

2019 IMPACT OF SERVICES

550

SOCIAL SERVICES

pALS and families were served by our professional social work staff. On average, 425 individuals were on **service at any given time in over 50 counties across Michigan.**

6,200

OUTREACH

Home visits and contacts were made to our pALS and their families.

60

SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

Support group meetings were held in various locations around Michigan, including Bloomfield Hills, Northville, Southfield, Sterling Heights and Midland.

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ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION

pALS were evaluated, trained and supported through our AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication) Center. Services included evaluation of need, training, and support for pALS and their communication needs.

11,500

IN-HOME CARE

Hours of in-home care were funded to help over 140 pALS and their caregivers through our Respite Care Assistance Program at a cost of almost \$200,000. This service was provided by more than 80 separate home healthcare agencies across Michigan.

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EQUIPMENT LOANS

Pieces of equipment were loaned to pALS including ramps, transport wheelchairs, power wheelchairs, communication devices, recliner lift chairs, bedside tables and more. We also shipped 200 "disposable" items including bathing and toileting items; adaptive utensils and other needed supplies that make living with ALS easier.

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SEMINARS AND CAREGIVER EVENTS

Special presentations were hosted for pALS and their families including Voice & Message Banking; The Hospice Choice; ALS & Exercise; Respiratory Management & ALS, and an Information Connection in Livonia and Grand Rapids.



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ALS of Michigan also funded social workers to staff the Harry J. Hoenselaar ALS Clinic and provided supplies for pALS served there and at the University of Michigan ALS Center of Excellence. Supplies included adaptive eating utensils; cervical collars; nutrition for tube feedings, and more.