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Dear Allyson:

In February of 2007 my good friend, Al Barone, entrepreneur, philanthropist, grand-slam sportsman, rancher, devoted father and grandfather, bon-vivant, had his brain bashed and body broken in a motorcycle accident in Hollywood Florida. His tragic accident and its aftermath broke the hearts of his family and friends. Doctors gave him little chance of survival. He was in a coma for months. I visited him a few days after his miraculous emergence from the coma. I knew I was in a room with Alfred Barone, accident victim; but the person I saw was not my friend, Al. The person I saw, hunched in his wheel chair, was a frightening and fear inspiring shell of the vital person I once knew. After months in the Florida Hospital Al, the fighter, who was given no chance of survival by the experts survived. But who was the survivor? It was not Al.

Two and one-half years later, after much therapy, loving care from family and 24/7 assistance from a staff of nurses and therapists, my friend, Al, has begun to reemerge. I've experienced the miracle of his renewal. I have been inspired by the unstinting devotion and dedication of his family and, in particular his daughter and his son-in-law Allyson and Steve Scerri. The difficulties Allyson and Steve faced in caring for Al; understanding the complexity of the medical aspects of their ward; the uncertainty and desperate anxiety of not truly knowing how to provide care but providing it nonetheless; the difficulty in finding and trusting the caregivers; transporting Al from one facility to another for different types of therapy; it was mind boggling, emotionally numbing and physically excruciating for Allyson and Steve.

These difficulties inspired Allyson to conceive of New Beginnings. New Beginnings is a tax-exempt not for profit organization whose purpose is to provide a “new beginning” to those who suffer from “traumatic brain injury,” TBI, and related brain injuries. The ability to receive both physical and cognitive therapy in one facility from the best professionals with the latest state of the art equipment will be a true blessing to TBI victims and their families in the Metropolitan Region and beyond. New Beginnings will be a place where the families of TBI victims can be taught how to cope with traumas of uncertainty and despair that Allyson and Steve suffered as Al’s primary caregivers.

I ask you to join me and Al’s friends and family at the First Annual New Beginnings Fund Raiser honoring my friend and miracle man, Al Barone. If you have never seen a miracle in your life it will be my privilege to personally introduce you to Al. If you can’t attend please contribute to this very worthwhile cause and help Al and other TBI victims have a better shot at having a New Beginning.

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