

Let me start by addressing the difficult reality. I will apologize in advance for my bluntness.

While the progression of ALS is unpredictable, all signs suggest I'm in its later stages. I've lost the use of my arms and legs, my voice is gone, and I rely on a breathing device around the clock. Worse yet, I have come to find out that ALS is more prevalent in Northwest Ohio than we ever imagined. About every other month, Tracy and I are contacted by someone who has either been diagnosed with ALS or has a family member with ALS. We are more than happy to help in any way we can.

Now, the good news. With your generous help, Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan are making a huge difference in the fight against ALS. In just three events, we have raised over $750,000. These funds benefit the ALS Therapy Development Institute (ALS TDI), the leading ALS drug discovery organization in the United States. Our Ales for ALS event has attracted thousands of attendees and dozens of brewers to Fifth Third Field over the past three years. The exceptional brewers, food, auctions, and music have established this as a premier event, setting a high standard for ALS fundraising events nationwide.

Toledo Takes on ALS 2026 will take place on Friday, July 31st, and will once again be held at Fifth Third Field. We will endeavor to make this year's event bigger and better, but we cannot do it without your support. I love each and every one of you and will fight every day to be there with you. God bless you.