



Gary Walters is back on his feet thanks to expert care and the Shuttle B Series Advanced™.

Shuttle B Series Advanced™ Helps Patient Turn Difficult Corner

"It was my birthday and I was celebrating with my family when I realized that I simply could not get up," says Gary Walters. "No matter how hard I tried, I couldn't put any weight on my foot."

Rushed to a nearby hospital, Gary received a grim diagnosis: he was septic with acute respiratory failure.

"I truly don't remember much about my hospital stay other than they say I am lucky to be alive," says Gary. He admits his medical issues were compounded by his obesity—as was his post-acute rehab at Heartland Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center in Madeira, Ohio.

Gary still couldn't stand, maintain an upright position, or use the facility's bariatric wheelchairs due to a weak core. Nurses tried different techniques with no results. Then, a Heartland physical therapist saw Shuttle B Series Advanced™ at a hospital and contacted Sizewise to trial one for Gary.

Shuttle B Series Advanced is designed for patient rehabilitation, transportation, and examination. It transforms

from chair to stretcher and back again with the touch of a button, and its ambulation poles provide safety and confidence to both patients and caregivers.

The wheelchair gave Gary a new level of independence, plus helped his caregivers with transfers and daily care. Within weeks, Gary moved from sitting to standing, and now uses a traditional bariatric chair.

"Gary was miserable for many weeks," says Andre Gibson, Admission Director at Heartland. "Now you can see it on his face, the world of difference the Sizewise chair makes."

Caregivers at Heartland expect Gary's rehab to take 4-6 months; before, they had no timeline for him.

"This chair truly turned everything around for me," says Gary. "It made something that once was a dream of mine—the ability to walk and to eventually go home—so much closer to a reality."

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