

## A tribute to Christine Davidson

### An NVSU Client of the Year

Our former client Christine Davidson fought an extremely difficult undiagnosed disease (which we had originally thought was MS) and passed peacefully in her home on September 25, 2020. Although chiefly paralyzed below her neck and having severely reduced lung capacity, she actually worked part of the week of her passing with the knowledge that this would be her last week as she was devoted to her activities. Christine was lovingly surrounded by family on her day of passing.

Christine in her contact with our program was moved into contact with Matt Storey's Direct Interactions (DI) Company through which she could "work from home." Her last position for DI was as a Red Cross resource contact person for people experiencing disasters such as the fires in California. With NVSU consultation, State DVR had paid for the technology through which Christine could work with some ease at home and she loved her work for DI helping others, utilizing her customer skills from her Alaska Airlines job when her disability was not an issue.

Christine was a lovely, vivacious person who embraced life fully, but always with deep concern for others. She took part in an NIH study related to her undiagnosed illness and was interviewed by Lara Logan on CBS' 60 minutes. Christine was involved in chat rooms and had her own blog as a strident advocate and supporter for individuals with significant disabilities. She "gave" on all ends and left immense satisfaction in reaching out to others with daily substantial disability challenges. NVSU will never forget the "full rounded" person that Christine was and greatly appreciate DVR and her Direct Interactions employer in helping her function as

an employed person doing great things out of her home. Our deep condolences to her sister Patty and family, in addition to her large host of friends and admirers! Christine will always be remembered by so many.