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Dear Alström Family and Friends,

October 2024

As we near the end of 2024, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your continued support of Alström Syndrome International (ASI). This year has been transformative for our community, filled with inspiring moments and impactful initiatives that have brought us all closer together.

Reflecting on the past year, we are thrilled to report several key accomplishments that underscore our commitment to supporting families affected by Alström Syndrome. One of the highlights was the first-ever ASI Charity Gala, an unforgettable evening of connections and fundraising. Your enthusiasm and generosity at this event helped us raise vital funds, ensuring we can continue our mission of providing support, information, and healthcare services.

This year, we also conducted two free healthcare clinics at our Centers of Excellence: **Greater Baltimore Medical Center** in Towson, MD and at **Indiana University** in Indianapolis, IN. These clinics offered essential medical consultations and screenings to those living with Alström Syndrome, at no cost. The feedback we received from families was overwhelmingly positive, underscoring the importance of these clinics. We look forward to continuing these clinics in the coming year, ensuring access to crucial care for our community. Our goal is to expand the number of clinics we hold in the coming years, potentially to the West Coast and other central areas.

ASI is proud to have hosted its first Family Retreat at The Grand Bear Resort in Utica, Illinois Oct 25-27, where families gathered for a weekend filled with fun, activities, and shared experiences. This event provided a much needed space for personal connections, allowing families to bond and share their journeys in a supportive environment. Witnessing the laughter and joy as families engaged in activities together was a beautiful reminder of the strength and resilience within our community.

The success of these initiatives is a testament to the power of your support. Together, we are creating a network that not only raises awareness of Alström Syndrome, but also provides tangible resources and support for families facing the challenges of Alström. As we look ahead, there is still much work to be done. As we rely upon active donations from our loyal supporters, we encourage active fundraising to help bridge the gap in funding, continuing our momentum and providing much needed resources to those we serve.

As we approach the end of the year, we kindly ask you to consider making a year-end donation. Your contributions, whether large or small, directly impact our ability to expand our programs and support services, including our **11th Alström Syndrome International Family Conference and Scientific Symposium** in Fort Worth, TX in May of 2026. Unlike many larger organizations, ASI operates with minimal overhead, ensuring that your donations go directly toward initiatives that benefit our families in need.

You can make your donation easily through our website at <https://www.alstrom.org/donate-to-asi/> or by mailing your contribution to the address provided above. Every dollar you give helps us continue our vital work, whether it's funding healthcare clinics, organizing family retreats, or advancing research.

Thank you for your unwavering support throughout the year. Together, we can continue to make a significant difference in the lives of those living with Alström Syndrome. We are incredibly grateful for your commitment to our cause, and we look forward to what we can achieve together in the year ahead.

Onwards,

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