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Snowflake Saturday + Rare Disease Day

St. Louis Rare Disease Event

Help us raise awareness for Myasthenia Gravis on Rare Disease Day! Join the Myasthenia Gravis Association in Clayton, Missouri for a morning of connection, education provided by Give an Hour touching on mental health and rare disease. Enjoy vendor booths, raffles, lunch, MGA merchandise for sale, and more!

February 28th 2026

LOCATION: THE CENTER OF CLAYTON | MEETING ROOMS A,B,C
50 GAY AVENUE, CLAYTON, MO 63105
TIME: 10:00AM - 1:00PM

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HELP US SHARE YOUR MYASTHENIA GRAVIS JOURNEY

SHARE YOUR STORY

SUBMISSIONS

Want to share your MG story or have a topic you would like to see covered? We have multiple ways for you to connect with the MG community! Email Kathryn at kathrynclemens@mgakc.org

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A MESSAGE FROM ALLISON

The Road that Brought Us Here

In December, I celebrated my 8th Anniversary with the Myasthenia Gravis Association. On the day of this milestone, I was up early, and on the road to our new clinic partnership at the University of Missouri in Columbia by about 5:45am.

The entire two-hour drive to Columbia it rained and was horribly windy in addition to still being dark out. The drive between Kansas City and Columbia on I-70 isn't for the faint of heart. I-70 is like the stepchild of all interstates as you dodge pothole after pothole, mixed in with road construction and always a lot of traffic. It wasn't the most fun drive I've ever taken. But I always take the time in the car to reflect and think, make plans, dream big dreams and somehow during all the chaos outside, I found time to reflect on the year we've had.

Let me just say, 2025 was an incredible year for the MGA. When I think of the last year, I smile. We have come so far, through so much darkness and storms and it finally feels like the wheels are on the bus and not off. I thought I'd take you through some of the milestones we have achieved over the past year.

Quarter 1

We joined hands with the support group in Ankeny, Iowa and began supporting them. We also rolled out our newest support group, Muscle Makers. Muscle Makers is an online community where patients can gather and work on their hobby or craft. It's one of the coolest concepts I believe we offer which was born from an idea of one of our great community leaders, Bryan Bosch. McKenna Fulton, our Community Program Coordinator in Kansas City attended the Rare Disease Day events in Washington DC hosted by the Everylife Foundation for Rare Disease. Our 2nd Co-Hort of Designing our Lives with MG began with 49 applicants. Designing our Lives with MG, the mastermind of Sarah Bolton, life coach and individual living with MG, supported by our Diamond sponsors, Alexion, argenx and UCB. We attended the MDA Scientific Conference in Dallas where we engaged with key opinion leaders, patients, caregivers, industry partners and other patient advocacy groups. We held our first ever Corporate Advisory Council.

Quarter 2

Our MGA team grew as we added Halle Walker as our first ever Event Coordinator. We attended the American Academy of Neurology Conference in San Diego as well as Kathryn attended the World Orphan Drug Congress in Boston. We held our 14th Annual MGA Triple Crown Showdown in which 504 participants participated in either the mile mosey, tot trot or 5K including over 70 individuals living with MG who volunteered or participated! We participated with 21 patient organizations from across the globe for Light the Globe for MG Day. We lit the wheel in Kansas City and the wheel in St. Louis teal for MG. We held 3 Snowflake Saturday events in Des Moines, IA, Little Rock, AR and Wichita, KS.

A message from Allison, continued

Quarter 3
We partnered with Give an Hour and Patient Advocate Foundation to provide education to our community. In 2025, we held 14 webinars which achieved a 4.3 rating out of 5 stars! We held our 8th Annual Crown Town Trivia Night in partnership with the Iowa State Alumni Club of Kansas City which raised over $150,000. Blaise Huck began her Capstone Project with the MGA as a Doctoral Student in Occupational Therapy at Rockhurst University. Additionally, our 5th clinic partnership began at the University of Missouri- Columbia which will be staffed by Jonni Sutton, MG Clinic Liaison. We held one of our largest webinars ever with James Howard, MD, University of North Carolina on the topic of Vaccines and MG.

Quarter 4
We participated in the Late Onset Neurological Disease Consortium meeting ahead of AANEM in San Fransico where the committee is very close to revealing a tool to ease diagnosis of late onset neurological diseases. The MGA proudly announced its commitment to the MG Alliance, a national coalition of 6 MG organizations dedicated to raising awareness and advancing advocacy for those affected by Myasthenia Gravis. We held our 65th Annual Meeting and Educational Seminar where we had over 487 registrants from over 45 states and 23 countries. 20 nurses received CEU's from attending thru the support of Promptcare. Kristine Henson was awarded the Stackhouse Award and Raymond Clayton was awarded the Volunteer of the Year. We also rolled out a new website with the address of www.mgassocation.org to showcase our growth. We began our 6th clinic partnership at Advent Health with Dr. John Eatman in Overland Park, KS. Later in December, we began our 7th clinic partnership at SSM Health with Dr. Malo Bassam in St. Louis. We continued over $75,000 to research for myasthenia gravis through a $50,000 grant to the University of Kansas Medical Center and $25,000 to the MGnet at George Washington University!

Whew. Are you as exhausted as I am just reading through that?

As I finished checking out the clinic in Columbia and started on the drive home, I realized that dark and stormy morning had turned into the most beautiful, mild, sunshine filled December day. A reminder to me, that when darkness fades, often sunshine escapes. We've got lots of great plans to execute in 2026 and are excited to have you along for the ride!

Allison K. Foss

Allison K. Foss | Executive Director | allisonfoss@mgakc.org

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$75,000
donated to MG research efforts at the **University of Kansas Medical Center** and **George Washington University**

518 INDIVIDUALS SEEN AT 150 CLINICS HELD

7 CLINIC PARTNERSHIPS
including 3 new partnerships in 2025

39% INCREASE IN MGA DATABASE

20 CEU'S
given to nurses who attended our 65th Annual Meeting & Educational Seminar

★★★★½
approval rating out of 11 webinars held in 2025

Two targeted treatments for adults with **generalized myasthenia gravis (gMG)**

UCB is committed to making a difference for people living with gMG by providing two treatment options

Is it time to rethink your current gMG therapy?

For people with gMG, symptoms present themselves differently in each diagnosed individual. While most people have fluctuating muscle weakness and fatigue, these symptoms vary from person to person and can range from mild to severe.

UCB offers two treatments that target different aspects of immune function related to gMG and have different methods of administration.

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What is RARE DISEASE DAY and Why it Matters

Each year, on the last day of February, people across the globe come together to recognize Rare Disease Day, an international awareness campaign dedicated to the millions of individuals and families affected by rare conditions. The purpose of the day is simple but powerful: to increase understanding of rare diseases and highlight the very real challenges faced by those living with them. Although each rare disease affects a relatively small number of individuals, collectively rare diseases impact an estimated 300 million people worldwide. These numbers remind us that while a condition may be considered "rare," the community it represents is anything but small.

Why Rare Disease Day Is Important

For many individuals and families, the rare disease journey can include delayed diagnosis, limited treatment options, and difficulty accessing specialized care. Rare Disease Day helps shine a light on these challenges while advocating for more equitable access to diagnosis, treatment, services, and social support.

Awareness leads to understanding and understanding leads to change. When communities, healthcare professionals, researchers, and policymakers recognize the impact of rare diseases, it becomes easier to advance research, improve care, and support policies that better serve those affected. Rare Disease Day is not only about awareness; it is also about building momentum for progress and ensuring that no one feels alone in their journey.

How Everyone Can Participate

Rare Disease Day is designed so that anyone can take part. Participation can be as simple or as creative as you like. Many people share their stories or post messages of support on social media using the official hashtag #RareDiseaseDay to help amplify awareness. Others organize or attend local or virtual events, host educational programs, or partner with schools, workplaces, or community groups to start conversations about rare diseases. (Like our Snowflake Saturday + Rare Disease Day event. Learn more on page 12.)

How You Can Participate Year-Round with the MGA

Rare Disease Day is a powerful moment of awareness, but advocacy and connection don't have to happen just once a year. The Myasthenia Gravis Association (MGA) offers meaningful opportunities throughout the year for individuals, patients, caregivers, and medical professionals to stay involved, share their voices, and help strengthen our community. One of the most impactful ways to participate is by sharing your story and experience. Personal perspectives—whether from someone living with myasthenia gravis, a caregiver, or a healthcare professional—help others feel less alone, increase understanding, and bring real-life insight to the challenges and victories within the rare disease journey.

We continue the conversation year-round through initiatives like Tuesday Truths and Wednesday Wins, where we share education, encouragement, and real stories from our community. These campaigns highlight both the realities and the resilience that define life with a chronic and rare condition. In addition, there are opportunities to share personal experiences through our blog features and newsletter stories, helping amplify patient and caregiver voices to a broader audience.

If you are interested in sharing your story, perspective, or expertise with the community, we would love to connect with you. Please email info@mgakc.org to request more information about available opportunities.

YOUR VOICE, YOUR POWER

WHY PATIENT VOICES MATTER MORE THAN EVER

Living with myasthenia gravis means navigating more than symptoms, it means navigating systems. Insurance policies, medication approvals, research funding, and workplace protections are often shaped by decisions made far from the clinic room. That's where patient voices make the difference.
Advocacy doesn't always look like standing at a podium. Sometimes it's sharing your story with a lawmaker, appealing an insurance denial, educating an employer, or participating in research.

How Advocacy Shapes Care

Insurance Coverage
When patients speak up about delays, denials, and the impact of high out-of-pocket costs, policymakers and insurers gain a clearer picture of the real-life consequences of access barriers. These stories help push for:

- Fairer prior authorization processes
- Broader treatment coverage
- Recognition of rare disease needs in policy decisions

Drug Approvals
Patient-reported experiences are increasingly considered in the drug approval process. Regulatory agencies want to understand:

- How symptoms affect daily life
- What side effects are most burdensome
- What meaningful improvement actually looks like

Your lived experience helps shape how new treatments are evaluated.

Research Funding
Funding priorities are influenced by community engagement. When patients and families raise awareness, participate in registries, or share their journeys, it highlights the urgency of continued research and innovation.

What Happens When Patients Share Their Stories?

When a patient speaks with a legislator, participates in an advocacy day, or submits a public comment, their story becomes more than personal — it becomes educational. Lawmakers may not fully understand rare diseases, but they understand people. Personal stories:

- Put a human face on policy issues
- Explain why timelines, access, and affordability matter
- Help decision-makers understand the daily realities of living with MG

One conversation can influence how a bill is written, how funding is allocated, or how a program is structured.

Why This Matters
Rare disease communities are small, but our collective voice is powerful. Advocacy ensures that policies, research, and healthcare systems reflect the realities of those living with MG — not just statistics on a page. When you share your story, ask questions, or stand up for your care, you are not only advocating for yourself — you are helping shape a more informed, compassionate system for everyone who will come after you.

Your voice matters. Your experience is expertise. And your story has power.

BE IN THE KNOW!

YOUR VOICE, YOUR POWER

POLICY WATCH

The EveryLife Foundation's Legislative Reference Guide highlights key federal policy areas that are shaping advocacy efforts for the rare disease community in 2026. These priorities reflect issues where the community's voice is needed most, from strengthening early detection programs to protecting access to care and treatment innovation.

2026 Federal Priorities

Lead Initiatives

- Newborn Screening: Federal reauthorization & modernization efforts.
- Accelerated Approval Pathway: Protect early access to promising therapies.
- Orphan Drug Incentives & Tax Credits: Support continued development of treatments.
- Rare Pediatric Disease PRV Reauthorization: Give Kids a Chance Act (H.R. 1262 / S. 932).
- Orphan Drug Tax Credit: Cameron's Law (H.R. 1414).

Research & Funding

- NIH & FDA Rare Disease Innovation Hub funding.
- Clinical trials & scientific collaboration: Scientific EXPERT Act (H.R. 1532 / S. 822).
- Engage BENEFIT Act for patient experience in FDA decision-making.

Coverage & Access

- Medicaid coverage protections & prior authorization reform.
- Home infusion access: Joe Fiandra Access to Home Infusion Act.
- Genetic testing coverage & telehealth policies.
- Drug pricing & PBM reform.

What Matters Most for Individuals with Myasthenia Gravis?

- **Early Access to Therapies:** Maintaining the Accelerated Approval Pathway ensures MG patients can access new treatments sooner.
- **Home Infusion Access:** IVIG and other infusions at home are critical — support for the Joe Fiandra Access to Home Infusion Act directly impacts MG care. Luckily, the recent funding package that ended the recent partial government shutdown included the Joe Fiandra Access to Home Infusion Act to begin coverage in 2027.
- **Orphan Drug Protections:** Preserving incentives and tax credits supports ongoing development of rare disease therapies, including MG medications.
- **Clinical Trials & Research Funding:** NIH support, the FDA Rare Disease Innovation Hub, and legislation like the Scientific EXPERT Act strengthen MG research and trial participation.
- **Coverage & Affordability:** Medicaid protections, prior authorization reform, and PBM/drug pricing policies help reduce barriers to essential MG treatments.

Other Key Policies

- Clinical trial diversity: ENABLE Act (H.R. 1436 / S. 627).
- Rare disease research & alternative funding programs.
- Ongoing monitoring: PASTEUR Act, RARE Act, PROTECT Rare Act, Safe Step Act, MINI Act.

MG CLINICAL TRIAL UPDATES

University of Kansas Medical Center

MyClad PI: Dr. Mamatha Pasnoor
ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT06463587
A Phase 3, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, 3-Arm, 3-Period Study to Assess the Efficacy and Safety of a New Formulation of Oral Cladribine Compared With Placebo in Participants With Generalized Myasthenia Gravis (MyClad)

For more information contact: Samantha Colgan, scolgan@kumc.edu

AURORA PI: Cartesian Therapeutics ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT06799247
A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Phase 3 Trial of Descartes-08 in Patients With Generalized Myasthenia Gravis (MG)

For more information contact: Nora Khalifa, nkhalifa@kumc.edu

RemeMG PI: Dr. Pasnoor ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT06456580
A Phase 3, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study with an Open-label Extension Period to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of Telitacicept in Patients with Generalized Myasthenia Gravis

For more information: Courtney Richardson, c969r831@kumc.edu

KATALYST MG PI: Dr. Pasnoor ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT06064695
Effects of Whole-body Electrical Muscle Stimulation Exercise on Adults With Myasthenia Gravis

For more information for the KU trial location contact: Abby Davis, adavis54@kumc.edu

ARGX-113-2315 PI: Dr. Pasnoor ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT06298565
A non-interventional, post-authorisation safety study of patients treated with efgartigimod alfa

For more information contact: Lilli Saavedra, lsaavedra2@kumc.edu

Cabaletta Bio PI: Dr. Dimachkie ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT06359041
A Phase 1/2, Open-Label Study to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of Autologous CD19-specific Chimeric Antigen Receptor T Cells (CABA-201) in Participants with Generalized Myasthenia Gravis

For more information: Lillian Saavedra, lsaavedra2@kumc.edu

COUR Pharma PI: Dr. Dimachkie ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT06106672
A Phase 1b/2a Double Blind, Randomized, Placebo Controlled Study to Evaluate the Safety, Tolerability, Pharmacodynamics, and Efficacy of CNP-106 in Subjects Ages 18-75 with Generalized Myasthenia Gravis
Experimental: ALXN1720

For more information contact: Abby Davis, adavis54@kumc.edu

MG CLINICAL TRIAL UPDATES

University of Missouri

NMD Pharma PI: University of Missouri- Columbia
ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT06414954
This Phase 2 proof-of-concept, dose range finding study aims to evaluate the safety and efficacy of 3 dose levels of NMD670 vs placebo in adult patients with MG with antibodies against AChR or MuSK, administered twice a day (BID) for 21 days.

For more information contact: Neetha Gali, ngdcd@health.missouri.edu

COUR Pharma - MG PI: University of Missouri- Columbia ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT06106672
A Phase 1b/2a Double Blind, Randomized, Placebo Controlled Study to Evaluate the Safety, Tolerability, Pharmacodynamics, and Efficacy of CNP–106 in Subjects Ages 18–75 with Generalized Myasthenia Gravis
Experimental: ALXN1720

For more information contact: Neetha Gali, ngdcd@health.missouri.edu

Join the Synergy-MG Study and see if your experience can make a difference

The Synergy-MG Study is looking at an investigational medication for people with myasthenia gravis (MG) to see:

- how safe it is
- if there are any side effects
- what amount, or dose, works best
- whether it may help to improve symptoms of MG.

We are looking for people who:

- are 18–74 years old
- have been diagnosed with either generalized or ocular MG
- are on a stable dose of medication for the treatment of MG.

Want to know more? Contact us:

See WHAT'S NEW At the MGA

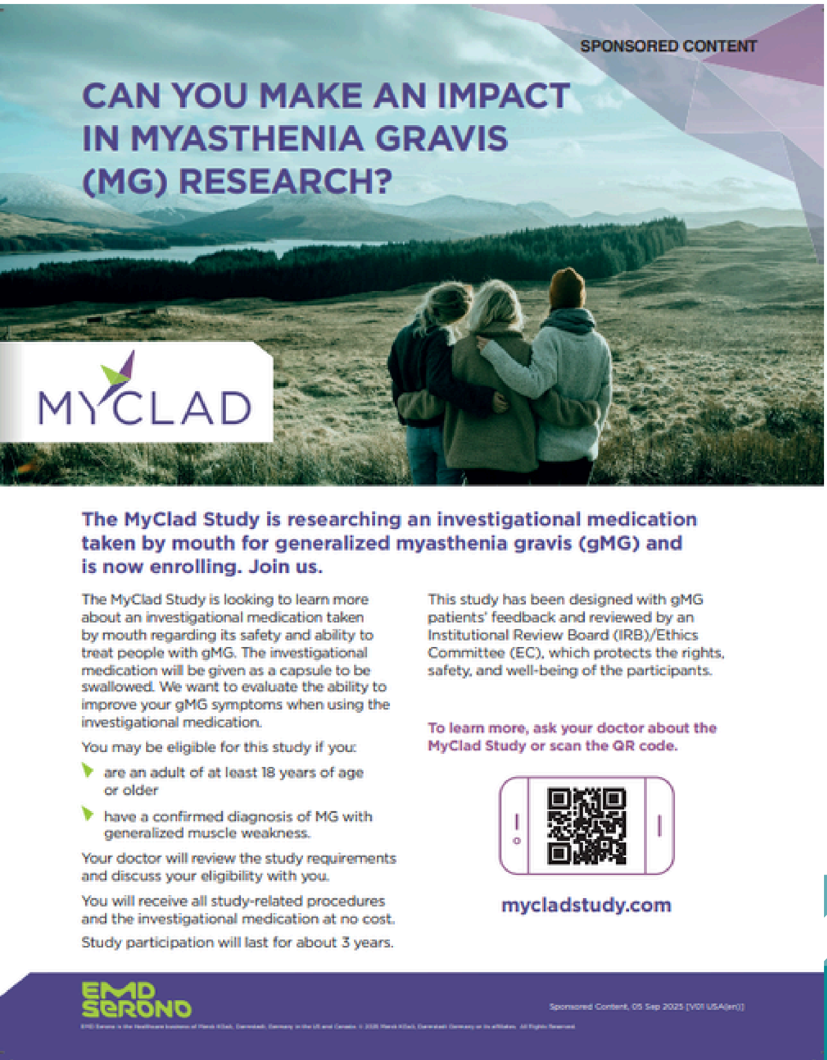
Meet Our New Board Members

Tom Cook
Tom Cook is a retired communications major. He published business magazines for 19 years at Intertec Publishing, Overland Park, KS, followed by 19 years at Sprint/T-Mobile. In 2025, he funded an endowed journalism scholarship at the University of Kansas. He's also a former NCAA softball umpire.

Kathy Perez
Kathy Perez brings over 30 years of leadership across BioPharma's commercial, R&D, and patient advocacy landscapes. Most recently, as VP and Head of Global Patient Advocacy at argenx, she led strategy across 15 rare autoimmune indications—translating patient insights into high-impact business outcomes. Under Kathy's leadership, biotechnology companies have launched groundbreaking Public/Private stakeholder collaborations and unique award winning podcast programs. But these efforts were never just about awareness—they were built to advance patient conversations, inform physician decision-making, and support more inclusive care models. Kathy now brings this model to biopharma clients—bridging advocacy and business with a unique combination of:

- Compliance Fluency – deep knowledge of regulatory safeguards in working with patient organizations and protecting ethical boundaries.
- Commercial Strategy – the ability to position advocacy within core business drivers: access, uptake, and market differentiation.
- Execution Rigor – a track record of delivering real programs that meet objectives, align internal teams, and drive measurable outcomes.

"Advocacy isn't a feel-good function—it's a strategic lever. When it's built right, it drives smarter science and stronger stakeholder trust."



See WHAT'S NEW At the MGA

Joining Hands to Strengthen Support in Nebraska

The Myasthenia Gravis Association (MGA) is proud to announce that we are joining hands with the Omaha MG Support Group to provide enhanced support, resources, and connection for individuals and families affected by myasthenia gravis in the Omaha area.

The Omaha Support Group meets every other month on the 2nd Saturday. The next and First Omaha MG Support Group Meeting with MGA Support will be:

Date: Saturday, February 14th
Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Location: Moon Hollow Coffee
5102 North 156th Street
Omaha, NE 68116

We'd LOVE to meet you! Please join us for muffins and mingling.

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Omaha Support Group

Please join us for muffins and mingling.

Looking for Something to Read?

A community member, Johnny Jefferson, has sent us copies of their book, *OMG: Journeying Through Faith Through Troubling Times.* "This book is written to share my journey over a decade. I never thought I would have to stick a needle in my belly with a nurse in the room looking over my chart and recording my vitals and encouraging me to do so. I didn't think that I would fall down and not be able to get up although I was not intoxicated, had no broken bones, or over the age of 35."

If you are interested in receiving a complimentary copy, email us at info@mgakc.org.

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TRIPLE CROWN SHOWDOWN
May 3, 2026
15th Anniversary

MGA
TRIPLE CROWN SHOWDOWN
2026

5K RUN/WALK & TOT TROT

Date: Sunday May 3, 2026
Time: 8:00am, CST
Location: Town Center Plaza, Leawood, KS

PACKET PICK-UP

Date: Saturday May 2, 2026
Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm
Location: Town Center Plaza, Leawood, KS

Date: Sunday, May 3, 2026
Time: Starting at 7am
Location: Town Center Plaza, Leawood, KS

Packets will be mailed to those who registered for Stuck in the Stall after the run.

Register at
www.mga5k.com

All individuals living with MG register for FREE, email the MGA for the code at info@mgakc.org.

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CROWN TOWN
TRIVIA NIGHT

Date: July 31, 2026
Time: TBA
Location: Sporting Park, Sporting KC |
1 Sporting Way, Kansas City, KS

For the first time ever, the FIFA World Cup is being held in Kansas City! To celebrate, we are excited to switch up our location for our annual Trivia Night.

Join us for a night like no other and discover opportunities on how to get involved! We are excited to switch up our location, bringing you a once in a lifetime experience following the FIFA World Cup in Kansas City!

More details coming soon via email!
Stay informed: www.mgassociation.org

Snowflake Saturday

RARE DISEASE DAY EVENT | SAINT LOUIS

Date: February 28, 2026
Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm
Location: Center of Clayton, Clayton, MO

Help us raise awareness for MG on Rare Disease Day! Join the MGA for a morning of connection, education provided by Give an Hour touching on mental health and rare disease. Enjoy vendor booths, raffles, lunch, MGA merchandise for sale, and more!

Register here!

Membership Donations

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Debra Litton
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Martha Ward
Rhonda Bruns

Thank you

SUPPORT FOR MYASTHENIA GRAVIS (MG)

Find what makes you More Than MG

Join the community of patients, caregivers, and other advocates

Whether you're looking to hear more about MG, find a friend with the same diagnosis, or receive some motivation, there's a place for you in the More Than MG community.

Visit More Than MG to explore:

- Patient stories shared through social media
- Tips for living life beyond an MG diagnosis
- Encouraging reminders and motivation
- Resources for you and your loved ones

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Visit @morethanmg for myasthenia gravis (MG) support

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AstraZeneca Rare Disease

Find A SUPPORT GROUP Near you

Arkansas

Arkansas Support Group
Quarterly Saturday | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM| Hybrid: Zoom or In-Person at Springdale Public Library, 405 S. Pleasant St. Springdale, AR
Open to individuals, caregivers & providers
Next Meeting – April 25, 2026
RSVP: kathrynclemens@mgakc.org

Iowa

Iowa Support Group
Bi-Monthly on the 2nd Wednesday | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Kirkendall Public Library, 1250 SW District Dr, Ankeny IA
Open to individuals, caregivers & providers
Hosted by Katie Coffman, Volunteer Support Group Leader
Next Meeting – April 8, 2026
RSVP: info@mgakc.org

Kansas

Kansas City Coffee Club
1st Thursday of the month | 9:30-10:30 AM
Urban Egg, 4921 W 119th St, Overland Park, KS
Coffee is Dutch treat | Open to individuals, caregivers & providers
Hosted by Janice Katz & Melissa Lathrop, Volunteer Support Group Leaders
Next Meeting – March 5, 2026
RSVP: info@mgakc.org

Lawrence Support Group
Quarterly on a Thursday | 6-7:30 PM | Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont Street, Lawrence, KS
Open to individuals, caregivers & providers
Next Meeting – March 5, 2026 | May 28, 2026
RSVP: mckennafulton@mgakc.org

Find A SUPPORT GROUP Near you

Kansas

Wichita Support Group
Quarterly on a Saturday | 11:00-1:00 PM | Wichita Public Library,
Alford Branch 3447 S. Meridian St. Wichita, KS
Open to individuals caregivers & providers
Hosted by Dana Paxson, Volunteer Support Group Leaders
Next Meeting – March 28, 2026
RSVP: info@mgakc.org

Missouri

Eastsiders Lunch Bunch - Blue Springs
1st Wednesday of the month | 11:30 - 1:00 PM
312 SW 19th Terrace Street, Blue Springs, MO
Light lunch provided | Open to individuals, caregivers & providers
Hosted by Carol Hunt & Raymond Hankins, Volunteer Support Group Leaders
Next Meeting - March 4, 2026
RSVP to mckennafulton@mgakc.org

Kansas City Coffee Club
1st Thursday of the month | 9:30-10:30 AM | Urban Egg, 4921 W 119th St, Overland Park, KS
Coffee is Dutch treat | Open to individuals, caregivers & providers
Hosted by Janice Katz & Melissa Lathrop, Volunteer Support Group Leaders
Next Meeting – March 5, 2026
RSVP: info@mgakc.org

Greater Kansas City Support Group
Quarterly on a Saturday | 10:00 -11:30 AM | Matt Ross Community Center
8101 Marty St, Overland Park, KS 66204 (Plaza Room)
Light brunch is provided | Open to individuals, caregivers & providers
Next Meeting — February 21, 2026
RSVP: mckennafulton@mgakc.org

Kansas City Northland Support Group
Jan-Sept, bi-monthly on a Thursday | 12:00 -1:30 PM | Primrose Retirement Community,
8559 N. Line Creek Road, Kansas City, MO
Light lunch is provided | Open to individuals, caregivers & providers
Hosted by Sandy Gardner, Volunteer Support Group Leader
Next Meeting – March 12, 2026 | May 14, 2026
RSVP: mckennafulton@mgakc.org

Find A SUPPORT GROUP Near you

Missouri

St. Joseph Support Group
Bi-Monthly | 2:30 - 4:00 PM | Hazel's Coffee Roasting Company, 3829 Frederick Ave, St Joseph, MO
Open to individuals, caregivers & providers | Coffee is Dutch treat
Hosted by Donna Whittaker, Volunteer Support Group Leader
Next Meeting - April 2, 2026
RSVP: info@mgakc.org

Springfield Support Group
Quarterly on a Thursday | 5:30-7:00 PM | East Sunshine Church of Christ, 3721 E. Sunshine St , Springfield, MO
Open to individuals, caregivers & providers
Next Meeting – April 23, 2026
RSVP: kathrynclemens@mgakc.org

Mid-Missouri Group
Quarterly on a Thursday | 5:30-7:00 PM | Shakespeare's Pizza - South, 3911 Peachtree Dr, Columbia, MO
Open to individuals, caregivers & providers
Hosted by Jonni Sutton, Volunteer Support Group Leader
Next Meeting – April 9, 2026
RSVP: kathrynclemens@mgakc.org

St. Louis Coffee Club
4th Thursday of the month | 10:30-11:30 AM | St. Louis Bread Company, 10221 Manchester Rd, Kirkwood, MO
Coffee is Dutch treat | Open to individuals, caregivers & providers
Next Meeting – February 19, 2026
RSVP: kathrynclemens@mgakc.org

St. Louis Support Group
Quarterly on a Saturday | 10:00-11:30 AM | Glendale City Hall Auditorium, St. Louis, MO
Light brunch provided | Open to individuals, caregivers & providers
Next Meeting – February 28, 2026
RSVP: kathrynclemens@mgakc.org

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Nebraska

Omaha Support Group
Bi-Monthly | 2nd Saturday | 10:00 - 11:30 AM | Moon Hollow Coffee, 5102 North 156th Street, Omaha, NE
Open to individuals, caregivers & providers | Coffee is Dutch treat
Next Meeting - April 11, 2026
RSVP: info@mgakc.org

Virtual

Muscle Makers
3rd Wednesday of the month | 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM | Via Zoom
A virtual community for individuals with MG to bring your hobbies to life. Bring your craft and creativity to your screen while connect with others.
Hosted by Bryan Bosch, Volunteer Support Group Leader
Next Meeting – February 18, 2026
Register at mgassociation.org

MG Pride Group
Bi– Monthly on a Tuesday | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Via Zoom
Open to individuals who identify as LGTBQ+ with MG, their allies and care partners
Hosted by Bryan Bosch, Volunteer Support Group Leader
Next Meeting – April 7, 2026
RSVP: info@mgakc.org

Virtual Monthly Meetup
4th Monday of the month | 6:30-7:30 PM via Zoom
Open to individuals, caregivers & providers
Next Meeting – February 23, 2026
Register at www.mgassociation.org

Young Friends of the MGA– Virtual Support Group
Bi-Monthly via zoom| 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM | Via Zoom
Open to individuals who are generally, in their 20s, 30s and 40s
Next Meeting – March 24, 2026
RSVP: info@mgakc.org

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A clinical study may offer a new option.

Who Can Join

- We're helping families connect with a study for children living with gMG, a rare condition that causes muscle weakness.
- If your child is between 2 and less than 18 years old and has been diagnosed with generalized myasthenia gravis, they may be eligible to join a clinical trial exploring a study drug for gMG.

Why Consider Participating

- Every participant receives the study drug
- Access to expert physicians with experience working with MG families

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