

Brotherly love – the strongest bond ever

The 1960's song "*He Ain't Heavy ... He's my Brother*" describes perfectly the situation of a brother caring for his brother. For many years, Danny Fucella of Beamsville has been a rock for his brother Jerry – someone for him to lean on.

It's very important to Jerry to know that Danny is there for him. Jerry suffered an acquired brain injury following a catastrophic car accident in 1979.

For the first few years following the devastating accident, Jerry's parents cared for him when he was in and out of rehab. According to Danny, it was a long road for their parents for a long while.

Eventually, Danny stepped up to care for Jerry when he moved into his own condominium in Burlington. They have a sister who also does anything she can to help out with Jerry's care and they often hold family events at Jerry's condo building so he can be there to celebrate with his family.

Danny says, "Jerry has full time care at home – he needs help with most of his daily activities. I help by taking my brother to his medical appointments on Burlington transit because Jerry is now using a scooter to get around."

Danny was honoured as a 2016 *Heroes in the Home* award recipient. "It was nice to be appreciated."

Dedicated to his brother, Danny often heads over to Burlington to visit Jerry and lend a hand to his caregivers when they need help. "If there's a problem or something needs to be fixed, Jerry's caregivers call me," Danny says. "I don't even mind changing a light bulb if need be."

