



Michelle & Sons Ian and Daniel

Category: Caregiver Team

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Michelle's sons were very young when their father was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, and over the years, I have watched this family adapt to his changing needs.

The family routine has allowed their dad, and spouse, to remain in their home. Each of them has their tasks, and throughout COVID the family took on extra to provide all the support needed. While Michelle balanced work, Ian and Daniel managed high school through online learning. The teamwork, caring and support they provide is inspirational.

Now in their late teens, Ian and Daniel have been providing all levels of care for their father, as they have done for many years. The amount of work this family puts in is truly remarkable considering the level of support needed to keep their father at home where he can use devices to maneuver his wheelchair and manage his tablet with facial recognition software - they truly are a team!

Some families feel that their children are too young to provide care or are too busy, but Ian and Daniel and their mom work, play hockey and provide full-time care - even making sure their dad can attend their hockey games. This family really is an inspiration.