



Personal Experience
Unwavering Optimism
Passionate Collaboration

THE DEBBIE GATTONI STORY

Debbie Gattoni noticed her first symptoms in 2003 and by 2006 was using a walker. Her spirit is as strong as she travels, skis in a basket, enjoys family and friends. She is an inspiration to all of us.

“I was diagnosed with ALS in 2004. I immediately went online to research possible treatments, to no avail of course. I joined forums, where I found Steve Byer, whose son Ben was also afflicted with ALS. And so began our friendship which continues to this day.

Barb and Steve have devoted their lives in honor of Ben for the rest of us who struggle with ALS. They travel tirelessly around the world, uncovering scams and shysters, as well as exploring possible viable treatments for ALS patients. They have valuable notable medical connections. They also spend time visiting the families and patients at their homes, or in our case, where we happen to be living at the time. The Byers are a fount of knowledge and whenever I come across a “new” treatment, I always fire off an email to them asking if it is valid. Even our sons, 23 and 21, and my mom ask if we’ve contacted Steve if they read or hear of something. Barb and Steve aren’t just ALS friends; they are a big part of our family.”