



Racing for ALS Utilizes Their Patient Care Fund to Provide Van for ALS Family

There are many difficulties that face the individuals and families in the ALS world. One of the main challenges is often the pure and honest feeling of helplessness. The unknowns of the disease take a toll on everyday life. Questions of who and where can I turn to for help often fill their thoughts.

Recently, the Racing for ALS team answered that question for one family affected by ALS in February. Jim Gilbert was diagnosed with respiratory onset ALS in August of 2021. Through a network of the ALS community, the team learned of the immediate need of Jim and his wife, Jaana, for a wheelchair accessible van.

The ability to quickly fulfill this urgent need of the Gilbert family in less than a week was the result of a quick-acting team effort. Utilizing the Racing for ALS Patient Care Fund, they were able to make a down payment on the van and provide pre-paid insurance for a year for the Gilberts. The nonprofit will continue to make payments on the van until it is paid off entirely through future donations to their Patient Care Fund.

“Our job as a charity, well our job as we see it,” said Lloyd, “is to plug in and help wherever and whenever we can. Today was one of those really cool days where the Lord not only led us to a need to be fulfilled, but He opened the door wide for us to address it.”

“Thanks to the generosity of the Racing for ALS family that the Lord has brought together, it allowed us to step out in faith and purchase this amazing van to loan to an ALS family to help with their transportation needs. This one van doesn’t solve all of the world’s problems, but we are grateful to be able to help this family.”

Not only does Racing for ALS utilize their Patient Care Fund, but they also have the Drive for 25 Grant Program that has paid out over \$49,000 in the past year directly to patients to help cover other ALS-related needs, such as much needed yet expensive medical equipment.

The Racing for ALS Patient Care Fund and their Drive for 25 Grant Fund is financed through donations for complimentary merchandise on the website (www.racingforals.com), and two upcoming fundraising events in the Greater-Charlotte area. First, will be Jzilla Under the Lights powered by Gran Turismo East at Charlotte Motor Speedway on Saturday, July 16th, 2022. The second will be Karting for ALS at GoPro Motorplex on Tuesday, October 4th, 2022, where participants will trade in their race cars for karts in this endurance karting challenge.

For more information on Racing for ALS, or to support them through events or donations, visit us at www.racingforals.com.