

Equipment Donations

The progressive nature of ALS, a neurodegenerative disease, requires multiple pieces of equipment inclusive to Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC), Activities of Daily Living (ADL), and Durable Medical Equipment (DME) to support basic activities of daily living that contribute to patient quality of life. Multiple surveys by local ALS Chapters indicate that those living with ALS have a need for this variable equipment, particularly, if they have no or limited resources for payment; reasons include not being insured, not having coinsurance, those admitted to hospice, or those living at or near the poverty level. Other reasons include extensive wait for the delivery of customized equipment (possibly from insurance) or intermittent equipment required for particular stages of the progressive disease. If you are interested in donating equipment, please review the donation process and equipment accepted lists provided below.

Donation Process: The Chapter collaborates with two durable medical equipment (DME) companies, Numotion and Ability Medical Supply, who donate their time to our Chapter’s Statewide Equipment Loan Program. The Florida Chapter will send a formal request via email to arrange for pick up of the equipment; however, because Numotion and Ability Medical Supply service the whole state, we ask you to please allow **10-15 business days** for the DME company’s representative to make arrangements for the equipment. Once the DME Company has picked up the equipment and we have received confirmation from them, the Florida Chapter will happily send you an Acknowledgement Letter as a “Thank you” for your kind donation to our Chapter. Please note that the Florida Chapter is not able to provide an appraisal value for your donation, nor can we include any values within the acknowledgement letter. It is strongly suggested that you contact your tax advisor/consultant regarding your donation before the equipment is picked up. [Please visit the IRS website](#) for more information regarding equipment donations. Should you have any questions or would like to move forward with a donation, please contact your local [Regional Program Manager](#) at careservices@alsafll.org.

Accepted Equipment	Acceptable communication devices*	Unacceptable Equipment <i>Unable To Accept The Following Items Due To Sanitary And Financial Reasons</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Power Wheel Chairs ➤ Manual Wheel Chairs ➤ Transport chairs ➤ Rollators ➤ Ramps ➤ Walkers ➤ Air Mattresses ➤ Tray Tables ➤ Roho Cushions** ➤ Transfer boards** ➤ Fully Electric Hoyer Lifts ➤ Fully Electric Hospital Beds*** ➤ Lift Chairs With Vinyl Covers ➤ Portable Scooters ➤ Slings <i>(must be machine washable)</i> ➤ Toiletry Items <i>(brand new in box)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Talk To Me Technology Devices ➤ Prentke Romich Company (PRC) Devices ➤ LC Technology Devices ➤ Forbes Rehab Services (FRS) Devices ➤ Tobii Dynavox I-Series Devices (I-12, I-12+, I-15, & I-15+) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Linens ➤ Supplements ➤ Medicines ➤ Ceiling Lifts ➤ Vehicle Lifts ➤ Semi-electric Hospital Beds ➤ Semi-electric Hoyer Lifts ➤ Toilet Seat Risers ➤ Durable Medical Equipment With Missing Parts ➤ Small Nondurable Equipment (reachers, utensils, etc.) ➤ Medical beds that do not break down into at least 3 parts ➤ Lift chairs with seats made of something other than vinyl ➤ Respiratory Equipment****

*Please note, we are not able to accept any other communication devices that are not listed above; however, please contact your local [Regional Program Manager](#) for resources on other organizations that may be able to accept your device(s).

**Acceptance of this item will be determined by the technicians upon pick-up.

***All fully electric hospital beds must be able to break down into three parts to maintain storage space. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept **Hill-Rom** hospital beds due to their large size and weight and their inability to break down into three parts.

****We are not able to house respiratory equipment in our loan program, as we do not have the appropriate Respiratory Healthcare Professional on staff to assist in the setup, training and maintenance involved in using this equipment. However, there are two Respiratory Companies that our Chapter refers families to, who are accepting donated respiratory equipment and work to place the equipment in homes of persons with ALS who are in need. Please contact your local [Regional Program Manager](#) for these local resources.

