

# TEAM DECC 2011

Each week the DECC will feature a different DECC team member and participating nonprofit organization to highlight the wide variety of charities participating in your campaign. This Week's Featured Member and Charity:



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## National Multiple Sclerosis Society - Colorado Chapter

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### Mary's Story

When I was diagnosed with MS in 1999 the Colorado Chapter of the National MS Society provided excellent classes and support groups that were especially helpful. In part due to funds provided by the National MS Society, eight FDA approved drugs have been made available that have slowed or prevented the progression of MS in thousands of Americans, including me. Today, I walk with a cane, but am lucky to be walking at all, thanks to these new drugs. Out of this gratitude and in effort to continue this vital research, I have volunteered for the Colorado Chapter of the National MS Society by participating in the organizing committee of the Denver Walk and volunteering at Bike MS. In 2000 I founded Team Crazy Legs, which has RAISED \$75,000 for the Society at the Denver Walk. I appreciate an opportunity to support the Colorado Chapter of the National MS Society through the DECC, along with other favorite charities such as Wilderness on Wheels and Canine Partners of the Rockies.

### National MS Society – Colorado Chapter

We mobilize people and resources to fund research for a cure and to provide knowledge, tools, assistance and support so no one has to face MS alone.

Founded in 1959, the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter serves 88,000 people in Colorado and Wyoming affected by multiple sclerosis (MS) each year. MS is a chronic, often disabling disease that attacks the central nervous system (the brain, spinal cord and optic nerves). Symptoms vary and may include numbness, tingling, fatigue, cognitive problems, vision deficits, pain, speech problems, walking problems and even paralysis. We provide support, direct services, research and advocacy to support individuals with MS and their families.



**National  
Multiple Sclerosis  
Society**  
Colorado Chapter

### Making a difference in Colorado...

We are the premier local specialist for: self help and support groups, education and wellness classes, health care professional referrals, treatment, therapies and research questions and progress, financial assistance and planning, employment, counseling and relationship support. We can answer questions you would not know to ask. 1-800-FIGHT MS (344-4867) To get more involved with the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter through event participation, volunteerism or advocacy, visit [www.cureMSco-wy.org](http://www.cureMSco-wy.org) or call 303-698-7400 today!

### What your donation can do:

- **\$1 per pay period** helps a person living with MS work to regain their mobility and increase their flexibility through a Yoga or Tai Chi class
- **\$5 per pay period** provides a person living with MS the ability to come and go into their home through the installation of a basic access ramp
- **\$10 per pay period** can install bathroom safety grab bars in two homes of persons living with MS, giving them and their families a sense of security and peace of mind

### Thank you Denver!

The Colorado-Wyoming Chapter is very excited to be part of Denver Employees' Combined Campaign this year – to all of the Denver city employees: thank you for your support!