

MDA FAST FACTS



What do we do, what do we stand for..... MDA helps children, adults and families who suffer from one of the 43 neuromuscular diseases, including ALS, providing support groups, clinic, research, and summer camp! Muscular Dystrophy is a gradual wasting of ones muscle.

Clinic Doctor..... Dr. Gaddy and Dr. Shenk serve the Billings and surrounding area, Dr. Henning and Dr. Rosen serve the Missoula area and Dr. Henning and Dr. Tacke serve Great Falls and the surrounding areas. They specialize in neuromuscular diseases and provide services to our clients.

Clinic Services.... At **No Cost** provides initial diagnosis, follow-up medical care, physical, occupational and respiratory therapy, assistance with the purchase of a wheelchair and braces, genetic counseling, and influenza vaccinations. Our clinics are located in Billings, Great Falls and Missoula.

Summer Camp..... Kids can attend camp that are between the ages of 6-17 years. This is something that they look forward to all year long! Our camp is located at Camp Paxton in Seeley Lake, Montana. It is a weeklong session of fun, including fishing, swimming, dancing and arts & crafts. This is one of the highlights of their year as well as ours.

Support Groups....Emotional & practical support for individuals affected by neuromuscular disease, and their families.

How much do these services cost?

\$30-Provides an annual flu shot

\$82-Funds one minute of research

\$75-Covers a follow-up clinic visit

\$100-Funds a support group session

\$200-Covers initial diagnostic work-up at MDA clinic

\$800-Sends one child and their counselor to MDA summer camp

\$750-Pays for a muscle biopsy and interpretation

\$2,000-Toward the purchase of a wheelchair

HOW EFFICIENT IS MDA?

MDA expends more than 82% of its income on program services. Money magazine ranks MDA as one of the Top 10 Best Managed Charities.

DID YOU KNOW?

Among large national voluntary health organizations, MDA has been recognized as: one of the top ten favorite charities by the U.S. News & World Report's Guide to giving; Number one in cost efficiency in Chronicle of Philanthropy's annual report; Tops in financial efficiency in Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine; and First for percentage of total income from public support in The Non Profit Times' review of America's 100 biggest nonprofits.

**ALL MONIES COLLECTED IN MONTANA STAYS IN MONTANA
TO HELP MONTANA FAMILIES AFFECTED WITH
NEUROMUSCULAR DISEASE.**