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**MDA TELETHON**

Helping Jerry's Kids

## **2009 What Your Dollars Will Buy**

<b><u>Contribution</u></b>	<b><u>Service(s)</u></b>
<b>\$30</b>	Flu Shot
<b>\$82</b>	One minute of research
<b>\$100</b>	One support group session
<b>\$150</b>	One physical, occupational or respiratory therapy consultation
<b>\$200</b>	Professional fees related to initial diagnostic work-up at an MDA clinic
<b>\$500</b>	Assists one person for one year with the repair of a wheelchair or leg braces
<b>\$800</b>	Sends one child to MDA summer camp
<b>\$2,000</b>	Assists one person with the purchase of a wheelchair, leg braces or communication device

- **78.4 percent** of every dollar MDA spends goes directly to research, services and education, the rest to fund raising and administration.
- MDA spends **\$82 a minute** in its worldwide Research program, supporting some 333 teams.
- MDA spends **\$176 a minute** in its Health Care Services program, including clinics and summer camp.
- MDA spends **\$46 a minute** in its Professional and Public Health Education program, including publications, Web sites and research conferences.
- MDA maintains **220** hospital-affiliated clinics, including **36** MDA/ALS centers.
- MDA clinics are staffed by teams of **top health professionals** skilled in the diagnosis and medical management of neuromuscular diseases. Services provided at MDA clinics may include occupational therapy, selected diagnostic tests, genetic counseling, respiratory therapy and more.
- MDA is sponsoring some **80 weeklong summer camp sessions** in 2009, serving more than **4,300** young people across the country and in Puerto Rico. More than 5,200 volunteers give a week of their time to serve as MDA camp counselors.
- 2008 Telethon raised a record **\$65 million** in contributions and pledges.
- Telethon 2008 was viewed by **40 million people** in the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada, and by millions more worldwide via the Internet.