

supporting
my Grammie's
fight against

ALS



Special Email

Hello,

This is a special email sent out to raise awareness about ALS.

As many of you already know, my wife, Arlene, suffers from this devastating disease - she was diagnosed just last year with ALS and now finds herself confined to her wheelchair while losing the ability to speak and even breathe on her own.

However she has been shown wonderful support from the ALS Society in Victoria - they have generously provided her with a powered wheelchair, communication device, and many other necessities, as well as emotional support for both Arlene, myself, and our family.

Please help our family raise money to find a cure for this devastating disease and support those living with ALS and their families in our community. We, as a family, have formed team to take part in the ALS WALK 2015 on September 13th (Sunday) at 11:30a in the UVic parking lot.

For more information please visit www.als.ca or to register for the walk or to donate visit www.walkforals.ca

Our Family page is:

Team Grammie

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=3015595&langPref=en-CA>

Thank you from the myself and the Underdown family

Jerry Underdown

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Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, ALS, is also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, after the famous American baseball player who died of ALS in 1941. ALS is a progressive and ultimately fatal neuromuscular disease, which has no known cause, cure or drug therapy of consequence. Individuals who are diagnosed with ALS do not typically survive beyond 3-5 years. This devastating disease slowly robs the individual of the ability to walk, talk, and ultimately, to breathe.

ALS Facts:

- * Two to three Canadians a day die of ALS
- * Approximately 3,000 Canadians currently live with ALS
- * In at least 90% of cases, ALS strikes individuals with no family history of the disease
- * Between 5-10% have a familial form of ALS, so 2 or more of their family members have it.
- * ALS can strike anyone, regardless of age, sex or ethnic origin
- * The usual age of onset is between 55 and 65, but some have been younger than 20
- * Nearly 90% of people with ALS died within 5 years of diagnosis. While some live longer, others die within a few short months
- * ALS affects the whole family
- * ALS is a costly disease - emotionally, physically, and financially.

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