

SIDE

CHLOE

Ya know something Alice? God knows how special you are. And as great as Donny is, God has someone very special planned for you. A man 10 times the worth of Donny is waiting for you in heaven.

ALICE

(Long pause) I believe you Co-e. You know why? (Chloe tries to speak) I'll tell you. Every night I pray to God. I tell him about you. He told me I should listen to you; that I can trust you; and you know what else?

CHLOE

What?

ALICE

He told me you would be with me until I die.

(The lights fade. Spot light on
Chloe who faces the audience)

CHLOE

Fear was no longer an obstacle. I knew I had been blessed to serve her. In May, we planned a trip to San Diego. We stopped at The Price is Right; the show she doesn't leave home without watching. But what she really wanted to see, was the ocean. She had never been. We drove to Vienna beach where a 5 mile wall separates the boardwalk from the sand. It was just high enough to block her view. I stood there; angry and sad; but Alice has angels with her where ever she goes. A war veteran had designed wheelchairs specifically for the sand. And there he was, at that very spot on that 5 mile boardwalk; she was 72 years old when I removed her socks, picked up her fragile little body, and dipped her toes in the ocean.

(Lights come up and reveal Alice in the same spot at the window. Chloe walks to her and sits in the chair at the table facing Alice)

ALICE

(Seriously) Co-e?

CHLOE

Yes?

ALICE

Do you think I'll ever be able to straighten out my legs and walk?

CHLOE

(Jokingly) I don't know, let's find out!

(Chloe grabs a leg and pretends to straighten it out Alice is laughing and clicking her tongue trying to get her to stop)

ALICE

(Laughing) Stop! You'll break me!

CHLOE

You know I love you right?

ALICE

I love you more! (Clicking her tongue) I love my new B. pump, too! It lets me nod my head now! Look! (Nods head)

CHLOE

I know! The first time I saw you nod your head, I thought you were choking. (Laughing)

ALICE

(Laughing) Co-e, you crack me up!

CHLOE

What do you tell people when they ask what a B-pump is?

(Touching the pump under Alice's skin on the right side of her body)

They might think it's a tumor and you'll have to set them straight.

ALICE

I point to the pump with my tongue and tell them I have a drug store in my gut that melts my muscles like butter! (Laughing) Then I show them how I can open my hand. See? (Opening hand)

CHLOE

(Laughing) WOO-HOO!