

## Getting to know Mike

### **Where did you grow up?**

I grew up in Oil City, PA where went to Oil City HS. For college, I went to the University of Pittsburgh where I met my wife, Beth and where we both got our degrees in Physical Therapy. We lived in central Pennsylvania for another 4 years working at an acute care hospital, then came to Crofton looking for a bigger city life while not being too far from home. After being around the county for 3-4 years, we thought Severna Park would be a nice place to raise kids, and we haven't left since.

### **How did you decide on a career in Physical Therapy?**

I, like many, was once an injured athlete. Then I had to wise up and figure out what to do the rest of my life. My dad was a football coach so I learned some of the positives of athletic training, but I also saw that I wanted to work with not just athletes, so I went for a degree in Physical Therapy.

### **Why did you choose to start Patterson PT?**

All my mentors I've looked up to were in their own private practices. After working for several corporations and practices I realized I wanted more control of the patient care setting. I chose to open a clinic that was seeing patients at a pace I felt good about. I feel good about myself and our staff being able to have a full hour for a patient treatment session.

### **What is your favorite thing about your job?**

Getting to know every patient not just as a body part, but as a person. And helping them get better, at least physically.

### **Favorite Fun Facts:**

**Favorite food:** My wife's summer squash enchiladas

**Favorite color:** Purple (even though I'm a Steeler's fan)

**Favorite mode of exercise:** Has changed throughout the years, right now tennis

**Favorite movie:** Princess Bride

**Favorite book:** Jonathan Livingston Seagull by Richard Bach

**Favorite athlete:** Roger Federer

**Hobbies:** Hobocat sailing, pottery, tennis, spending time with friends/family