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BENEFITS OF ARTS AND ALS PATIENTS

The Creative Pursuits program is envisioned to assist individuals diagnosed with ALS to live fully as the disease progresses by using art to enhance self confidence, ease anxiety and experience self expression.

ABOUT KEN BALTES

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PROGRAM OUTLINE

- Online and in-person options.
- Meet 1 to 6 sessions per class - once per week.
- A variety of adaptive tools and techniques to accommodate a wide range of physical limitations
- Starting in-person in the Twin Cities and virtually in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Wisconsin and then expanding to other regions and countries.
- Eventually, the Creative Pursuits will include a wide range of artistic disciplines including painting, marbling, printing, ceramics, digital art, music, writing, and much more.
- We hope to provide other opportunities such as museum tours, art talks, and art exhibitions.

Examples of opportunities this program will strive to provide include:

- Different mediums to allow users to verbalize their feelings
- Creative and meaningful diversions from the day-to-day frustrations of the disease
- Enhanced social interactions and peer support through art courses

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FACTS ABOUT ALS

90 PERCENT of cases occur without family history

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

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

5,000+ people are diagnosed per year

10 PERCENT of cases are inherited through a mutated gene

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

WHAT WE DO

Our mission is 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. All funds raised would go to support this mission.