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## **Team Gleason Launches National Home Automation Initiative**

*In Partnership with Axial Control, Team Gleason Aims To Give People Living With ALS Greater Independence Through Home Automation*

NEW ORLEANS, LA – (April 11, 2018) – Team Gleason has partnered with Axial Control to offer home automation systems for those living with ALS. This technology can help give back some of what ALS takes away simply by using their eyes. Often taken for granted, ordinary tasks like controlling lights, fans, temperature controls, garage doors and more, can now help people with ALS regain more independence through this program.

“As a person living with ALS, the home automation technology that Team Gleason provided has been both a blessing and an emancipation,” says Greg Kenoyer, a Veteran who was diagnosed with ALS in 2012. “My wife currently cares for my needs, but now I am no longer forced to bug her to turn on the lights, TV, or heat for me. I can control everything via eye-gaze, no hands needed!”

By simply filling out the application form on the Team Gleason website, people living with ALS can be provided the technology and equipment needed to control many items in their home. Team Gleason will send the necessary equipment and the only out-of-pocket costs will be for a licensed electrician to install the equipment in the most used areas of the home.

Additionally, the software by Team Gleason and Axial Control is a Windows program that does not require an internet connection to use the home automation system. Axial Control can also be used with Alexa or can be downloaded as an app on iOS or Android devices that does require an internet connection. “Axial Control is proud and excited to partner with Team Gleason to provide added assistive technology to the ALS community,” says Axial Control President Ryan Scott. “With the help of home automation, we look forward to providing a new level of independence to those living with ALS.”

Team Gleason is currently accepting applications from individuals with ALS interested in utilizing the Axial Control technology. To apply for the home automation program or to learn more about this program, please visit [www.teamgleason.org/homeautomation](http://www.teamgleason.org/homeautomation) or [www.teamgleason.org/technologyfaq](http://www.teamgleason.org/technologyfaq)

### **ABOUT TEAM GLEASON:**

*The Gleason Initiative Foundation is a 501c3 nonprofit based in New Orleans, LA. Team Gleason was founded by former New Orleans Saints player, Steve Gleason, after his diagnosis with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) in 2011. Team Gleason aims to provide individuals with ALS with leading edge technology, equipment and services, to create a global conversation about ALS, and to raise public awareness towards ALS by providing and documenting extraordinary life adventures for individuals with muscular diseases or injuries. [www.TeamGleason.org](http://www.TeamGleason.org)*

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