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Lafayette Little League Hits Home Run for ALS

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and cure for this horrific disease through their national research program."

In addition to funding research the GWC also provides care services to ALS patients and families throughout 85 percent of California and is a leader in local and national advocacy efforts. The GWC was given a four star rating by Charity Navigator in 2013 and continues to be one of the top organizations fighting ALS on all fronts.

"Thank you Lafayette Little League teams, families, board of directors and especially Craig Bocks for the continued support of Runs For ALS and the efforts to bring an end to this debilitating disease," said Chaney. "Together you are making a difference."

In 2008, Lafayette Little League began a philanthropic program to support the Golden West Chapter (GWC) of The ALS Association (ALSA) and a Lafayette resident with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. The program, called Runs For ALS, allows LLL teams and families to pledge a monetary value for each run their team scored during the regular season. The typical pledge is 50 cents per run.

In the first five years LLL generated just over \$25,000 through Runs For ALS. This year they have raised the bar. The league has collected and is donating \$10,000. "There are really not enough words or ways to express the gratitude for this level of support from our community," said GWC-ALSA board of directors member Matt Chaney. "This donation will help fund the GWC to continue their world class effort to find a cause, treatment

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