

# Accelerated Cure Project for MS

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*Accelerating research towards a cure for multiple sclerosis*

## Accelerating the Cure

Donations from individuals are an essential source of funding for ACP. There are numerous ways to make a donation, including check, credit card or wire transfer. They can be made on a one-time or a recurring basis. Those that choose to give regularly are known as our Accelerators. This month we'd like to introduce you to one of our Accelerators, Jane.

Jane has been involved with ACP since its inception. She was diagnosed with relapsing remitting MS in January 2004. The period surrounding her diagnosis was a scary time. In Jane's words, "I wasn't feeling well for about 3 months, then took a trip to New York City in December 2003. While in New York I suddenly couldn't walk -- it was extremely frightening." After one provider was unable to help her, she found her current neurologist at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Under his care her MS symptoms are currently well managed. Jane thinks alternative medicine, plus Reiki and prayer play a role in her current state of



wellbeing. In her words, “A friend sends Reiki, along with a few others on her team. Also a few pray for me. Whatever one's faith (or lack of it), prayer can be powerful. I rarely think about the Reiki or prayer but know they play a role.” A supporter of clinical research, she participated in the ACP Repository, is currently enrolled in a clinical trial at Beth Israel, and plans to donate her brain to the [Rocky Mountain MS Center's tissue bank](#). Prior to her MS diagnosis, Jane worked at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) for 20 years. She read an article about ACP's founder in MIT's magazine, [Technology Review](#). Jane states, “I thought he was brilliant and admirable. He decided to take the bull by the horns... I connected him with 2-3 knowledgeable, seasoned people in MIT's fundraising department. As I recall, they were able to offer some advice.” Jane has been giving to ACP for thirteen years and on a monthly basis for the last three. When asked why she donates to ACP, she shares “because ACP is worthy. I've checked out a lot of other non-profits that are not. I think what ACP is doing is so important. They're trying to put the pieces of the puzzle together and figure it out. Also because they want to help and I think it's important to help other people.”

While ACP is continually seeking to expand our sources of support, we rely on general donations (both large and small) to continue our work at ACP. A major donation can finance a specific project, as can a number of smaller donations. If you're interested in becoming one of our Accelerators, contact Lindsey Santiago at [lsantiago@acceleratedcure.org](mailto:lsantiago@acceleratedcure.org) or (781) 487-0013 to set up donations on a recurring basis. All contributions, regardless of amount, enable ACP to achieve its mission to improve diagnosis, optimize treatment outcomes and find a cure for MS. We give thanks for the generosity of all of our donors, and look forward to your continued support in the future.