

2013 Compilation

I am writing this note to express my gratitude for the ALS summer camp opportunity offered to my daughter. Her grandmother has had extensive support from the ALS Society over the years and 3 summers ago Lisa from ALS sent out an email offering kids in families with a person diagnosed with ALS the chance to attend a 3 night retreat on the Coast. As a single mom with a limited income, this was so welcomed by myself (mom), as without the financial assistance she would not have been given this opportunity. We do not ever go on any vacations outside of town so this retreat has been the highlight of her summer every year

- Dana Smith (Patient daughter)

I'm writing to show my support for the ALS Society of BC Transportation program. My dad was diagnosed with ALS 2 years ago and it's been very tough for my family and I since. We are so thankful for the ALS Society of BC for all the support they have been able to provide us with, especially with transportation. My dad is in an electric wheelchair and we do not have a vehicle that is able to transport him in so we were so grateful when we heard that the ALS Society provides transportation that is able to accommodate my dad in his electric wheelchair. My dad lives in Surrey and my brother and I live in Vancouver, almost all my dad's doctor's appointments are in Vancouver so it's helped us a lot that he is able to get transportation to Vancouver and it's really helped with the relief of the financial burden that we are already facing with his disease. Again we are so thankful that the ALS Society of BC is able to provide the transportation program and we don't know what we would do without it!

-Ariana Mui (patient daughter)

September

-Appreciate all the equipment and support-Rob Robinson

-Your people, everyone from the drivers to professionals are incredible and we are so grateful to each of them. They are making our journey so much easier. Thank you. – Craig Ross

-GREAT PROGRAM. THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF MY FATHER- PIERRE ROY

-I so appreciate the loans of this equipment, it has made my current life easier and more enjoyable. Thank you! – Colin Kowel

-Thank you for the equipment and the good service. Leonard Bahuaud

-Hi Jamie,

Thanks for this information. I shall peruse it at a later date. I also need to apologize for not getting back to you and Billie earlier. I have been meaning to write to both of you for some time now to thank you for the wonderful tilt armchair you sent me. Unfortunately, as you are no doubt aware, living with ALS is very demanding, and one rarely does everything in one day that one hopes and sometimes one does not even achieve the basic living requirements for a normal life, let alone find time for niceties such as writing thank you notes. I have to say that the tilt armchair is the most comfortable, most flexible, most useful object that I have in my life right now. During the day I can sit and look at a marvelous view of downtown Kamloops surrounded by the local mountains and with glimpses of the rivers as well. There are many trees in our neighborhood and we live on a steep hill so that it is quite stunning to watch the daily panorama of colour changes as autumn sets in. I know that you have also sent a bed and a lift, but as yet we have not been able to set these up as we have been in the throes of creating a complicated ramp system so that I can get out of my basement door and ascend the steep hill on which this house is built. However, we completed the ramp yesterday and after a period of rest and relaxation we shall get the bed and things set up. This had seemed very important, as I had had a fall and was unable to walk, but in fact I think it was more of a "slipped disc", and now I can kind of manage to get around the house and into bed. But I fear I shall very soon need this new equipment, so am happy to have it ready, rather than wait for another catastrophe.

I regret that I shall be unable to attend the AGM on Monday as Kamloops is too far away. I do hope it goes well and that some of your other patients are able to attend.

I attach a view from my wonderful arm chair.

Thanks again,

Sue Hughes

From Facebook October email

[Serge Vaillancourt](#), [Roger Loseth](#), [Kelly Hathaway](#) and [17 others](#) like this.

[Serge Vaillancourt](#) I have ALS and can't say enough good things about your support.

[Lorelee Landstad Ruygrok](#) You are an awesome Society. My mom had ALS and you were very helpful to her. She passed away in 2006. Thank you for all that you do!!

[Nancy Johnson-Lynds](#) Don't know what a lot of us would do without the ALS Society. A big thank you to you all...

[Ruth Skidmore Moody](#) my sister has equipment out on loan....they have been awesome in helping our family.

[Kim Westdorp](#) We are so fortunate to have been able to use equipment from your loan program! My Dad passed away this year! We did the walk for ALS two years in a row and have raised 3200.00 in donations so far. Keep up the great work you do. (mostly volunteers too!)

[Michelle Novakowski](#) This program has meant so much to us. To be able to access the necessary equipment, quickly, as this disease progresses has meant a lot to the quality of our life together.

November 2013

To whom it may concern, my name is Pierre Roy and my father's name is Jean Pierre Roy who passed away sat. nov16th he had ALS thankfully he did not have to run the full extent of the disease. He died of other complication's. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those involved in helping my dad and providing him with a power chair. Those made a big difference to him, thankyou very much. Pierre Roy...

From: W. Ratke [<mailto:whratke@telus.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2013 10:58 AM
To: patientservices2@alsbc.ca
Subject: Helene Ratke

To who ever is in charge of the equipment delivery,

Thank you **very very** much for the bath lift, chair and ramps we had delivered this morning all the way to Sechelt !!! Your organization is wonderful and **GREATLY APPRECIATED** through these very difficult times.

Please e-mail us back and let me know your name !!!

Again Thank you !!!

Helene and Walter Ratke

Copy of a post on facebook today...11/20/2013

[Lin Bell](#) Most people with ALS, and their caregivers, would not cope without the wonderful services and assistance that the society provides. It meant the world to me when my husband needed these supplies.

- [Michael Woolley](#)

I thank God for a society like this that's helping my friend and his family to cope with his disease.

- [Max Polischuk](#), [Straker Wilson](#) and [2 others](#) like this.

[King Campbell](#)

The BC ALS Society does very important work for families dealing with ALS!

- [Michael Chiki](#) and [Deborah Siu](#) like this.

[Max Polischuk](#)

You guys are doing a very great thing for people in need. Keep searching for the cure that would've saved my father, it's vital that someone puts a stop to this awful disease.