in the email from your [Regional Program Manager](#). You will receive an email reminder several days before your region’s scheduled support group meeting with the link to participate. If you have not received a link, please email or call your [Regional Program Manager](#) in advance to receive the appropriate link.
2. If using a phone/mobile device, you may be prompted to download the application through your app store. Please consider downloading the app a day or 2 before the meeting.
3. When joining the meeting on a mobile device or computer, you may be asked to follow these prompts - “join using computer camera” and “join using computer sound”. It is helpful to test the computer sound prior to the meeting. You may need to identify yourself when you join the meeting.
4. For better connectivity, consider limiting the number of other applications running in the background, limit the number of devices connected to wi-fi, or if possible connect directly to your modem.
5. Staff will be available prior to the start of the meeting to assist with technical difficulties. Please email the [Regional Program Manager](#) in your region to assist.

For further information on using RingCentral, please click images below regarding downloading app, and signing in and joining a meeting.



Downloading RingCentral App



Signing in and Joining A RingCentral Meeting

# SUPPORT GROUPS

## VIRTUAL CHAPTER MEETINGS

### North Florida

Jacksonville  
2nd Fri., 11:00am - 12:00pm  
[Melissa Fehrenkamp](#)

Volusia/Flagler  
2nd Wed., 1:00 - 2:00pm  
[Marixa Salgado](#)

### Central Florida

Orlando  
1st Wed., 1:00 - 2:00pm  
[Marixa Salgado](#)

Brevard  
3rd Wed., 1:00 - 2:00pm  
[Marixa Salgado](#)

The Villages  
4th Wed., 1:00 - 2:00pm  
[Marixa Salgado](#)

Tampa  
4th Fri., 2:00 - 3:00pm  
[Heran Sisay](#)

Pinellas  
4th Mon., 1:30 - 2:30pm  
[Heran Sisay](#)

### Southwest Florida

Sarasota/Bradenton  
2nd Wed., 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
[Patti Stanco](#)

North Port  
4th Weds., 1:00 - 2:00pm  
[Patti Stanco](#)

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3rd Wed., 1:00 - 2:00pm  
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Naples  
1st Weds., 1:00 - 2:00pm  
[Patti Stanco](#)

### South Florida

Martin  
1st Mon., 1:00 - 2:00pm  
[Tina Duane](#)

Palm Beach  
3rd Tues., 1:00 - 2:00pm  
[Tina Duane](#)

Broward  
2nd Mon., 1:00 - 2:00 pm  
[Tina Duane](#)

## TELEPHONE GROUPS

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our telephone ALS Resource Connections meetings have limited capacity. Please reach out to the Regional Program Manager running the group for information prior to each meeting.

Statewide - 3rd Tues., 2:00pm ET, 1:00pm CT | "Caregiver Connections" Phone Group  
Judie Benwick | [jbenwick@alsafll.org](mailto:jbenwick@alsafll.org) | 813.637.9000 x112

Statewide - 2nd Wednesday, 2:00pm ET, 1:00pm CT | "For Veterans and their Family Caregivers" Phone Group  
Judie Benwick | [jbenwick@alsafll.org](mailto:jbenwick@alsafll.org) | 813.637.9000 x112

Panhandle - 2nd Tues., 12:00pm ET, 11:00am CT | Phone Group  
Judie Benwick | [jbenwick@alsafll.org](mailto:jbenwick@alsafll.org) | 813.637.9000 x112

Spanish (Statewide) - 3rd Thurs., 1:00pm ET | Spanish Speaking Phone Group  
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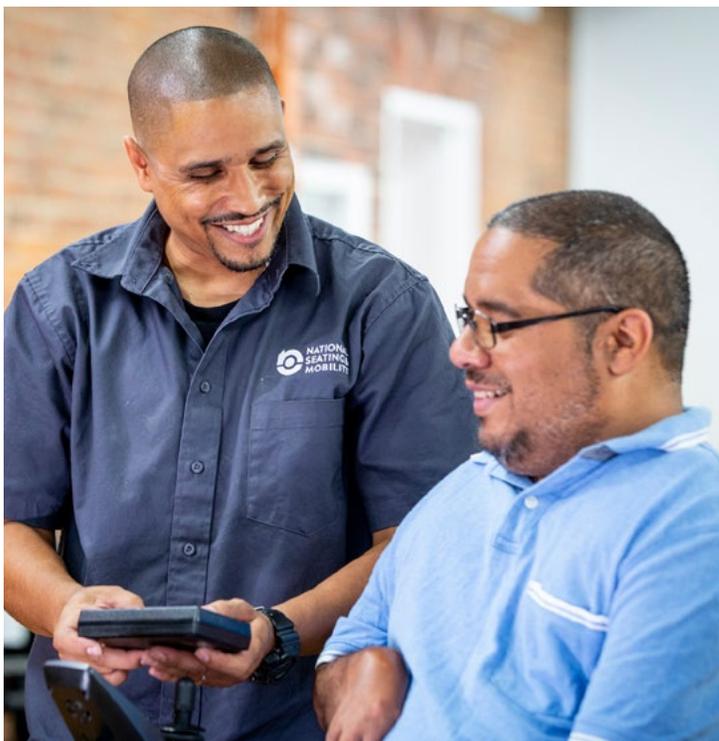
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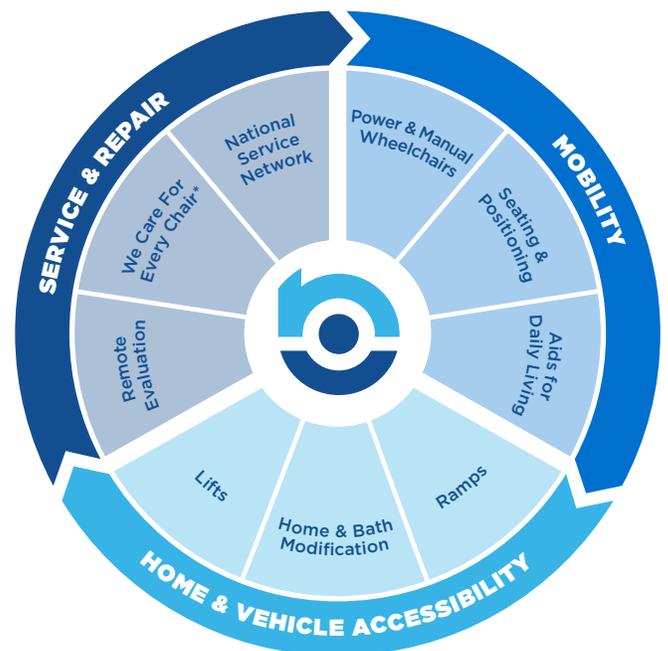
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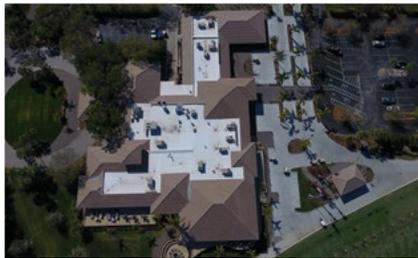
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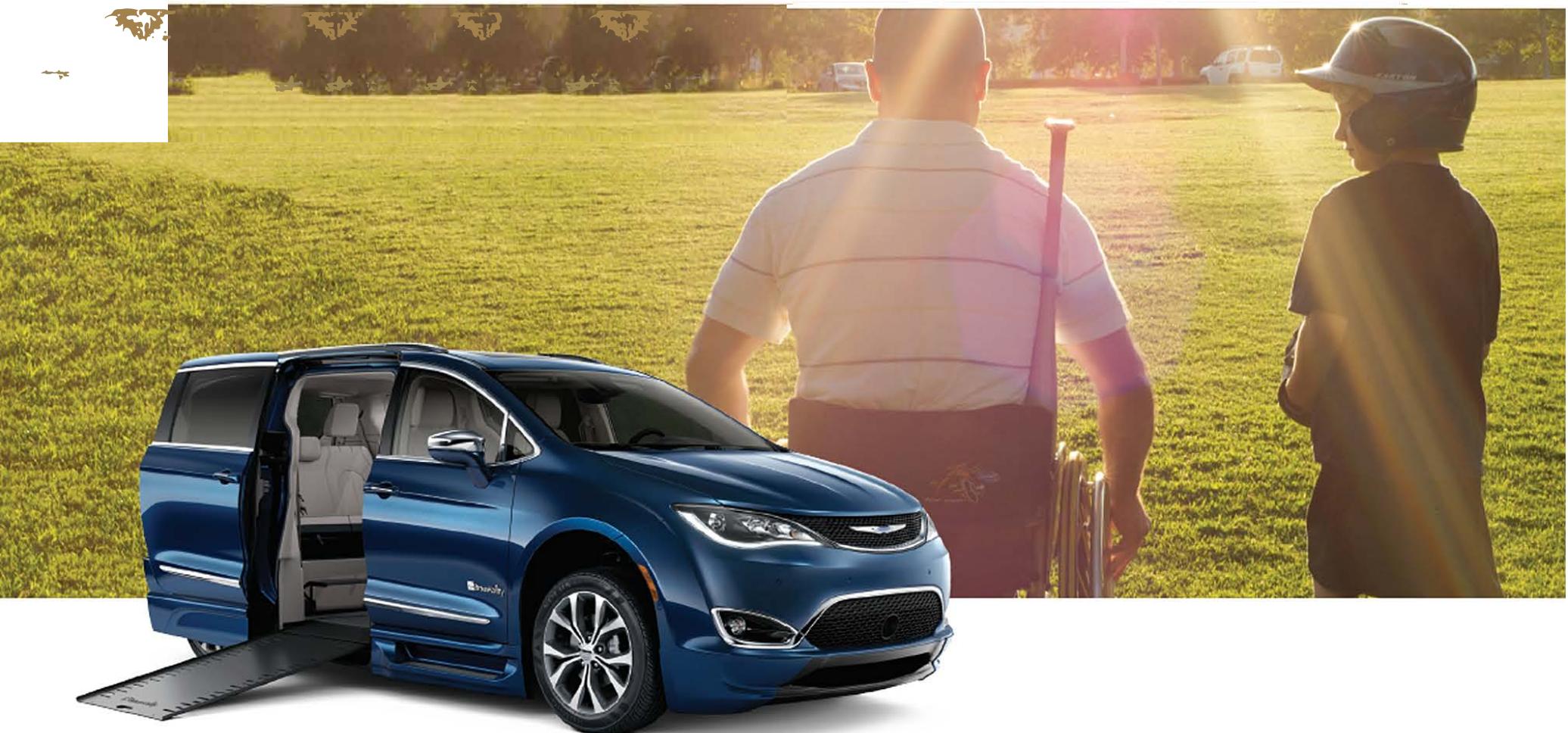
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\*The American Journal of Hospice & Palliative Care



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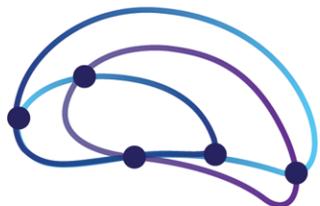
  
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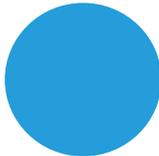
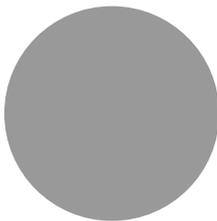


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