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NEWS RELEASE
Judge Receives Volunteer of the Year Award

Jackson County Circuit Court Judge Jay Daugherty has been selected to receive the first George Brett Award for Commitment, ALS Association Keith Worthington Chapter. The award will be presented to Judge Daugherty at the 19th Annual Night of Hope Banquet on Saturday, May 3, at the Sheraton Overland Park Convention Center.

Judge Daugherty was selected to receive the honor for his extraordinary service and commitment to the ALS Association. During his 23 years of service to the Association, Judge Daugherty has served as President of the Board of Directors of the Keith Worthington Chapter and a National Board of Trustees member since 1995.

Judge Daugherty became involved with the ALS Association because he wanted to do something in memory of his father, who passed away in 1974 from ALS. He has said of his involvement, "It is all about my Dad and trying to prevent future generations from having to battle a disease that we should be able to cure in our lifetime."

Born in Hermann, Missouri, the Honorable Jay Daugherty, Judge, 16th Circuit, State of Missouri, also finds inspiration in the fight against ALS from the belief that major breakthroughs in ALS research are near. "We have experienced a convergence of science and technology in the last several years that give us the ability to find an effective treatment or cure for this disease soon," Judge Daugherty said.

This is the first year of the awards and the 30th Anniversary of the Keith Worthington Chapter. In addition to The George Brett Award for Commitment, the Tom Watson Award for Courage will recognize those living with ALS. The first ever recipient of that award is Cyndi Starke.

For more information on the ALS Association Keith Worthington Chapter, contact Sally Dwyer at 913-648-2062, Ext. 212.

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