



Recap of ALF Liver Walks in WI



2 Lucky Livers

The annual Liver Life Walk in both Milwaukee and Madison were a great success. Many walkers attended and the weather was perfect. Among the many teams, 2 walked for Alpha-1 awareness- **2LuckyLivers** (Milwaukee on 8/7) and **PiperPower** (Madison on 8/28). Between both, they raised \$1500 for the American Liver Foundation. Thank you to both teams for raising awareness for Alpha-1!



Piper Power

Kamada & Baxter Enter Agreement

A biopharmaceutical company engaged in development, production and marketing of specialty life-saving therapeutics (“**Kamada**”) and Baxter International Inc., a global, diversified healthcare company (“**Baxter**”) announced that they have entered into an exclusive distribution and manufacturing agreement for Kamada’s liquid, ready to use, intravenous Alpha 1 Antitrypsin Product for the treatment of hereditary Alpha-1 antitrypsin Deficiency approved by the USFDA on July 1st, 2010 for marketing under the trade name “**Glassia™**”. The companies have also entered into a Technology Sharing agreement for the manufacturing of liquid AAT at Baxter facility using Kamada’s proprietary and patented technology.

Under the terms of the agreements, Baxter will be responsible for marketing and distribution of Glassia™ in the US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Within the scope of the agreements, Kamada will receive milestone payments of \$45 million including an upfront payment of \$20 million. Furthermore, Kamada will also be eligible to receive up to \$25 million in aggregate payments upon the achievement of certain milestones. Baxter has a commitment to purchase minimum quantities of Glassia™ in the range of \$60 million that could reach \$110 million during the first five years of the agreements. Kamada will also be eligible to receive significant royalty payments on net sales of the product produced by Baxter. Source: www.kamada.com

Got Alpha? Get Tested!

A reason lung-affected Alpha-1 is rarely diagnosed is that symptoms are identical to those of other common lung diseases such as emphysema, asthma, and COPD. In individuals with Alpha-1, lung symptoms appear between the ages of 30-60. Smokers can develop symptoms 10 years earlier.

With the help of local physicians, Wisconsin’s Alpha Pack offers free and confidential testing for A1AD. If you are interested in being tested or in having our organization screen at your health fair, please contact us at 920-803-2668 or info@thealphapack.org. Results take about one month to return.

According to the Alpha-1 Foundation, common signs and symptoms of Alpha-1 include:

- Shortness of breath
- Wheezing
- Chronic cough and phlegm production (bronchitis)
- Recurring chest colds or pneumonia
- Low tolerance for exercise
- Non-evasive asthma or year-round allergies
- Chronic widening of the bronchial tubes (bronchiectasis)
- Family history of lung and/or liver disease

~Upcoming Free and Confidential Alpha-1 Screenings~
Oct 8...9a-1p NW Dane Senior Services Health Fair
316 W. Commercial Street (HWY 14), Mazomanie, WI

New Vice President



Johanna Ringeisen has been appointed Vice President for the Alpha Pack. Diagnosed with Alpha-1 in 1990’s, she is a lung-affected ZZ. She has a BSSE and an MBA in Accounting. She is an active member of Alpha-1 organizations since 1990’s. In 2005, she was appointed and volunteered as Secretary for the Alpha Pack. Her new position as Vice President begins this September. The Secretary position is now open for nominations.

Reporting Handicap Parking Abuse

Many people commit fraud by parking in a spot intended for a handicapped individual. Another form of handicap parking abuse is when placards are loaned out to individuals that are not disabled. If you see an incident of handicap parking abuse, report it as a way to prevent more and more spots being taken away from people that really need them.

Step 1- Write down the vehicle's license plate number if you see a car parked in a handicapped spot without a placard or a handicapped license plate.

Step 2- Copy down the person's handicap placard number as well if there is one placed inside the vehicle. The placard number will be at the base of the tag in clear bold lettering. Use this number if the person with the placard is not disabled and abusing the handicap parking privilege.

Step 3- Notify the police of the violation. You can either call in the complaint or find a security guard on the premises and let them know about the incident of handicap parking fraud. Provide them with the license plate number of the vehicle and placard if applicable.

Step 4- Report the handicap parking abuse on the website Handicapped Fraud.org. This site allows you to put the location that the abuse occurred and the license plate number of the vehicle involved. The information is posted on the site for others to view and can also be used by police departments to investigate.

Step 5- Contact your state's Department of Motor Vehicles. Most states have a special department dedicated to investigating misuse of handicapped parking privileges. The DMV will give you a form to fill out to report any incident of misuse that you have witnessed from individuals with a placard.

Source: <http://www.ehow.com>

WI's Pre-Existing Condition Insurance

On July 15, eligible residents of Wisconsin will be able to apply for coverage through the state's Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan program run by the Health Insurance Risk-Sharing Plan (HIRSP) Authority. To qualify for coverage:

1. You must be a citizen or national of the United States or lawfully present in the United States.
2. You must have been uninsured for at least the last six months before you apply.
3. You must have had a problem getting insurance due to a pre-existing condition.

The plan will cover a broad range of health benefits, including primary and specialty care, hospital care, and prescription drugs. All covered benefits are available for you, even if it's to treat a pre-existing condition. The premium will cost \$127 to \$474 per month. The deductible will be \$500, \$1,000, \$2,500, or \$3,500. The out of pocket will be \$1,000 for medical, \$2,000 for pharmacy. To request an application for this program, please call the HIRSP PCIP call center at 1 (888) 253-2698.

Southern Shores Region Mtg Minutes

Our last meeting welcomed Lea Collins-Worachek of DVR (Division of Vocational Rehabilitation). Worachek explained how DVR guides those who are disabled to find work. The success of the program depends on the commitment of the applicant. There is no charge for the evaluation, counseling, job development and placement or post-employment services. To find out more, contact DVR at 800-442-3477 or <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr>. Talecris, the manufacturer of **ProlastinC**®, hosted food and refreshments. Southern Shores Region's next meeting will be on Thurs., Sept 9th from 6:30-9 PM. For details, please contact Jaime Freitag at (262) 797-0620 southernshores@thealphapack.org

Central Fields Region Mtg Minutes

Central Fields Region's next meeting will be held at Marshfield Clinic, East Wing, LL Room 4, on Thurs., Nov 4th 2010 from 3-7 PM. For details or to RSVP, contact (920) 803-2668 or info@thealphapack.org

Northern Lights Region Mtg Minutes

The next meeting will be an OPEN FORUM on Thurs., Sept. 16th from 6:30-9pm at Burnett County Government Center 7410 County Rd K, Siren, WI 54872. And get ready,....coming up on Friday, Nov. 5th will be the Northern Light's **Holiday Bash** held in the *Bear Den* at the Lodge at Crooked Lake (Siren, WI). For details or to RSVP for either event, contact Judy Parker at (715) 653-2666 or northernlights@thealphapack.org

Green Bay Region Mtg Minutes

The last meeting on July 20th was on *Wisconsin Assistance Programs* presented by WI CapTel, ICS Energy Assistance, and the Unclaimed Property Outreach Tour. Thank you to Talecris, the manufacturers of **ProlastinC**® for hosting the food and refreshments. Green Bay Region's next meeting will be on Tues., September 28th at Aurora BayCare, Sports Med Center (Performance Enhancement Room) 1160 Kepler Drive, Green Bay, WI 54311 from 6:30-8:30 PM. Topic TBA. For details or to RSVP, contact (920) 803-2668 or info@thealphapack.org

Luau at the Dells



On Saturday August 21st, ninety-two members with their family and caregivers attended the Alpha Pack's summer reunion at Great Wolf Lodge. It was a great time with performances by **Hale O Malo**. Raffle items donated by the community brought in \$315. All the wonderful volunteer help made the event possible!

Thanks to AlphaNet for the great table tea lights and special thanks to our sponsors Baxter, CSL Behring, and Talecris.

Malia from Hale O Malo performs an Polynesian island dance.