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HEATHER AND SCOTT'S STORY

by Heather Fisher, *Physical Therapist*

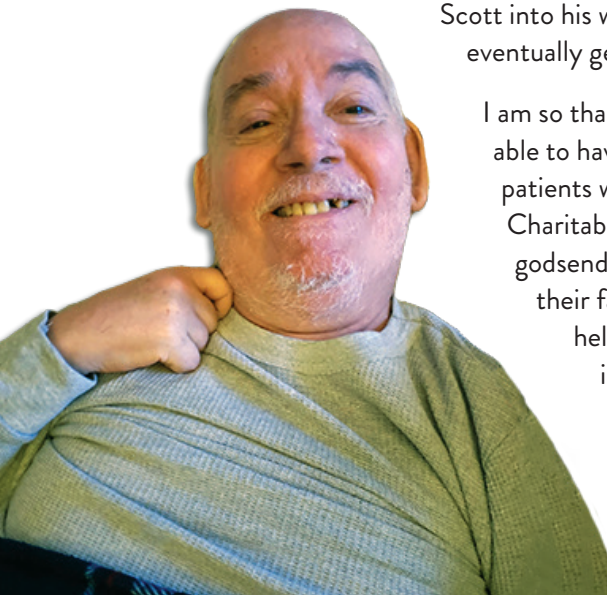
Scott is the kind of guy who doesn't let anything slow him down. He was born with cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair for mobility, but this never stopped Scott from doing what he wanted to do. His positive attitude, humor, and infectious smile allow Scott to make friends with anyone he meets.



Over the past year, Scott has developed some health issues that have caused him to be in and out of the hospital and less mobile. After discussing trying to get up in his chair more and out of bed, he mentioned that his overhead lift was not working properly. He was worried that because it was failing and inconsistent, he would get stuck in it and was not using it much. In order to transfer to his wheelchair, he always had to have multiple people available to help. This made it difficult to schedule appointments and he often had to cancel or reschedule. We explored repairing the lift, but due to its age, we were advised that the motor would need to be replaced. The lift is very costly and is not covered by insurance. Scott and his family were unable to take on the burden of the cost, but he still needed to be able to get out of bed and to appointments. After discussion with my supervisor, Shauna, we felt that the Charitable Foundation might be able to help. With collaboration between Shauna, the Foundation, and Scott's care team, we were able to get this lift installed. He and his family are so thankful to have this

burden lifted and for the ability to safely get Scott into his wheelchair to allow him to eventually get back to his active self.

I am so thankful as a clinician to be able to have a place to go for my patients when they are in need. The Charitable Foundation is truly a godsend to so many people and their families. They allow us to help fill in the gaps between insurance and what our patients are able to afford, to get the best quality of life possible.



FOUNDATION CHAMPION

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Throughout my entire 31-year nursing career, I've dedicated myself to working for not-for-profit organizations. These institutions resonate deeply with my personal ethos of giving back to the community. Over the years, I've been fortunate to be a part of some truly remarkable organizations. One of them made a profound impact on my family when my daughter benefited from the generous donations of its not-for-profit foundation. Despite our insurance not covering certain services, she received essential occupational therapy thanks to their support. My daughter and I are immensely grateful for the generosity of those who contribute to these foundations.

For the past nine years, I've had the privilege of being part of Nascentia Health. Witnessing the foundation provide crucial equipment, bedding, and medical supplies to patients has been truly inspiring. In my role overseeing the wound care program, I've seen firsthand how these donations make a significant difference in patients' lives. Frequently, my staff would request items like trays for walkers. Many patients struggled with walker adherence because they couldn't carry essentials while using them. A simple \$20 tray helped prevent falls, boosted fluid and food intake, and fostered greater independence for many.

While I've had the privilege of working for several remarkable organizations, I must admit that Nascentia Health holds a special place in my heart. Its commitment to keeping patients at home, where they want to be, permeates every aspect of the organization, including its foundation. It's an honor to contribute to this mission and make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

A NOTE FROM OUR FOUNDATION BOARD CHAIR

by Rachel Galusha

Our Foundation Committee is meeting regularly and we are committed to making this year's Raise A Glass a giant success.



The dollars we raise are used to support patient care for those in need. Our Foundation funds are used for equipment, supplies, and other items to help and support a family member. Many of our patient stories are compelling! Every effort is made to use Foundation dollars to make a small difference in our patients lives.

Once again, I say "Thank You" to Amy Davis and staff for your dedication to donating the baskets for our annual fundraiser. They are a true favorite for all those who attend.

Many thanks to the members of our Foundation Board for their support and commitment to Raise A Glass. The dollars we raise has an important impact on those families that need our support.

We look forward to seeing many of you on Sunday, October 6, at Timber Banks.

The Foundation is working on another fundraising event for early in 2025 and we hope to announce the event this summer.



2024
Raise a Glass
Save the Date!
Sunday, Oct. 6
Timber Banks
Golf Club,
Baldwinsville



Good Neighbor Day at NBT Bank Stadium

Thursday, June 20, 6:35pm

Come support the Syracuse Mets and the Nascentia Health Charitable Foundation! \$5 from each ticket sold in support of the Foundation will be donated back to our mission!

Get your tickets today at: bit.ly/Nascentia-GND24
(Purchase tickets in Section 316 to sit in the Nascentia Health section)

Bring your family and friends and enjoy a summer night of baseball with us while supporting a great cause.

Gates open at 5:30pm.

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THE INSTIGATORS JAZZ BAND
SALT CITY JAZZ COLLECTIVE

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