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News & Information from WALK THE LINE TO SCI RECOVERY



2018 WINTER NEWSLETTER



Walk The Line to SCI Recovery exists for one purpose — to promote and achieve RECOVERY from spinal cord injury and brain injury. When a TEAM of individuals all believe and work towards a goal....anything is POSSIBLE!

ERICA'S CORNER

A note from the Chief



The ringing in of a new year often brings a time for reflection and hopefulness, and 2017 was a big year for Walk The Line! We celebrated our 10th Anniversary, we expanded our Community Events program, integrated flexibility of session duration by offering 1 ½ or three-hour sessions based on client needs, and welcomed new team members including Physical Therapists, PTAs and Athletic Trainers!

Undoubtedly, reflection and hopefulness create opportunity to dream big for the future. 2018 is sure to be another monumental year for WTL, including an expansion within our current location that offers additional square footage, a more controlled and ambient environment with space for private treatment, and bio-feedback with video gaming. We are also continuing to offer flexible session duration along with customized sessions based on client feedback, needs and goals. With each new client that enters our program we learn and grow as a team, adapting and expanding to provide each individual with the quality, personalization and innovation that we are known for.

Recently I was “tagged” in a “Celebration of Life Day” post made by a friend and former client’s wife. Although I felt grateful to be included as one of many that have supported this individual and his family, it is also somewhat bittersweet knowing what we both went through to get here. Living with a catastrophic injury is not easy, you learn to adapt and persevere, although you’d never choose this path or wish it on someone else. The opportunity to be part of a place like Walk The Line that positively impacts people by providing a place for hope and recovery is a constant source of motivation. The connection to people and the impact we can have on those that entrust us to be part of their recovery drives us to be a better program. With the continued mission of helping as many individuals as possible we also remain committed to advancing the science and knowledge of recovery therapy.

Bring on 2018 and stay tuned for more information on our expansion Grand Opening!

MEET THE TEAM



Amanda Burnard, ATC, MS

Amanda earned her Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology/Exercise Science from Wayne State University in 2014 where she was a four-year member of the varsity softball team. She then continued her education at the University of Findlay where she completed her Master's degree in Athletic Training before joining the WTL team in June of 2017.

"Walk The Line has been a wonderful place to call my second home these past 6+ months. I love using my competitive nature to help push our driven and dedicated clients to new accomplishments each and every visit. The team atmosphere at WTL is truly something special with each client, trainer, and PT playing an important role in the road to recovery."



Ashley Karcher, BA

Ashley graduated from Grand Valley State University in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies, along with a minor in Advertising and Public Relations. Over the past ten years, she has held administrative positions ranging from a Promotions Assistant for radio stations in southwest Michigan to an Administrative Assistant & Event Planner for an international non-profit organization. In November of 2016, Ashley joined the Walk The Line team as an Administrative Assistant.

"Working at Walk The Line has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have had in my life. Not only am I surrounded by remarkable colleagues who truly care about what they do, but I am also constantly inspired by the 'never give up' attitude of our clients. Each day at Walk The Line is a new adventure that brings hope and motivation into all of our lives. I feel incredibly grateful to be a member of the WTL family!"

CLIENT SPOTLIGHT

DeAndre B.

On January 18, 2014, DeAndre Bond was on his way home while living/working in Maryland when his vehicle was struck from behind by an 18-wheel petroleum truck. He was rushed to the first hospital where they stabilized him and discovered his neck was broke in 3 places and had severed an artery on the left side of the brain. He then got to experience a helicopter ride to the ICU Shock Trauma in Baltimore, where he was diagnosed with a C3-C5 SCI and a TBI. He knew nothing about that world, but his journey was to start as soon as his eyes opened 6 hours after a full day and a half of surgery. DeAndre's Mother arrived from Detroit and she slept on the couch bed behind him the entire time. With a tube down his throat and leads all over his body, DeAndre struggled trying to understand why he could do nothing: move, breathe, talk, walk, or grab -- things that we possibly take for granted. DeAndre also developed a pressure wound on the lower sacrum, which turned into a Stage 4 infected wound. After 120 hours of breathing on his own, DeAndre was on his way to the University of Maryland Rehabilitation & Orthopedic Institute.



On February 15, 2014, I began rehabilitation and building a foundation for what I call "War On My Life." I mentally and physically experienced the worst of the worst and the best of the best. I used a head array power wheelchair because I had little to no arm movement. At that point, I was a "complete" or Asia A, so I really didn't get too much PT/OT. My wound had to get debrided and a wound vac was applied. During my matriculation, I was able to get rid of the oxygen tank, my collar, my feed tube and my trach. The icing on the cake was my last evaluation revealed that I not only had progressed to a C4 level but I was now "incomplete" or Asia B.

I was transported home to Detroit on a medical jet with the help and support from friends and family raising money through GoFundMe. I was taken to the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan on April 9, 2014, where I did inpatient therapy for 6 months. The second day being there I was able to extend my legs, which instantly let me know my body was getting stronger. In October 2014, I was discharged and that following week I was right back at it in outpatient therapy. I later progressed to their CSCIR therapy in October 2015 at a level of C5. At the start of 2017, my goals were high but session PT/OT started to become lax. In the past, I heard of Walk The Line and decided to take a Trial session. It took some time but I finally made it August 2017 and haven't looked back since.

DeAndre Bond is fearless! This injury has made him look at life from a different focal point. DeAndre holds B.S. of Marketing from Hampton University and is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated. He aspires to continue postgraduate education when the time is right. He loves his family and friends dearly and appreciates all the support he receives throughout this journey and War for his life!

IN THE NEWS

Brain Injury Association of Michigan (BIAMI) – 37th Annual Fall Conference

September 14 & 15, 2017

This event is held every year with the purpose of providing state-of-the-art information about brain injury treatment and therapies, which will maximize rehabilitation and foster a good quality of life. The conference is designed to benefit therapy providers with their patients, as well as caregivers and brain injury survivors. Walk The Line is proud to again have been a GOLD Sponsor for this enriching event.



The Nuthouse Networking Event

September 14, 2017

The 8th Annual Nuthouse gathering in conjunction with the BIAMI Fall Conference was a successful evening! We had record attendance and enjoyed a casual relaxing time together.



Blackjack'Lantern Event

October 20, 2017

The WTL Community Events Team hosted this Halloween-themed casino night which is a favorite event! Clients, friends, family members and staff from Walk The Line were all able to enjoy blackjack games, roulette tables, and bingo along with a strolling dinner.

MOTomed Demonstration

October 24, 2017

Walk The Line hosted a demonstration of the MOTomed muvi. This German engineered medical device promotes Simultaneous movement therapy.

Check it out at:

<http://www.motomed.com/en/products/motomed-muvi/>

Jingle Mingle

December 1, 2017

The 2017 Jingle Mingle was held again at the Iroquois Club in Bloomfield Hills. 100+ Case Managers, No-Fault Attorneys and other Healthcare Professionals attended to celebrate a successful 2017 and network with unfamiliar faces to welcome the New Year. Save the date for the 2018 Jingle Mingle which is scheduled for Friday December 7th, 2018 at the Iroquois Club in Bloomfield Hills.

Trivia & Tunes

December 9, 2017

The WTL Community Events group closed out the year by taking their show on the road and hosting Trivia and Tunes at Dignitas. The event featured a jeopardy style trivia game played in teams, a karaoke show-down, and lunch. Prizes were won and fun was had by all in attendance!



Walk The Line Partners with ReWalk

Webinar Viewable at Your Convenience

WTL has partnered with ReWalk to bring you a webinar featuring RECOVERY! The ReWalk 6.0 is the sixth-generation personal system from the leader in powered exoskeleton technology.

You may view the webinar at any time by visiting:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0BzQ3iUePUOzSLUJ3SG9hSnZDeDg>

Learn more about the ReWalk 6.0 by visiting: <http://rewalk.com/>

Over the past 11 years, Walk The Line has become recognized as a world-leading program for recovery therapies. Our belief in the human spirit and perseverance fuel our desire and drive to be the best recovery facility in the world.

Come and see what **RECOVERY looks like.**

To schedule a tour, contact Greg Cate at 248-827-1100 or

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