



# THE BERLIN MARATHON IN A WHEELCHAIR WITH ALS!

An extraordinary story of a patient fighting ALS

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ALS is not curable but Danish Björn Graae and his wife Lene show how to create quality of life against all odds. An amazing story worth sharing and supporting.

Björn Graae is a remarkable person. With 47 marathons completed, he set his mind to reaching 50 this year. For any healthy person, this would be a major challenge but Björn was diagnosed with ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) in 2012. Together with his wife Lene and a team of runners and personal assistants, they set up a project to participate at the marathons of Natursti, Copenhagen and Berlin in 2016. The first two have been completed and on 25 September, they will be the only wheelchair team participating at the marathon of Berlin. Björn will sit in a specially designed wheelchair, connected to his Vivo 50 ventilator, and be driven a runner.

“Participating at these marathons gives me quality of life”, declares Björn, “and moreover, I want to create awareness for ALS and inspire other people with this disease”. On top of the marathons, Björn and Lene have written a book about his colorful life and about being confronted with ALS. “The project has brought great joy although it was very time consuming”, Lene explains, “we developed a special spelling board, on which I point out the letters and Björn confirms them by expressions on his face. One page takes about two hours”.

Breas Medical, based in Mölnlycke, Sweden, is proud to sponsor Björn and Lene Graae for their marathon projects. “Björn and Lene are extraordinary people”, says Sebastian Mommers, marketing manager, “their story is worth supporting and sharing. We are happy that our Vivo 50 ventilator enables Björn to continue his active life. Our vision at Breas is to provide innovative solutions that enable people with chronic respiratory

conditions to live life to the fullest. That is exactly what Björn and Lene are doing. We are very happy to support them and encourage our employees, customers and partners to join us.” For more information about Björn and Lene Graae’s projects and to provide support, please visit their website [www.greyunity.com](http://www.greyunity.com). Björn Graae’s book *En rejsende i retfærdighed og oplevelser* (a traveler in justice and experiences) can be ordered at [Saxo.com](http://Saxo.com) (ISBN 9788771705324)

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## Vivo 50 homecare ventilator

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