

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual ALS Care and Research Symposium - a Success!

On May 7, 2011, we gathered together for our 7th Annual ALS Care and Research Symposium at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Chapter families, Chapter staff and Board Members, Team Members from both the ALS Clinic at Froedtert/MCW and the Milwaukee VA, exhibitors from local businesses/organizations and our wonderful volunteers joined together for a day of information sharing, networking and education. We have received great feedback and ideas for next year from those that attended. Planning is already in process! I would like to recognize our presenters for the day, Tom Kettler, Chapter Board Member and Advocacy/Public Policy Chair, Amy Thompto, MS, RD, dietitian and team member with the Milwaukee VA ALS Clinic, Jessica Madrigal-Bauguss, PhD, Psychology Fellow and team member with the Milwaukee VA ALS Clinic, and our special Chapter member presenters Mike and Mary Bansemar and Beverly Lindstrom who shared valuable personal experiences. Keynote speaker, Dr. Nazem Atassi from Harvard Medical School shared an excellent presentation on research and drug trials/approval process. The feedback was tremendous on Dr. Atassi's presentation as it provided a much better understanding on a complicated and sometimes confusing subject. A special thank you to Dr. Paul Barkhaus, Medical Director of the ALS Clinic at Froedtert/MCW and the Milwaukee VA who works closely with the planning team and is committed to helping make the symposium a success. And finally, thank you to all our volunteers who helped out with the event —we really appreciate your time and commitment. CD's of the symposium are available for loan by contacting Lori Banker-Horner at the Chapter office: 414-817-1541 or [lori@alsawi.org](mailto:lori@alsawi.org)