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Dear Ms. Dantas, *Ema*

On behalf of everyone at the ALS Society of Canada, people living with ALS and their families, we want to thank you and the employees of Language Marketplace for your ongoing support and generous contributions to ALS Canada. We would like to extend our appreciation to you for choosing to donate funds to help support breakthrough research into treatments and a cure for ALS.

ALS Canada's mission is to support research towards a cure for ALS while supporting the provincial ALS societies in their provision of quality care for persons living with ALS. We identify and initiate excellent, peer-reviewed ALS research, conducted by some of the most renowned scientists in the world situated here in Canada.

We are fortunate that Canada is home to several experts in the field of ALS. Researchers such as Jean-Pierre Julien, Guy Rouleau, Heather Durham, Victor Rafuse, Lorne Zinman, Sanjay Kalra and many others who are making significant contributions to ALS research. Last year was a remarkable year in research thanks to your dedication and commitment to support and raise funds for ALS Canada. In 2011 our research funding exceeded \$1.6 million and has given Canadian ALS researchers the opportunity to contribute to outstanding breakthroughs, including:

- A non-invasive potential diagnostic test for cognitive and behavioural issues which may also shorten and speed the process of developing effective new treatments.
- The identification of a new mechanism which may play a major role in the progression of ALS from cell to cell - and from one part of the body to another. Every time a new mechanism is identified it is a target for treatment development.
- The landmark discovery of a gene which appears to account for a very large percentage of inherited ALS (and some cases of ALS which are not inherited).
- Discovery of a unique protein binding mechanism that will immediately open the door for new treatment options.

This serves as proof that Canadian researchers are the keystones in the path toward a cure for ALS and that your contribution truly makes a difference. Thank you again for all that you have done to help the ALS community. Enclosed please find a certificate as a token of our appreciation. If you have any questions or would like to receive information on upcoming research initiatives, please do not hesitate to contact me directly, or Kim Wosnick, events co-ordinator, at kw@als.ca.

In closing, we would be remiss if we did not tell you how important your contributions are to us, as they make a tremendous difference in the ALS community – for those living with ALS and for their loved ones whose lives are forever changed. Because of companies such as Language Marketplace, there is hope that one day a cure for ALS will be found. Once again, thank you for your generosity and your confidence in our work. Together, we will end ALS.

Sincerely,

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*Thank you so
much Ema
for your
support!*

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*Ema, thank you again for
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are doing to support
Charles and the ALS
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