

## ACROSS

**1** a family member or paid helper who regularly looks after a child or a sick, elderly, or disabled person

**4** a public or official announcement, especially one dealing with a matter of great importance.

**5** approximate number of Americans living with a rare disease

**9** opportunities to meet face-to-face with your elected officials and advocate for legislation that directly affects the rare disease (3 words)

**11** not diagnosed or having been subject to diagnosis

**12** most \_\_\_\_\_ are rare

**13** knowledge or perception of a situation or fact

**14** National Institute of Health

**17** systematic investigation into and study of materials and sources in order to establish facts and reach new conclusions.

**19** official hash tag for RDD (3 words; same as 6 down)

**21** Genetic and Rare Diseases Information Center

**24** a group of symptoms that consistently occur together or a condition characterized by a set of associated symptoms

**25** medical care given to a patient for an illness or injury

**26** sympathetic pity and concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others

**27** passed in 1983, created financial incentives for

## DOWN

**2** organization that began Rare Disease Day

**3** persisting for a long time or constantly recurring

**6** celebrated on the last day of February each year (3 words; same as 19 across)

**7** 80% of rare diseases

**8** a pharmaceutical that remains commercially undeveloped owing to limited potential for profitability

**10** affects less than 200,000 of the US population

**15** bear all or part of the weight of; hold up

**16** official US sponsor of Rare Disease Day

**18** a systematic collection of a clearly defined set of health and demographic data for patients with specific health characteristics, held in a central database for a predefined purpose

**20** one in ten \_\_\_\_\_ have a rare disease

**22** public support for or recommendation of a particular cause or policy

**23** Food and Drug Administration

