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We have one mission at Oak Clinic:
treat and empower patients and their families who live daily with multiple sclerosis regardless of ability to pay.

Oak Clinic for Multiple Sclerosis is a dedicated staff of seven who have medical and professional training that includes additional, specialized certifications in treating MS. They give extraordinary care -- with enthusiasm and compassion -- to their patients and their patients' families.

The Clinic ranks among the best treatment centers in the United States. We are an independent, free-standing, state-of-the-art treatment facility, designed and built exclusively for patients and families living daily with multiple sclerosis.

Since our founding in 2000, Oak Clinic for Multiple Sclerosis has treated more than 3,200 current, new and newly diagnosed MS patients living and working in twenty-three Northeast Ohio communities. The Clinic is Summit County's only charity-based MS treatment facility.

Oak Clinic Champions help us better appreciate MS challenges most of us will never fully understand.

There are more than
20,000 Ohioans with
multiple sclerosis.

We need more *Champions*.



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FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

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throughout
Northeast Ohio
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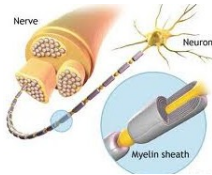
Who are *Oak Clinic Champions*?

Oak Clinic Champions are volunteers throughout Northeast Ohio who are dedicated to those challenged by multiple sclerosis

We place our focus on helping MS patients in their own homes through group (project-based) volunteer efforts, allowing our patients and volunteers to interact, and learn and grow from one and other.

What is Multiple Sclerosis?

Multiple sclerosis is believed to be an auto-immune disorder of the central nervous system causing altered mobility, visual decline and loss of cognition, impaired mental well being, and financial and family challenges, among others.



MS patients lose 'nerve conductivity' because the myelin sheathing that protects the nerves becomes progressively or permanently damaged, or scarred (sclerosis), many (*multiple*) times when the body's immune system attacks itself.

The disease is progressive and over time the affected nerves stop working. **There is no known cure for multiple sclerosis.**

Who do we help?

- Mark was diagnosed with MS at the age of 22 in 2007...he lost his job and lives at home with his mother. Mark's mom is his caregiver; she also works a full-time job. There is little energy left for home improvements.
- Mary looks perfectly healthy. She will greet you and have a lengthy conversation with you. Mary has significant short-term memory impairment; she will never remember meeting you.
- Like many, Beth and Brad lived a two-income family of four lifestyle, needing both incomes just to make ends meet. Beth's MS forced her to stop working earlier this year and we have been able to help ease their financial crisis by providing assistance with Beth's medical costs, and some of the family's living expenses.



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Ways to Volunteer: We have long- and short-term volunteer opportunities to fit any schedule throughout the year!

In the Home: 'Project based' group volunteer efforts include *outside* (lawn care, repairing fences, planting flowers, etc.) and *inside* (general housekeeping, furniture removal, painting, etc.) efforts.

"There is so much more we can do with a little extra help!"



At the Clinic: Opportunities are also available to volunteer at Oak Clinic and any of our numerous special events.



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Here's how to learn more:

Log onto www.oakclinic.com to read more about Oak Clinic and what we do, when our next Champions' Volunteer Orientation meeting will be held, and to download the Oak Clinic Champions Information Sheet.

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Mission Statement

We volunteer to enhance MS patients' lives by transforming where they live. We grow and learn together through our interaction with one another.