



A NOTE OF THANKS

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Dear Friends,

One of the most common concerns I hear from people with ALS is that they want to be able to remain at home during their illness. They want the comforts of home and to be surrounded by family and friends.

I feel so fortunate to be able to offer them free care in their own homes through the Chapter's Howard I. Abrams In-Home Care Program. Established by Howard Abrams in 1995, it is considered one of the most essential services our patients receive from the Chapter. Mr. Abrams, who lived with ALS for 17 years and was able to remain at home, made a promise to help other ALS patients do the same. Today, this promise is honored for families like the Beutels whose letter accompanies this note.

Howard's son, Jeff, and his wife, Margaret Barry, will MATCH the first \$10,000 in donations. To have your gift matched, please contribute as soon as possible.

Your \$100 gift becomes \$200! Your donation provides TWICE the impact!

Howard and Marilyn Beutel are prime examples of how incredibly meaningful the **HOWARD I. ABRAMS IN-HOME CARE PROGRAM** is to our ALS families. The help the Beutels receive from Nicole, their aide provided by this program, enables the Beutel family to remain in their own home.

The devastating emotional, financial and practical toll ALS takes on a family affects everyone. Right now, ALS families receive up to 12 hours of care every week. This valuable care increases quality time with family members and provides assistance with everyday activities like bathing and dressing. ***Your gift enables families to be close to their loved ones as the disease progresses.***

Your investment in the Howard I. Abrams In-Home Care Program changes lives for the Beutels and 125 other families throughout The Chapter's service area in PA, NJ and DE. Please online at www.alsphiladelphia.org/Abrams. You may also call the Chapter at 215-643-5434.

Thank you for giving me the resources to improve the quality of life for the ALS families we serve!

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Howard Beutel and his aide Nicole