I feel truly blessed to have found my calling as a nurse. I cannot imagine doing anything else. When I was hired at Nascentia more than 8 years ago it was a game changer for me. To be able to care and assist clients in their homes during some of the biggest challenges in their life is so rewarding! Being able to go to the Foundation for equipment, supplies, or to fulfill a client’s wish is so powerful. A few years ago I was caring for a pediatric client whom I had known since he was born. His 10th birthday was coming up and he wanted a mountain bike. His mother shared with me that they could not afford one and it broke her heart. This child had over 20 surgeries to address a genetic condition causing major abnormalities of his head, face, and fingers. He endured so much and never complained! I reached out to the Foundation and they purchased it quickly, making a true difference in his life and allowing him maximum independence. I am so fortunate to be part of an organization whose foundation literally made a dream come true! When Kelsey reached out about a Beasy board for Connie, the Foundation purchased it quickly, making a true difference in her life and allowing her maximum independence. I am so proud of the Oneida Team and how they truly are making a difference in their clients’ lives!
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a track, which allows individuals to glide between surfaces easily. The board reduces the amount of effort required and improves the safety and efficiency of transferring. At the same time, Connie learned she could benefit from a drop arm commode that would allow her to use the toilet on her own—something she has struggled with for some time. Unfortunately, these items weren’t available at any local loan closets and were too expensive for Connie’s budget.

Our occupational therapist, Kelsey Schoen, reached out to the Foundation to help with these equipment costs. Much to Connie’s pleasure, the Foundation was able to help! Connie was ecstatic. Rebecca Lerman helped the team check first with her insurance (the items weren’t covered), and get the items ordered. Everything was delivered quickly and Kelsey was able to provide skilled training with Connie and her caregivers. Connie is benefiting greatly from her new Beasy board and commode, telling us many times how much easier it is for her to get from point A to point B. The Foundation has given Connie new tools to regain even more independence. It is fair to assume (and we very much hope) that the Foundation and Nascentia will be a regular mention in the stories that she shares with those lucky enough to cross paths with her for years to come.

Connie sent a hand-written note to thank Nascentia:
“This compels me to write a complimentary thank you note about all the care I have received... All of your employees ‘went the extra mile,’ were caring to me and kind to my family and the family dog, Maggie.”

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