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# THE HOWARD I. ABRAMS IN-HOME CARE PROGRAM

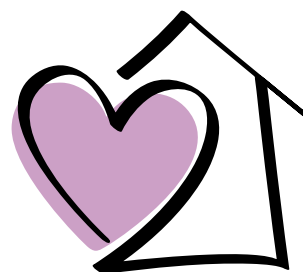
provides 125 families like ours with up to  
12 hours of care weekly at no charge.  
Your help is **URGENTLY** needed to  
continue this essential service!

*- The Beutels*

SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE CHAPTER -

Jeff Abrams & his wife, Margaret Barry, will MATCH all donations  
up to \$10,000! You can DOUBLE the value of your gift!

*Howard Beutel receiving in-home care from his aide Nicole*



## To understand our life, step into our world...

Walk through our house in Marlboro, New Jersey and be entertained by the dogs we host as part of our dog-sitting business (along with our own little Buddy the Beagle). Medical equipment, including Howard's breathing machine and the chair in which Howard spends his days, occupy most of the room. But perhaps the most important thing you will see is our wonderful in-home care aide, Nicole.

**Out of everything The Greater Philadelphia Chapter offers, The Howard I. Abrams In-Home Care Program, which provides funding for Nicole to visit, is THE most important to our family.**

The ALS Association is giving our family 12 hours of free care from Nicole every week. Nicole's presence enables me to manage our pet-sitting business, run errands, get a break from caregiving, and have peace of mind knowing that Howard is getting the personal care he needs.

**This is only possible because of donations to the Howard I. Abrams In Home Care Program.** This invaluable service to ALS families like ours has been going strong for 22 years. We are so grateful!

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*Howard and Marilyn Beutel and Buddy the Beagle*





Howard and his aide Nicole

### In Howard's Words...

"Nicole is our indispensable aide who helps me stretch, changes my shirt, bathes me and does light housekeeping. My twin girls, Allie and Jenny, especially appreciate the care Nicole provides. From the moment they come home from school, the girls are by my side. Marilyn and I want their lives to be as normal as possible. Nicole makes that happen."

Because I cannot lift my hands – someone needs to be here 24/7 to make sure I'm okay...

### THAT'S our world.

**You make our world a much better place.** The Chapter is a strong organization. Its programs and services are amazing. In addition to the in-home care program, we have used the loan closet for a scooter and walker, and respite hours so that Marilyn could visit colleges with the twins. It's because of YOU that programs like this can continue. This program is so vital for us.



Howard, Allie and Jenny Beutel

**Thank you for taking a glimpse into our world. Thank you for helping us live a much richer life. Your commitment makes all the difference.**

With our sincerest thanks,

– *The Beutel Family*

PS Your gift makes this program possible. Please give today at [www.alsphiladelphia.org/abrams](http://www.alsphiladelphia.org/abrams). And if you can, please consider making your gift a monthly one.



Our family before ALS impacted our lives.

**"It's EXHAUSTING to care for someone continuously – no matter how much you LOVE them.**

**We are so grateful for services such as these provided by an aide from the HOWARD I. ABRAMS IN-HOME CARE PROGRAM":**



Bathing



Dressing



Meal preparation and feeding



Range of motion exercises



Companionship



Peace-of-mind and a much needed break for the family caregiver