



In 2010, MDA will provide more than \$142 million in research, family services and helpful information to adults and children affected by muscular dystrophy and related diseases, dedicating 76 cents of every dollar it spends to services. Here's an at-a-glance look at key activities in Wisconsin and the services provided to more than **1,955** residents registered with MDA.

MDA PROGRAMS AND SERVICES — WISCONSIN

Research Grants

MDA annually funds more than 330 research teams worldwide, spending more than \$38 million a year, pursuing treatments and cures for muscular dystrophy and other related muscle diseases.

The Association is the country's largest private-sector sponsor of muscular dystrophy research; in the last five years, MDA has invested more than \$190 million in research.

MDA investigators have placed the Association on the threshold of delivering treatments and cures for several neuromuscular disorders, and they have pioneered breakthroughs that may lead to therapies for heart disease, cancer, AIDS, Alzheimer's disease, Huntington's disease, Parkinson's disease and cystic fibrosis.

Services

MDA offers unparalleled medical and health services through its nationwide network of more than 200 clinics and more than 35 MDA/ALS centers. Services include diagnosis and follow-up care, summer camps, support groups, assistance with obtaining and repairing all types of durable medical equipment, including wheelchairs, leg braces and communication devices, and more. **In the last five years, MDA has provided more than \$2.5 million in services to individuals living in Wisconsin.**

Summer Camps

MDA annually sponsors 80 weeklong summer camp sessions, serving more than 4,000 children across the country and in Puerto Rico. Kids enjoy a free camp adventure, and each camper is accompanied by a volunteer counselor who provides the care, supervision and attention children with muscle diseases need. **Each year, more than 110 youngsters attend MDA summer camps in Ripon and Camp Lake.**

Clinics

Tens of thousands of visits are made each year to MDA's nationwide network of more than 200 clinics and more than 35 ALS research and clinical care centers for diagnostic and follow-up health care services. **There are five MDA clinic locations in Wisconsin: St. Vincent Hospital/Prevea Clinic in Green Bay; University of Wisconsin Hospital & Clinics (also site of the MDA/ALS Clinical Research Center) in Madison; Marshfield Clinic in Marshfield; and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital in Milwaukee.**

Clinical Research Network

MDA has set up, through a commitment of \$1 million a year, 10 elite MDA medical clinics to speed and support research focused on ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) and Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD).

Support Groups

More than 250 MDA-facilitated support groups meet year-round, helping thousands of individuals and families. Wisconsin residents also can participate in the informal Phone Friends Support Network, as well as take advantage of MDA's online e-community called *myMDA* (www.mda.org/mymda). MDA also offers *myMuscleTeam* (www.mda.org/mymuscleteam), a free online service that helps people with neuromuscular diseases and their caregivers connect with family and friends, and coordinate in-home help. **Currently, there are four MDA-facilitated support groups in Wisconsin, including two ALS, one CMT and one adult support group.**

Telethon Stations

Thanks to 180 "Love Network" television stations, the Jerry Lewis MDA Labor Day Telethon draws tens of millions of viewers across North America and many more worldwide on the Internet. **Wisconsin stations that broadcast the Telethon are WEAU in Eau Claire, WLUK in Green Bay, WKOW in Madison, WDJT in Milwaukee and WJFW in Rhinelander/Wausau.**

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