

Promoting, Rehabilitation, Independence, Dignity, and Education

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Dear PRIDE Supporters,

I have worked for PRIDE for two years now and continue to be amazed at how we help so many in the community. Over the last 2 months, the tables turned, and I became the recipient of PRIDE services and could not be more thankful. Many PRIDE supporters know that I had a baby boy, Maddox, in June of this year. While on maternity leave, I had an accident and suffered from two fractures to my right leg. Being unable to put weight on your leg is challenging, and the pain is significant, but having a newborn baby made everything more difficult. I was struggling with meeting my basic needs and just wanted to be able to take care of Maddox. I received crutches from the hospital and a brace and had to wait to hear from the orthopedic surgeon. I felt utterly helpless, as I am sure that many people do when they endure such an injury.



Had I not worked for PRIDE, I would NEVER have known about the equipment loan program. A quick phone call to my doctor, who provided necessary prescriptions for several pieces of adaptive medical equipment PRIDE provided to help me get around in the house. I finally got a shower with my shower chair, my family could assist in lifting me with a gait belt, and most importantly, I could take care of Maddox using a wheelchair. Without these items, there is no way we would have been able to stay in our own house.

For two years, I have watched countless medical equipment go out the door, FREE, to anyone in need. Everyone is always so appreciative, and I now I understand more than ever why.

Following my surgery, where I received a metal plate and six screws in my knee, I have had my fair share of talks with doctors and nurses. Every time we would explain the equipment we had at home, they were stunned that such a program existed. I've seen other patients with broken or aging equipment because their insurance doesn't cover those items. I was truly blessed to receive these loans, and I don't want to think of what I would have done without them.

My goal is to ensure everyone in Huntingdon County knows of this program. I know there are still those unaware that we have the equipment or that it is a free loan. This is a fantastic county, and I am even more thankful to the many individuals who donate items or money to our agency. The strength and support of a small town is why we live in Huntingdon County. Thank you to all of our amazing PRIDE supporters from the bottom of my heart!

Sincerely,

Ashley Winegarder-Executive Director & Maddox Winegardner-Director in Training



Have an injury and need a piece of equipment? Call your doctor's office and ask that they fax a prescription for that item to PRIDE <u>814-643-6085</u>. Then contact the PRIDE office and schedule a time to pick up the equipment. When you pick up the equipment, you fill out a simple form and take the loan with you. There is no time limit for loans and we do not charge you or insurance. Keep it as long as it is needed.



We also have numerous free items that don't require scripts, including adult diapers and bed pads. Current inventory lists are available on our website under programs.



All PRIDE <u>Events</u>, <u>Job Postings</u>, and <u>Volunteer Opportunities</u> are posted on our webpage, <u>www.HuntingdonPride.org</u>. You can also connect with us on social media for updated information.









Other Ways to Support PRIDE

• Interested in hosting your own fundraiser to support PRIDE? Contact our office for more information



• Donate Online: You can support PRIDE by making a secure, online, credit card donation through PayPal. **paypal.me/PRIDE1301**



- Amazon Smile: Choose PRIDE as your charity when you shop through Amazon. Amazon donates a portion of your purchase to PRIDE at no additional cost to you. Link is on our website.
- Estate Gifts: By providing a provision in your will, you can leave a lasting legacy and ensure PRIDE is able to continue its mission in supporting Huntingdon County residents with special needs.
- Memorial Gifts: Your gift in memory of a loved one is a lasting memorial. At a time of sadness, it is a way to show love and respect, and to offer hope for the future. You can invite others to give by including PRIDE in your loved one's obituary notice. When you make a memorial or tribute gift to PRIDE, the person or family you designate will be sent a letter acknowledging your gift in their name.

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