

# The RebaReview

A LOOK BACK ON QUARTERLY HAPPENINGS AT TEAM REBA

## Charity Spotlight

### Working Hard to End Multiple Sclerosis



*At Team Reba, we live by a "give before you get" philosophy. That's why we donate to charity a portion of our commission on every successful transaction. We'd like to thank you for sharing with us the opportunity to become a part of the organizations that are important in your lives.*



*Rebecca Haas  
Realtor® and Team Lead*

### Team Giving

This quarter our clients chose the following charities to donate a portion of our proceeds:

- The National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- The Nature Conservancy
- Self Help for the Elderly
- Amnesty International

Rebecca also chose to donate a portion of her commission to the following groups:

- Tim Matusi's Fear Project
- Seattle Animal Shelter's Help the Animals Fund
- The Spay/Neuter Clinic

For many of us, the closest that multiple sclerosis comes to touching our lives is when we sit down to watch another spellbinding episode of *The West Wing*, where President Jed Bartlett has had a form of recurring MS for many years.

We may be vaguely aware that Montel Williams or Annette Funicello or Richard Pryor suffers from MS. But there are many others of us who are touched by MS on a daily basis and have to cope with the reality of the disease personally or through family members or friends.

#### **MS hits close to home.**

When Rebecca Haas helped JoAnn Gunter sell her house a couple of months ago, JoAnn requested that the Team Reba donation be made to the local chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. JoAnn has seen first hand the devastating effects of MS. Her brother has it, and so she made the donation in his honor.

#### **What is Multiple Sclerosis?**

MS is a chronic disease that affects nearly 350,000 Americans. It usually strikes in the prime of life, between the ages of 20 and 40. In its milder form, it might cause numbness in an arm or leg. In more severe forms, it can

cause paralysis or even loss of vision. Although it is often disabling, the good news is that MS is not fatal. In fact, individuals coping with the disease can have near-normal life expectancies.

#### **We're making progress.**

There are several treatments available today that are proving to be effective in modifying the natural course of the disease. But as of yet, there is no cure. And that's where the National Multiple Sclerosis Society comes in. It's their goal to put an end to the devastating effects of MS. Today the Society funds more than 300 research grants and fellowships in the effort to find a cure.

**How can you help?** There's a lot you can do to get involved:

- **Volunteer.** Volunteers with every kind of skill imaginable are needed to help with office tasks to special events assistance.

- **Participate.** Last year the Greater Washington Chapter raised over \$1 million at the MS walk. You can make a pledge or join the next walk scheduled for April 9-10, 2005.

- **Donate.** Your financial contribution will help make a difference in the fight against multiple sclerosis.

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