THE ALS ASSOCIATION DONATES $50,000 TO THE EMORY ALS CENTER

Atlanta, GA (February 9, 2018) – On Friday, February 9th, The ALS Association Georgia Chapter presented $25,000 to The Emory ALS Center. The National ALS Association matched this gift, totaling the donation to $50,000. The Emory ALS Center is designated as a Certified Treatment Center of Excellence by The Association, establishing the Emory ALS Center as meeting the highest levels of established national standards of care in the management of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as Lou Gehrig’s Disease.

ALS is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. Eventually, people with ALS lose the ability to initiate and control muscle movement, which often leads to total paralysis and death within two to five years of diagnosis. There is currently no cure for the disease.

Since the Emory ALS Center first opened its doors in 1997, it has been dedicated to helping patients with ALS. They offer a full service multidisciplinary clinic which allows their patients to have all their needs met in a single visit. The Clinic provides physical therapists, respiratory therapists, nurse managers, social workers, occupational therapists and more. A member of The ALS Association Georgia Chapter Care Services Team is also present at each clinic day to offer guidance and support for families living with this disease.

Since 1998, The ALS Association’s national network of Certified Treatment Centers of Excellence has provided evidence-based, multidisciplinary ALS care and services in a supportive atmosphere with an emphasis on hope and quality of life. “We are proud to be able to invest in the Emory ALS Center and appreciate our partnership with Dr. Glass and the Emory ALS Center in serving ALS patients throughout Georgia,” says Sarah Embro, Executive Director of The ALS Association Georgia Chapter.

About The ALS Association Georgia Chapter
The ALS Association Georgia Chapter is the only nationally affiliated not-for-profit health organization dedicated solely to the fight against Lou Gehrig’s Disease. The ALS Association Georgia Chapter provides patient consultations, a medical equipment loan program, patient and caregiver support groups, and support for ALS clinics in Atlanta, Augusta and Macon. The local chapter also joins with chapters across the country to support research and participate in federal advocacy initiatives.

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