

# Helping Kids and Adults Live Longer & Grow Stronger



MDA is leading the fight to free individuals — and the families who love them — from the harm of muscular dystrophy, ALS and related muscle-debilitating diseases that take away physical strength, independence and life. Together with our supporters, we're helping kids and adults live longer and grow stronger. Here's how:

## Finding research breakthroughs across diseases

MDA takes a big-picture perspective across neuromuscular diseases to uncover breakthroughs that will accelerate treatments and cures. The power in this research approach is that knowledge and information from one disease can often yield progress in others to speed urgently needed answers for families.

### Here are some of MDA's current highlights:

- Funding 200 MDA research projects in 12 countries
- Invest \$75,000 every business day in research
- Awarded 103 MDA research grants in 2015 with a total funding commitment of \$27.3 million
- Contributed to dozens of clinical trials now underway



## Caring for kids and adults from day one

MDA provides early diagnosis, highly specialized care and access to promising clinical trials at MDA Care Centers in top hospitals and health care facilities across the United States and Puerto Rico.

### In 2015, MDA:

- Provided care and support to 100,000 individuals
- Offered best-in-class, comprehensive care at more than 150 MDA Care Centers
- Coordinated 50,000 visits at MDA Care Centers, with families seeing multiple health care specialists in a single appointment
- Provided information to 3.6 million visitors on mda.org



## Empowering families with services and support

From support groups and educational seminars to assistance with durable medical equipment and giving kids with muscular dystrophy the best week of the year at MDA Summer Camp, MDA empowers families in hometowns across America with help and support they need today.

### Consider MDA's impact last year:

- 3,800 kids experienced MDA Summer Camp at no charge to their families
- 140 support groups were hosted with 1,200 different sessions
- 350,000 volunteers powered MDA's work in hometowns across America

