

## ★ RANCHO PATIENT PROFILE ★

# Ann Ruth

“I was injured in a gymnastics accident at age 5, which left me unable to move my arms and legs and breathe normally. I spent nine months at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. With these new life challenges, I was faced with learning how to live and breathe again. Due to the love and support from my family and a dear friend, I learned to breathe without a respirator.

“I also spent my time finding new outlets for fun and enjoyment. I discovered the talents I possessed and learned how to paint with a mouthstick, creating a variety of oil paintings which developed into my own line of greeting cards.

“I graduated from USC and earned my MBA at Pepperdine. I worked for IBM, owned a restaurant, and am currently working for a computer forensics firm. I was the youngest recipient of the Governor’s Trophy, and today I serve on many nonprofit and governmental boards and statewide committees.

“My hobbies include attending social events, traveling to exotic places, having fun in the sun, attending sporting events with my favorite teams (the Lakers, Dodgers, and the Kings), skydiving, hang-gliding and dune buggy riding.”

