

The Enhancing Independence Program

Today you can change someone's life by helping them get the essential mobility devices and equipment they need.

Who is Helped?

- Your support will go to those who have a proven financial need, have exhausted all other sources of funding and have no other recourse.
- In the last 6 months over 50 people got the equipment and mobility aid they need with the support of Spinal Cord Injury Ontario's Enhancing Independence Program.
- For most required equipment there is typically no government funding.
 - The exception is manual and power wheelchairs (and in some case pressure relieving mattresses, bathroom aids and home accessibility renovations), for these users must pay at least 25% of the original cost.
- A coverage gap exists for people not covered by the Ontario Disability Support Program or by work or personal insurance. This means that many people, including seniors over 65 cannot get the mobility and safety equipment they need.

Why Should I Choose This Cause? What is the Impact? What are the Results?

- 100% of your support goes to the provision of essential equipment and mobility aids – Spinal Cord Injury Ontario pays for the costs of running the program.
- Your support is leveraged:
 - The expertise of SCIO's Regional Services Coordinators magnifies your support: in the past 6 months nearly \$60,000 of support was leveraged with \$13,884.79 provided through the Enhancing Independence Program. That means each dollar you give can result in more than four dollars of support.
- You are providing for unmet basic needs that significantly increase quality of life, independence, safety and wellness. You will directly better someone's life by providing them the mobility and safety equipment they need to participate in life and avoid injury and secondary health complications.
- Without your support people will not get the equipment they need to leave the hospital or long-term care facility. If they are living at home, without the necessary mobility or safety

equipment, they won't have the ability to leave home and might even lack the ability to call for help.

- There is a gap in funding. Government funding and insurance only cover a portion of actual costs. Your help is needed to bridge that financial gap.

What is Funded ?

- Essential equipment and mobility aids, typically: Manual Wheelchairs, Power Wheelchairs (and replacement batteries), Hospital Beds, Power Lifts, Pressure-Relieving Mattresses, Commodes, Ramps, Safety - Grab Bars, Equipment Repairs and Installation, Replacement Power Wheelchair Batteries.

Equipment	Average Market Cost	Client Cost
Manual Wheelchair	\$6,000 to \$7,200	\$1,500 to \$1,800
Power Wheelchair	\$12,000 to \$20,000	\$3,000 to \$5,000
Pressure-Relieving Mattress	\$1,000	\$1,000
Hospital Bed	\$2,000	\$2,000+
Ceiling Lift	\$3,000+	\$3,000+
Commode		
Stationary	\$300	\$300
Self-Propelled	\$1,300	\$1,300
Ramp		
Portable ramp varying length	\$300 to \$800	\$300 to \$800
Permanent 30ft	\$1,800	\$1,800
Porch Lift	\$6,000	\$6,000
Safety - Grab Bars	\$10-\$20	\$10-\$20
Power Chair Batteries		
Lead (usually 2 required)	\$80 to \$200	\$80 to \$200
Gel (usually 2 required)	\$200 to \$400	\$200 to \$400

If you have any questions please contact us at giving@sciontario.org

There is always more need than funds for this essential program.

Please give today.

