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## EDITOR'S PEN

Gary Barg, Editor-in-Chief

### An Interview with Debi Brooks

*Launched by actor Michael J. Fox and Debi Brooks in 2000, the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research is dedicated to finding a cure for Parkinson's disease (PD) through an aggressively funded research agenda and to ensuring the development of improved therapies for those living with Parkinson's today.*

**Gary Barg:** Debi, you are the co-founder of the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. You have said that your ultimate goal is to put the foundation out of business by finding a cure. Where is the science now on Parkinson's research? [...more](#)

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#### FEATURED ARTICLE

## Benefits Counselors: Who are they and do I need one?

*By Sandra Fusion, Staff Writer*

There are so many benefits, both financial and assistance-oriented to which individuals are entitled. These include community-based programs, state or federal assistance programs (such as Social Security, Medicare, and food stamps), as well as retirement and insurance programs to name a few. One of the issues with having so many benefits available to elderly and disabled individuals is that it is difficult to track them and find out which ones are appropriate for the situation. This is where a benefits counselor can help. ...

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#### GUEST ARTICLE

## The Summer I Took Care of Grandpa Golden

*By Carolena Lapierre*

In my 17th summer my Grandpa Golden had a stroke that took away his health and ability to walk or speak, but worst of all, his pride. Grandma called to say, "If Carol would come and take care of him for me, I'll let him stay home; otherwise I'll have to put him in a nursing home. That's all it took. I had a great affection and respect for Grandpa. I agreed to go. ...[more](#)

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## CARETIPS

### Funding a Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle

For most individuals seeking freedom and mobility, financial struggles can make things harder when trying to fund an adaptive vehicle.

#### OEM Rebate Programs

Original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) can sometimes offer rebate assistance to customers when they purchase handicap accessibility products. When looking to cut your costs, vehicle manufacturer programs is the way to go. With credits of up to \$1,000 being offered to families or individuals with disabilities purchasing an adaptive vehicle, this type of rebate can give you the economic boost you need to get back on the road. [...more](#)

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## CARENOTES

### From Stephen:

My wife and I find ourselves in the unenviable position of caring for our 42-year-old daughter who has breast cancer for the fourth time. While we have had much support from friends and family, there are few resources like yours that present information and experiences from others in the same situation. Caregiver.com is an excellent resource for those who are taking care of an elderly loved one. We are wondering if anyone who visits this site might offer suggestions and support for caring for an adult child. Thank you. [...more](#)

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