



AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS
SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mission Statement – The ALS Society of BC is dedicated to finding direct support to ALS patients, along with their families and caregivers, to ensure the best quality of life while living with ALS. Through assisting research, we are committed to find the cause and cure for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)

Equipment Loan Program - Through this program, the Society is able to provide equipment (ie: mobility equipment such as walkers and wheelchairs; communication equipment such as speech communication devices and head mouse) at no cost to people living with ALS.

Annual Cost - \$367,000

ALS Research - Through this program, the Society is able to provide annual funding of \$30,000 to ALS Centre to host clinical trials, funding of \$5,000 to genetic testing and over \$200,000 contribution to ALS Canada to fund various ALS research initiatives.

Annual Cost - \$235,000

Outreach & Public Awareness - Through this program, the Society is able to release a Believe BC feature in the Vancouver Sun and the Province newspapers 3 times a year, an ALS BC newsletter 3 times a year, maintenance of ALS Society of BC website and printing of ALS BC brochures and awareness banners.

Annual Cost - \$80,000

Transportation Support Program - provides transportation support to people living with ALS to attend medical appointments, support groups and ALS Society events.

Annual Cost - \$50,000

Team ALS BC Volunteer Program - provides volunteer opportunities and training for patients, their families and friends to support the cause of the ALS Society of BC through fundraising events, patient services programs and office support.

Annual Cost - \$30,000

Camp Alohi Lani - is a support camp for children affected by ALS where a parent or grandparent in a significant role is living with ALS. Through friendships made, a circle of support is created.

Annual Cost - \$35,000

Support to ALS Centre - provides financial support to ALS Centre in order to increase clinic hours of the neurologist at the Centre to ensure appointments can be made in a timely manner.

Annual Cost - \$30,000

Caregivers' Day - held every Fall in BC communities, Caregivers' Day is a chance for caregivers and former caregivers of ALS patients to have a day of respite.

Annual Cost - \$22,000

Mobile Clinics - in partnership with Vancouver Coastal Health and ALS Centre at GF Strong Rehab Centre, the ALS Society of BC provides mobile clinics to outlying communities, to provide follow-up appointments to patients who can no longer travel to the ALS Centre in Vancouver.

Annual Cost - \$10,000

Psychological Support Program - provides specialized ALS counseling service to patients, their caregivers and families at any stage of the illness.

Annual Cost - \$35,000

ALS Symposium - an annual event that provides ALS research updates and new information on services provided by ALS BC to enhance the quality of life of ALS patients and their families.

Annual Cost - \$10,000

Patient and Family Support - provides support programs to patients & their families through monthly support group meetings facilitated by trained volunteers and staff. Also supports the on-line Care Connection program.

Annual Cost - \$5,000

Patient Priority Survey - annual confidential survey forms released to patients and caregivers to ensure quality control and to determine the strategic goals and objectives of the Society.

Annual Cost - \$5,000