



Report to the Community
2015 & 2016 Results

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Every 90 minutes someone in the United States is diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). In February of 2015, our 90 minutes arrived. My brother Matt, a Marine Corps Veteran received his diagnosis. This was the second blow that ALS dealt us in a 12-month period, as our beloved family friend Penny Williams was taken by ALS in February of 2014.

We're trying to build a community where no one goes without what they need. – Matt Wild

ALS occurs indiscriminately, regardless of race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status. It does, however, occur twice as often in Veterans. The disease has no cure and only 2 experimental drugs are approved for treatment. ALS is 100% fatal with a life expectancy of only 2-5 years after diagnosis.

After experiencing Penny's battle with ALS I knew the physical, emotional, and financial burden this disease would have on our family, and we quickly turned our attention to Matt's personal well-being. Unsurprisingly to anyone that knows Matt and his positive spirit, his focus

instead shifted to how he could turn his adversity into something positive.

Matt was quick to reach out and discover support groups for People with ALS (PALS) and he soon realized that even the well-organized and funded ALS support organizations left serious needs unmet for many PALS. With medical and living costs that can exceed \$300,000 per patient each

year, Matt and his wife Theresa realized that this was their chance to make a difference. With the help of many family and friends, Matt's Place Foundation was born.

Matt's Place Foundation is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to assist PALS and their families to live in a safe environment with dignity, comfort and support. We accomplish this mission by raising funds and distributing them to PALS through grants for accessibility ramps, remodels, housing, and transportation. We are excited about the progress we have made toward fulfilling our mission and look forward to igniting

even more change and support throughout the ALS community.

To our talented board, donors, volunteers and other partners who have joined our battle, I thank you. There are no words that can truly capture the gratitude that I have in my heart for all that you've done to help make our vision possible.

We know that the real accomplishment is the peace that PALS and their loved ones feel when we relieve them of even the smallest of their burdens and that will continue to drive our mission forward. For those new to our story, I ask that you consider joining our team whether by donating, volunteering at one of our events or simply by helping to spread the word about our cause.

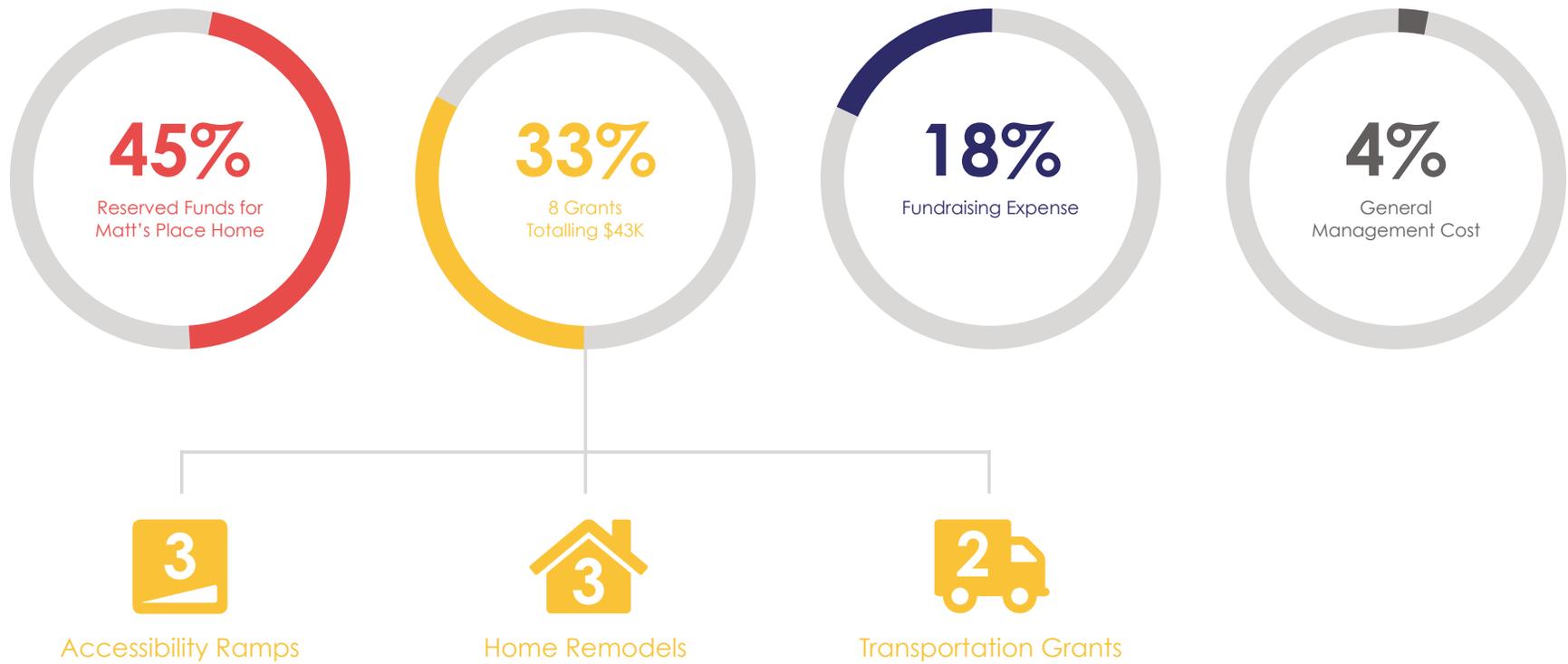
Please visit our website at mattsplacefoundation.com for information on upcoming events and ways that you can assist. I am confident that we can continue the momentum we've built and dramatically increase the difference that we make in the lives of PALS in our community in years to come.

With great appreciation,

Mark C. Wild, President 2015 & 2016



TOTAL EXPENSES



TOTAL FUNDS RAISED

60%

Fundraising Events

\$131K

4%

Sale of Merchandise

36%

Donations



ALS **ADVOCACY**

30

Speeches given to the community, civic and educational groups

20+

Conversations and talks with other PALS

2,500

Followers on social media outlets

8

Newspaper articles and television features

