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**Merritt Holland Spier Named New Executive Director
ALS Association Western Pennsylvania Chapter**

Pittsburgh, PA – Merritt Holland Spier was recently named Executive Director of The ALS Association's Western Pennsylvania Chapter.

Spier has over twenty-five years of non-profit management experience. Formerly, she led two organizations, both with budgets in excess of one million dollars and established endowments.

Spier is an active member of the Pittsburgh Community. She currently serves as part of the Decision Committee for The Pittsburgh Foundation Wish Book Project. In addition, she has served as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, the Religion Committee of the Board of Directors of Chautauqua Institution, the Funding Decision Panel for the Arts Council of Fairfax County.

The ALS Association is the only national not-for-profit organization dedicated solely to the fight against ALS, more commonly referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease. The Western Pennsylvania Chapter relies on the support of its volunteers on donors to provide a multitude of free services within 31 counties of Western Pennsylvania to persons living with ALS, caregivers and families.

For more information on The ALS Association Western Pennsylvania Chapter, visit www.cure4als.org or call 412-821-3254.

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