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Organization Provides Support For ALS Patients, Families

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The West Falmouth-based non-profit organization Compassionate Care ALS has been awarded a grant from the Patrick-Murray Inaugural Committee's Charitable Giving Program. The committee awarded over \$500,000 in grants to Massachusetts-based charities.

The grants were financed with the surplus funds from Governor Deval Patrick's inauguration in January and were created to support philanthropic charities involved in community outreach and civic engagement in Massachusetts.

The grant of \$2,500 will help Compassionate Care ALS continue its work to provide emotional support, educational services, numerous therapies and several other individualized services for ALS patients, families, and caregivers. Since 1998, Compassionate Care ALS has been able to support those affected by the disease by offering a balance of educational endeavors, emotional care, and direct assistance, including providing transportation and appropriate medical equipment to help ALS patients.

Compassionate Care ALS founder and executive director Ron Hoffman said, "We at Compassionate Care ALS are proud to be recognized as the kind of organization that provides a meaningful and valuable service to the Massachusetts community. This grant is a recognition of how much the work that we do is needed."

Compassionate Care ALS was one of 215 organizations selected for funding from more than 1,500 applications. Co-chairman of the Patrick-Murray Inaugural Committee, Elizabeth Morningstar, wrote, "The work done by Compassionate Care ALS represents the kind of civic engagement we would like to foster."

Compassionate Care ALS and Mr. Hoffman were also recently praised and congratulated by Congressman William D. Delahunt. After learning that Compassionate Care ALS had received a grant from the Christopher and Dana Reece Foundation, Mr. Delahunt wrote "Compassionate Care has been-and continues to be-a strong advocate for those living and dying with ALS. I am pleased to know that your work has been recognized in such a public and positive manner."

For more information about Compassionate Care ALS, contact Ron Hoffman at (508) 563-3677 or visit www.compassionatecareals.org.