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Betty Smith, the family caregiver, is married to Larry, the star of the movie. Andrew Rubin is producer of the film, Ride with Larry. Larry has Parkinson's disease. All have family experience with Parkinson's. Betty talks about Larry's work before and after the Parkinson's, and how he gets to work on his riding machine. She talks about the ways they together deal with the Parkinson's, how they their vision of the future affects the things they do and think about each day. Andrew says how he first met Larry and Betty, and what got him thinking about a film. He explains what type of a film it is

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Betty Smith

Betty Smith's been married to Larry, the star of the movie, for thirty-seven years. She's family caregiver for Larry. She's an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of South Dakota and Associate Director of the Farber Center for Civic Leadership. She holds a doctorate in Political Science from the University of Connecticut, and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of New Haven. She's served as the chief administrative officer for a city in Connecticut, as District Director for former Congressman Bruce A. Morrison, and as Democratic Committee Chair for the Town of Durham, CT. She's served as Chair of the Clay County Historic Preservation Commission

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Andrew Rubin

Andrew Rubin is a screenwriter, producer, director, and editor in documentaries and narratives. The film, Ride with Larry, is to be a part of a movement to empower the lives of those with Parkinson's today while fighting for a cure for tomorrow. He's produced and directed six films that have premiered in various film festivals. He graduated from New York University's Tisch Film School. He's currently working with a team of Parkinson's advocates to create a documentary that puts a day-to-day face on the fight against Parkinson's. Along with all those working to create Ride with Larry, Andrew has been personally affected by Parkinson's disease in the immediate family.

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