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## **U.S. Capitol Police Receive Community Recognition Award from National MS Society**

The National Capital Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society recognized the United States Capitol Police with a Community Recognition Award for their role in the MS Challenge Walk Presented by Security Storage. The award was presented to Sergeant David Pendleton during the Chapter's Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. on Dec. 14.

“The health of the people is really the foundation upon which all their happiness and all their powers as a State depend,” said Pendleton, quoting 19<sup>th</sup> century English statesman and literary figure Benjamin Disraeli.

The U.S. Capitol grounds have served as the MS Challenge Walk finish location since the event's 2003 debut. The Capitol Police have coordinated logistics, assisted on-site and ensured the safety of MS Challenge Walk participants.

“The U.S. Capitol Police are integral to the success of the MS Challenge Walk,” said Betsy O'Brien Anderson, Vice President of Development at the National Capital Chapter. “The MS Challenge Walk's unique finish line in front of the Capitol makes the event extremely powerful, visual and moving.”

The fourth annual MS Challenge Walk was held Sept. 29 through Oct. 1. Participants walked for three days and 50 miles to the nation's capital and raised more than \$750,000 to help end the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis.

Locally, the National Capital Chapter provides a wide range of vital programs and services in the areas of counseling, education, employment, information and referral, public policy development and advocacy, and financial assistance to the more than 18,000 people affected by MS in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. The Chapter also hosts many events throughout the year to raise funds and awareness about the disease. For more information about other programs and events offered by the Chapter, please call (202) 296-5363 or visit the Chapter's website at [www.MSandYOU.org](http://www.MSandYOU.org).

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