

# The Enhancing Independence Program

## Who is helped?

- Your support will help people with a proven financial need get the essential mobility and safety equipment they need.
- People not covered by the Ontario Disability Support Program, or by work or personal insurance, experience significant gaps in funding, this means that many people cannot get the mobility and safety equipment they need.
  - For most essential mobility and safety equipment there is typically no government assistance. Where support is available often 25% of the cost must be contributed by the client, this can be impossible for many, given a power wheelchair can cost as much as \$20,000.
- Your support funds essential equipment and mobility aids that will help people in need:
  - Correct an unsafe situation.
  - Improve immediate health outcomes.
  - Significantly improve independence in the home.
  - Significantly improve independence in the community.
  - Allow the recipient to leave the hospital or care facility and move back to the community.
- People who need essential equipment and mobility aids like: manual wheelchairs, power wheelchairs, hospital beds, power lifts, pressure-relieving mattresses, commodes, ramps, safety grab bars, equipment repairs and installation, and replacement power wheelchair batteries.
- In the first 9 months of 2019 the Enhancing Independence Program helped 82 people get the essential equipment and mobility aids they need.

## What has been funded recently?

The following were just recently funded by the Enhancing Independence Program:

- a Hospital Bed
- the repair and set up of power wheelchair
- a manual wheelchair
- a type 3 wheelchair
- a manual manual wheelchair
- a shower commode chair
- a Raz Tilt shower commode
- an Elite hospital bed
- a used hospital bed
- bed safety rails
- a power lift reclining chair
- sock aid
- a pump for a mattress
- a TiLite manual wheelchair
- power wheelchair batteries
- a pressure relieving mattress
- bed safety rails
- bathroom safety equipment, including rails and other aids
- an Aquatech Ocean VIP commode
- a manual wheelchair

## What does equipment cost?

### Equipment

### Market Cost

Manual Wheelchair	\$6,000 to \$7,200
Power Wheelchair	\$12,000 to \$20,000
Pressure-Relieving Mattress	\$1,000
Hospital Bed	\$2,000+
Ceiling Lift	\$3,000+
Commode	
Stationary	\$300
Self-Propelled	\$1,300 to \$4,000
Ramp	
Portable (varying length)	\$300 to \$800
Permanent (10m)	\$1,800
Porch Lift	\$6,000
Safety Grab Bar	\$10 to \$20
Power Wheelchair Battery	
Lead (usually 2 needed)	\$80 to \$200
Gel (usually 2 needed)	\$200 to \$400

## What is the impact? How will I make a difference?

- Your support provides vitally essential equipment and mobility aids.
- Your support can provide key funding, unlocking other funding sources.
- Your support can provide last-in funding, delivering the balance needed to get equipment.
- Your support is leveraged:
  - Spinal Cord Injury Ontario Regional Services Coordinators use their network to find additional sources of funding, deals on new equipment, and donations of used equipment to stretch the impact of your gift and get people the equipment they need.
  - These efforts mean that each dollar you give often provides more than four dollars of essential equipment and mobility aids.
  - **In the first 9 months of 2019 the Enhancing Independence Program provided \$57,348.97 of funding that resulted in people getting \$220,989.61 worth of essential equipment and mobility aids.**
- You are providing for unmet basic needs that significantly increase quality of life, independence, safety, and wellness. You will directly better many lives by providing people with 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 or may be at risk of injury – they might even lack the ability to call for help.

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

For more information about donating to the Enhancing Independence Program please contact: Paul at [giving@sciontario.org](mailto:giving@sciontario.org) or 1-877-422-1112 ext 801

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