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**MDA's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Night of Hope Gala benefitting ALS Research announces the Hope Award Honoree:  
Dr. Jonathan Glass**

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ATLANTA, Ga. (July 2018) — The Muscular Dystrophy Association's 13th Annual Night of Hope Gala championing ALS Research will take place on October 19, 2018. On this spectacular evening, approximately 600 patrons will come together at the InterContinental Buckhead Hotel to support the journey of those living with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Each year, corporate sponsors and individual donors assist in the major undertaking to bring awareness to this tragic illness and to fund various research initiatives, including the local MDA Care Center at Emory Healthcare.

In 2010, the Hope Award was created to honor Steve Ennis, former chairman of the board of Coca-Cola Bottling Works of Tullahoma. Steve was diagnosed with ALS in July 2005 and unfortunately lost his battle with the disease in January 2012. His strength, determination and hope have remained a cornerstone of this event and its supporters. Each year, it is an honor to recognize an individual who has dedicated their time and resources to help eradicate this fatal disease.

This year, the Night of Hope Gala Committee is pleased to honor Dr. Jonathan Glass, Director of the Emory ALS Center, with the Steve Ennis Hope Award, for his dedication to ALS research and the care of families affected with ALS. A Professor of Neurology and Pathology, Dr. Glass has dedicated over 20 years to the development of the Emory ALS Center. His research focuses on the study of ALS and investigates the causes and potential cures for ALS.

Dr. Glass' continued fight against ALS and his dedication and determination to finding a cure makes him a commendable honoree and the reason MDA is proud to honor him as this year's recipient of the Steve Ennis Hope Award.

Please visit the event website or Facebook page to stay connected [www.mdanightofhope.org](http://www.mdanightofhope.org), [facebook.com/mdanightofhopeforals](https://www.facebook.com/mdanightofhopeforals). For more information on the event, please contact Samantha Shida or Abby Ruffner at 770-621-9800 or [slink@mdausa.org](mailto:slink@mdausa.org)



**About the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) & ALS**

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is a voluntary national health agency dedicated to the eradication of 43 neuromuscular diseases that affect more than 1 million Americans. The MDA is a dedicated partnership between health care professionals, scientists, and concerned citizens, which provides help and hope to families facing the challenges of living with neuromuscular diseases. Programs available through the MDA are funded almost entirely by the generosity of individual public contributors; the Association receives no government funding.

To learn more about MDA's ALS Division, visit [www.als-mda.org](http://www.als-mda.org) or for more information about the Night of Hope Gala, visit [www.mdanightofhope.org](http://www.mdanightofhope.org).