

Heroes in the Home Caregiver Recognition Award 2018

Debbie Berdini



Debbie is the type of person who always puts the well-being of others before her own, expecting nothing in return. For the past 5 years, Debbie provided care and support to her parents, John and Patricia. Her efforts intensified after her mother's cancer diagnosis – Debbie was there every step of the way to take care of her parents and their household, cooking and cleaning, shoveling snow, picking up prescriptions and taking her Mom to all of her appointments.

Debbie was also there for her parents when they had to visit the local emergency department for care. On one occasion, Debbie had to take Patricia to the emergency department after a visit to the oncologist and stayed with her the whole time, leaving only for a short rest. When her father John came to visit his wife, he fell and needed a CT scan. Debbie stayed with both parents during their time of need and, two days later, ended up back in the emergency department when her husband needed treatment for pneumonia.

Debbie is the person her entire family seems to rely on – she looks after everyone, reminding her husband to take his meds every day. She cared for her beloved mother until she passed away and recently moved in with John to continue providing him with care and support.

With a memory as sharp as a tack, Debbie remembers everyone's birthday and makes things extra special for her loved ones. In her spare time, she enjoys knitting, rug hooking and making crafts. Debbie also has a passion for reading and loves a good book. Debbie is an optimist who always sees things from the “bright side” and has a gift for finding a silver lining, no matter how steep the challenge. Debbie believes there is a reason for everything and every experience.

We are pleased to recognize Debbie as a Hero in the Home and we are grateful for her dedication and devotion as a caregiver. Congratulations!



**Nominated by
John Berdini**