

# A Special Note from Ellyn Phillips, Chapter President

**Karen Delaney Shideleff's** accompanying story gets to the heart of why we must find a cure for ALS.

**Karen is young and beautiful and involved in numerous Chapter events, research trials and advocacy programs.**

She is also confined to a wheelchair and can barely hold a fork. But she is doing something about it. And so can you with your gift to ALS research on the enclosed form or at

[www.alphiladelphia.org/2013research](http://www.alphiladelphia.org/2013research). As you may know, I am passionate about ALS research - I desperately want a cure for Karen and so many others. Your contribution is critical to funding research like that of Dr. Bryan Traynor and his colleagues.



*(left) Karen Delaney Shideleff with Ellyn Phillips*



**Bryan Traynor, MD, PhD, is Chief of the Neuromuscular Disease Research Unit at the National Institute on Aging.**

His and other's landmark discovery of the gene responsible for the largest percentage of familial ALS - or ALS that runs in families - is monumental.

At the time of my husband Alan's death from ALS in 1984, there was so little ALS research being conducted. Today our global research effort has increased the number of scientists working together on ALS. Researchers like Bryan Traynor, patients like Karen Delaney Shideleff and wonderful people like you are key to my vision of a world without ALS.

**One person can make a difference.**

**Make that person be you!**

P.S. The sooner you respond, the sooner your gift will begin working to find the cure.