



PARKVIEW WHITLEY FOUNDATION

Generous Donors Helped Phil Return Home

Phil was running out of options until donors came alongside him.

Diabetes ran in Phil's family, so he wasn't surprised with his diagnosis. The unwelcome surprise came later when he injured his leg—it just wouldn't heal. The diabetes was to blame and eventually an amputation became necessary.

Phil worked hard after the surgery, receiving physical therapy as an inpatient, and it wasn't long before he was well enough to be home where he could continue to heal and where his dog anxiously awaited his return.

To be able to go home, Phil required several items including a walker and a wheelchair. Thankfully his insurance covered most of the cost, but the new ramp he would now need in order to enter and leave his home was not one of them. Without the proper ramp, Phil would be confined to his home. He would be unable to leave for any reason, including the outpatient therapy he still needed in order to regain his mobility, and the other appointments required for his treatment.

He didn't know what to do. He didn't have anyone who could help him at home. Even the one person who had been helping take care of his dog while he was away wasn't available to help transport him as often as needed. The ramp was the only thing he could count on and the last thing standing in the way of his being able to go home.

That was when Parkview Whitley Foundation donors stepped in to help. Generous gifts from donors covered the cost of providing the ramp materials and the labor expenses that Phil's insurance wouldn't cover. Finally, Phil could go home. The Parkview Whitley Foundation's Special Touch fund is often the last hope for a patient and their family as they face the next step toward healing; this situation was no different.

Thanks to generous donors to the Special Touch Fund, Phil was finally able to return home to continue healing—to the delight of his dog! The new ramp has allowed him to continue receiving his physical therapy, make it to all of his remaining appointments, and even enjoy fresh air with his dog now and then.



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When Healing Comes from a Pair of Shoes

Generosity helped William stay home to continue recovery.

William is an elderly man who lives in rural Whitley County, far off the beaten path. His only companion is his beloved dog, Daisy. When William had surgery, he needed help and Parkview Whitley Foundation donors didn't let him down.

William had recently undergone surgery and, as a result, was wheel-chair bound. He was prescribed a course of at-home therapy that would get him back on his feet. He was prescribed at-home therapy that would get him back on his feet. The problem was that, because of damaged nerves, he could no longer feel his feet. Before he could once again stand on his own two feet, William needed special shoes. Not only would these specially-designed shoes provide firm support, they would also protect his feet from injury.

William had a pair of orthotic shoes he'd purchased through his health insurance eight years earlier, but they were too worn to be of any help. And even if they'd been in good condition, they wouldn't have provided the extra protection he needed.

Without proper shoes, William would be forced to remain wheelchair bound. He wouldn't be able to take Daisy outside or walk to the mailbox at the end of his driveway without the danger of injuring his feet, or worse, falling. In fact, he wouldn't be able to stand safely inside his home, even with his walker. Eventually, William might not be able to remain at home at all.

So William's therapist made it her mission to determine how William could get the shoes he needed, and then make sure he got them.

As it turned out, the closest vendor was in Fort Wayne and it would take at least two visits, one to fit the shoes and one to make sure they fit properly when they were picked up. The problem was that even if William had access to a car, given the condition of his feet, he couldn't drive. Transportation by taxi would cost \$50 one way, which would mean the transportation fees would cost more than the shoes. William's insurance wouldn't pay for any of these transportation expenses.

William's therapist wasn't about to give up. She was referred to the Parkview Whitley Foundation in hopes that Parkview donors would be able to help William. And—thanks to the generous donors who contribute to the foundation—William was finally able to make the necessary trips into Fort Wayne to get his shoes.

Today, William is doing just fine. He has been able to continue therapy and can now stand to do some household chores and even make light meals. Best of all, wearing his sturdy, protective shoes, William is able to use his walker to navigate to the end of the driveway to get his mail—with Daisy faithfully by his side, step by step.



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