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THE ALS ASSOCIATION GEORGIA CHAPTER ANNOUNCES THE SALLY PANFEL IN-HOME CARE AND RESPITE PROGRAM

Atlanta, GA (February 22, 2017) – The ALS Association Georgia Chapter is pleased to announce the launch of The Sally Panfel In-Home Care and Respite Program. The Georgia Chapter has maintained its commitment to continually assessing the needs of patients and families impacted by ALS and identifying resources and opportunities that empower them to make informed decisions. This program was launched in response to a need for in-home care for ALS patients and respite relief for their caregivers.

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig’s Disease, is a neuro-muscular disease that impacts all voluntary muscle functioning. The disease currently has no known cause, treatment or cure. 90% of Georgia ALS patients currently reside in their own homes. As the disease progresses, patients are no longer able to manage their basic daily care needs such as bathing, dressing, feeding and safe transfers. In order for families to maintain some sense of normalcy, in home care is needed. Unfortunately, Medicare, Medicaid and private providers do not cover this expense within their insurance plans; thus the need for innovative programming for Georgia ALS patients.

The Sally Panfel In-Home Care and Respite Program is a private grant funded program that will provide patients with care ranging from 2 to 12 hours weekly based on a needs assessment. Families will also be eligible for Respite Care as defined by the Center for Medicaid and Medicare which consist of 24 to 72 hours of specialized care. We are confident that The Sally Panfel In-Home Care and Respite Program will make a big difference in the lives of people living with ALS, as well as those who care for them.

About The ALS Association Georgia Chapter
The ALS Association Georgia Chapter is the only nationally affiliated not-for-profit health organization dedicated solely to the fight against Lou Gehrig’s Disease. The ALS Association Georgia Chapter provides patient consultations, a medical equipment loan program, patient and caregiver support groups, and support for ALS clinics in Atlanta, Augusta and Macon. The local chapter also joins with chapters across the country to support research and participate in federal advocacy initiatives.

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