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to the life and legacy of
Albert J. DiArcangelo

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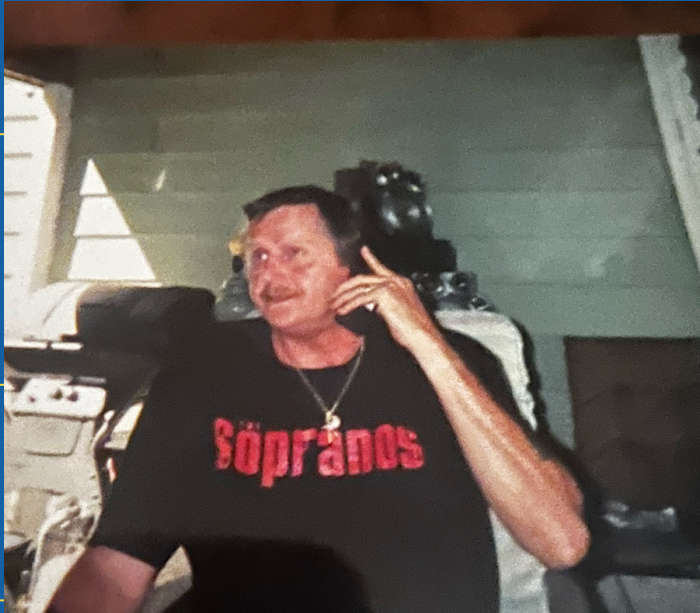
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In Loving Memory of my father, Albert J. DiArcangelo, Sr.

Today, we gather not only to remember a remarkable man but also to celebrate a legacy that continues to inspire and uplift us. Albert J. DiArcangelo, Sr., a loving father, a devoted husband, and a true beacon of compassion, left us on October 13, 2015. Though he may have departed from this world, his spirit lives on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him, within my son, Christian, and my life, and it is through his memory that we find the strength to carry forward a noble cause in his honor.

Albert, Al, Archie or DiArc as many affectionately knew him, was a man of boundless kindness and generosity. His life was marked by a deep commitment to helping others with labor issues, and his unwavering dedication to supporting those in need was truly exemplary. He possessed an innate ability to empathize with the struggles of others, a quality that endeared him to many.

As a father, Albert instilled in his children the values of compassion, integrity, and the importance of making a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. His profound influence laid the foundation for a remarkable journey that would eventually lead to the creation of Affinity Patient Advocacy.

In memory of my beloved father, Affinity Patient Advocacy was established, not merely as a tribute, but as a living testament to his legacy. Through this organization, we continue his life's work of extending a helping hand to those navigating the complexities of healthcare and advocating for the vulnerable among us. Affinity Patient Advocacy embodies the principles Al held dear: the belief in the inherent worth of every individual, the power of empathy, and the capacity to effect positive change in the lives of others. My father used to provide a voice to the people who he represented in the Steelworker's Union as well as the Teamsters. He was a man who weaved loyalty, respect, and support with all of those that he met.

In his honor, we strive to be the voice for those who may not be heard, to provide comfort to those in distress, and to empower individuals and families as they face the challenges of the healthcare system. Albert DiArcangelo, Sr.'s memory is the driving force behind our mission, and every act of kindness, every life improved through Affinity Patient Advocacy, is a testament to his enduring legacy.

Though my son and I may still feel the ache of his absence, we are comforted by the knowledge that his spirit continues to shine brightly through the work Affinity Patient Advocacy does in his honor. Albert J. DiArcangelo, Sr. touched the lives of many, and today, as we remember him with love and gratitude, we are reminded that his legacy is not just a memory but a living force that continues to make the world a better place.

In memory of Albert J. DiArcangelo, Sr., and in dedication to Affinity Patient Advocacy, we will always move forward with the same unwavering commitment to compassion, advocacy, and service that he exemplified throughout his life. May his memory forever inspire us to be kinder, more compassionate, and ever vigilant in our pursuit of a better world for all.

Rest in peace, my dear father, Albert J. DiArcangelo, Sr., your legacy lives on.



CEO, Chairwoman, Founder,
Affinity Patient Advocacy



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MY WHY

By Kimberly Wilsey
APA Board Member

We asked some of our APA Board Members, “Why patient advocacy?” Here is Kimberly Wilsey’s response.

My WHY ... It is my passion for people and reminding them that even through the darkest times, their lives matter, and they are not alone.

Being a patient advocate is to be a supporter and a consistent voice for those who find navigating their health and wellness needs challenging. I can speak to my personal experiences with family members and friends who have felt overwhelmed, scared, or alone when faced with a life-changing health diagnosis, condition, and/or illness. You are flooded with many emotions, questions, and uncertainty about your future. What will their road to recovery look like? How long will it be? How can I help alleviate their worries or pain? Not to mention, who should they contact for comfort, support, and the resources to lay out the right heart-centered healthcare plan for them?

Whether personally or professionally, I have always made it my daily mission to act with honesty and integrity and lead with a kind heart. No matter how difficult the situation or circumstance, offering kindness and building a connection with people is at the core of who I am and what I put out into the world. To feel seen, be heard, and present with those seeking care and looking for a solution.

A solid foundation must be created between patients, their families, healthcare providers, and sponsors. These patient pillars must be harnessed to the values of communication, empathy, trust, and equality, all of which are at the core of any relationship. By providing a customized and compassionate concierge of care, we can continue to educate and uphold our patients’ rights and equip them with the people and resources in alignment with their core values and needs. Most importantly, we can help to give them their voice back by managing their concerns and eliminating some of their stress around the healthcare system in hopes of regaining control and achieving optimal health again.

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HARDWIRED TO CARE: MY PATIENT ADVOCACY WHY

By Tiffany Watkins
APA Board Member

We asked some of our APA Board Members, “Why patient advocacy?” Here is Tiffany Watkins’ response.

Patient advocacy has a long history, dating back to the early days of medicine when patients relied heavily on the guidance of healers and village doctors. However, the concept has evolved significantly over time. In the past, patient advocacy primarily involved family members or friends advocating for the patient's needs and rights. Today, patient advocacy has become a formalized field, with dedicated professionals and organizations working to protect and promote patients' interests.

One of the primary reasons patient advocacy is crucial is because it ensures that patients have a voice in their healthcare decisions. In many healthcare systems, patients may feel overwhelmed, powerless, or even ignored in the face of complex medical jargon and treatment options. Advocacy organizations like Affinity Patient Advocacy, act as a bridge between patients and healthcare providers, translating medical information into understandable terms and helping patients make informed decisions about their care.

I have been an advocate for fair medical treatment and choice for over 30 years. I truly believe that we should all have the freedom to choose our medical pathways without retaliation and judgment; especially from the medical community.

I want to share the top 3 reasons I feel this way, and why I deeply enjoy the work I am a part of as Vice President of the Affinity Patient Advocacy board.

1. Empathy and Compassion: I have a natural inclination to help others and I feel empathy towards those facing health challenges. My work with Affinity Patient Advocacy allows me to channel these qualities into a purposeful role.
1. Making a Difference: As a patient advocate I have the power and privilege to positively impact an individual's life - helping them navigate confusing healthcare systems, ensuring they receive the best care and support available.
1. Advocating for Vulnerable Populations: I get to focus on advocating for marginalized or vulnerable populations who face disparities in healthcare access and outcomes. This part of the work is especially meaningful to me as I have a long history of fighting for social justice. And with Affinity Patient Advocacy I get to continue fighting on behalf of these communities.

Patient advocacy is indispensable in modern healthcare. It empowers patients, protects their rights, improves the quality of care, promotes equity, and reduces costs. As healthcare continues to evolve, the role of patient advocates will only become more essential in ensuring that individuals receive the best possible care and support throughout their healthcare journey. Recognizing the significance of patient advocacy is not only a matter of healthcare policy but also a reflection of our commitment to providing compassionate, patient-centered care in an increasingly difficult healthcare landscape.

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IMPORTANCE OF PATIENT ADVOCACY

By Jariss
APA Board Member



We asked some of our APA Board Members, “Why patient advocacy?” Here is Jariss’ response.

Patient advocacy is a vital aspect of the modern healthcare system that assisted patients in receiving the highest quality of care and ensures active involvement in their own treatment plans. Advocates serve as a bridge between patients and healthcare providers, often times playing a crucial role in empowering patients and fostering positive healthcare outcomes.

Empowering through advocacy plays a major role by providing patients with the necessary knowledge and resources to make informed decisions regarding their healthcare plans, treatment options. Advocates are able to guide and educate patients of their rights, treatment options, and available support services with compassion so they can make decisions on their terms. Knowledge is key, and the more the patients know and understand, the more they are able to make confident educated decisions regarding their care.

A key facet of patient advocacy is enhancing the overall patient experience. Advocates serve as compassionate allies, offering emotional support and a listening ear to patients during their healthcare journey. They help patients navigate the complexity of diagnoses, treatment options, and communicate effectively with healthcare providers. By addressing patients' concerns, fears, and anxieties, advocates create a supportive environment where patients feel valued, respected, and actively involved in their care. Such a positive experience leads to greater patient satisfaction, improved quality of life, and increased trust in healthcare providers, ultimately fostering a lifelong partnership centered on the patient's well-being.

Patient advocacy important relationships and bridge between patients and healthcare providers. It empowers patients, protects their rights, and actively contributes to improving the overall healthcare experience. By incorporating patient advocacy into the core of our healthcare systems, we not only promote better patient outcomes but also cultivate a culture of patient-centered care that places individual needs, preferences, and values at the forefront. It is through patient advocacy that we can create a positive environment that is compassionate, inclusive, and built on the foundation of empathy and respect.

Let us provide you with the support and guidance needed to navigate through the complexities of the healthcare system and ensure that you receive the best care possible.

Affinity Patient Advocacy strives to provide your family with independent, high-quality professional health management services, social services and wellness services. We understand that navigating through serious illnesses can be a daunting and overwhelming experience. Our team is here to help manage the process and assist you and your family in focusing on the most important aspect of your treatment – getting better. Let us provide you with the support and guidance needed to navigate through the complexities of the healthcare system and ensure that you receive the best care possible.



Our Mission

Affinity Patient Advocacy serves patients in their time of need, providing invaluable resources to our clients. We'll remove medical complexities, allowing families to focus on treatment and recovery.

Affinity Patient Advocacy provides top-notch health management, social, and wellness services to help patients and their families focus on recovery amidst the stress of serious illnesses.



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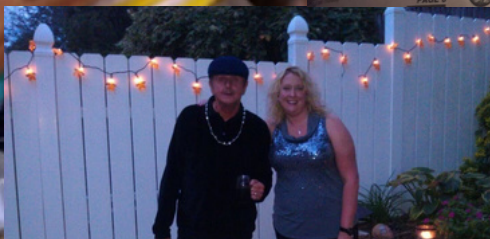
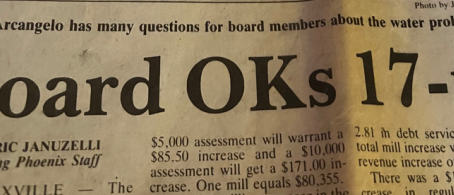
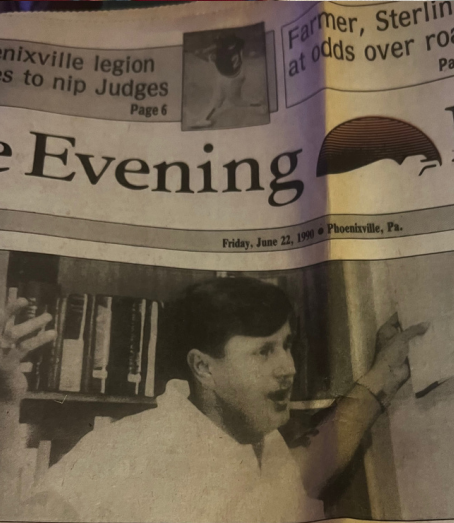
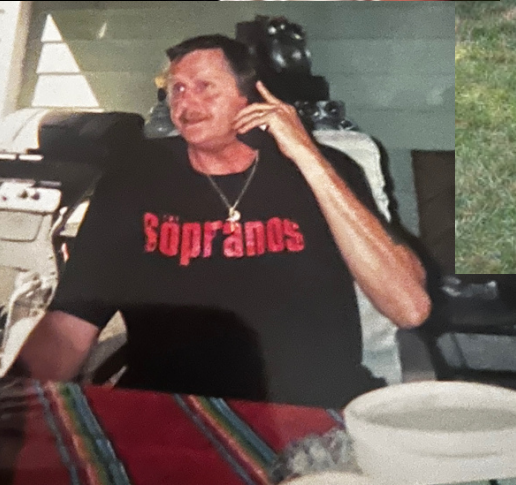
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As you already know, serious illnesses can be very overwhelming. Let us manage the process and help you and your family focus on the most important aspect of your treatment, getting better.

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