



# WHAT YOUR BIKE MS DONATIONS ACCOMPLISH

This past year, over **\$1.6 million** was raised across Illinois through Bike MS, helping to fund critical programs, services & research to benefit the **20,000 individuals and family members** affected by MS.

[bikeMSillinois.org](http://bikeMSillinois.org)

## THIS MONEY WENT TO:

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

We offer financial assistance for emergencies and quality of life needs. The Greater Illinois Chapter provided **\$158,000** for Direct Assistance needs.



Heating & Cooling Homes



Home & Car Modifications



Durable Medical Equipment



Emergency Assistance



Home Care



Wheelchairs & Motorized Scooters

### 10 SCHOLARSHIPS



We provided scholarships to undergraduate students from families impacted by MS in Illinois.

### RESEARCH SYMPOSIUMS



In Illinois, **445 PEOPLE** attended two symposiums focused on cutting edge research.

### 50 SUPPORT GROUPS

Are active in Illinois that provide local social interaction and encouragement.



### 3 MS OPEN HOUSES

A total of **35 PEOPLE** attended, focusing on individuals in rural areas to discuss what the National MS Society provides and how they can connect to our resources.

### TELECONFERENCE SERIES



**380 PEOPLE** joined monthly Midwest Teleconference calls providing education on MS related health and quality of life issues.

### MS ACTION DAY

**27 PEOPLE** traveled to Springfield to lobby and seek legislative support on issues that benefit people living with MS.



### RESEARCH NOW

Helped to fund **30 ILLINOIS RESEARCH PROJECTS** as part of a \$44 million national campaign geared toward stopping the disease, restoring what is lost, and ending MS forever.



### SUCCESS WITH MS

This program helped dozens of newly diagnosed individuals with information about MS, treatment options and financial planning.

### 6 MS FAMILY DAYS



**450 PARTICIPANTS** connected with other families for fun and support at statewide events.

The IRC (Information Resource Center) is the first stop in getting information about the National MS Society. It is where our service navigators connect you to local resources and answer questions about living with MS. **DIAL 1-800-344-4867.**