

National Multiple Sclerosis Society Maryland Chapter

> Attn: Ed Rosen 8628 Lucerne Road Randallstown, MD 21133

May 5, 2014

Dear Ed Rosen,

Thank you so much for your support of our 2014 Walk MS Towson event! Your contribution and dedication to our cause is one of the most powerful weapons we have in the fight against multiple sclerosis. Each year, we look to generous members in our community to help make Walk MS even better than the year before. As the sixth largest fundraiser in Maryland, our goal was to raise \$1.25 million, and because of your support we are close to reaching that mark!

MS affects more than 2.3 million worldwide, including over 10,000 in the state of Maryland. With the help of supporters like you, the National MS Society addresses the challenges of each person whose life is affected by multiple sclerosis.

Your support enables us to keep our event expenses low while creating a quality atmosphere for our participants. Therefore more of the dollars raised can be allocated to MS research. *Research is the key to finding a cure*. In 2013 alone, the Society invested over \$48 million dollars to fund 380 new and ongoing research projects as part of its international effort to move research forward. We have paved the way for all existing therapies - none of which existed 20 years ago. The Society has also recruited more than 800 new MS researchers to the field and provided funding to nearly every thought leader in MS research. Looking ahead, the Society is committed to fueling research by increasing its annual investment to \$50 million in 2015.

In addition to supporting research initiatives, we also fund local programs and services, and provide financial assistance to the 10,000 people in Maryland living with MS. Furthermore, we are able to better advocate for federal, state and local government programs essential to people affected by this disease.

Again, thank you for joining the movement in the fight against MS. For more information about our organization and fundraising events, please call 443-641-1200 or visit us at www.nmss-md.org.

I hope we get a chance to work together next year!

Sincerely,

Katie Amos

Development Manager

Thank You