# **ALS** (AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS) BY THE NUMBERS

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Over **\$100 million** The amount of money raised by the ALS "Ice Bucket Challenge."

#### 60%

How much more likely veterans are to be diagnosed with ALS than if they had never served.

### \$**0**

The amount covered for respite care (additional in-home help) by private health insurance and Medicare.

## \$500

The amount of money that provides **30** to **40** hours of additional in-home care for ALS patients.

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Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that attacks nerve cells and pathways in the brain and spinal cord. It occurs throughout the world, with no racial, ethnic or socioeconomic boundaries. It can strike anyone.

#### Every **90 minutes**

Someone is **diagnosed** with ALS and someone **dies** from ALS.

**2 to 5 Years** The average life expectancy of a person diagnosed with ALS.

\$200,000 The estimated cost per year to care

for someone in the latter stages of ALS.



The average number

of people diagnosed

with ALS every day.

450

The estimated number of people with ALS living in South Carolina at any given time.



The average co-pay for necessary equipment for ALS patients. Equipment for the bathroom is not covered by Medicare.