

THE ELEVATE<sup>®</sup> - MORE THAN A LIFT

## A Chance to Walk Again

The Joerns Healthcare team partnered with Avon Place, a Diversicare Transitional Care Center located in Avon, OH, in September of 2014, to implement a Safe Patient Handling program. At that time, Avon replaced all of their current lifts with Joerns lifts. The Joerns Healthcare team of safe patient handling experts worked with Avon's therapy team to provide education on proper use of the lifts and how to optimize and apply the advanced technology to individual resident needs. This customized training reinforced proper ergonomics while providing a safer environment for the staff and residents.

During an education session with Avon, the team applied hands-on-training with some of the residents. The focus of the education session was on gait training with the Elevate, a sit-to-stand lift. One resident in particular, Mr. Hill, was confined to his wheelchair due to being contracted on his right leg and also slightly contracted on his right arm.



### SOLUTION

Mr. Hill hasn't been able to walk for the past nine years, until he tried the Elevate.

His left leg works well, but he drags his right, so for the first few steps his therapist cued him to move his right foot. Shortly after he began, she stopped cuing him because he began to step fully on his own. He walked 25 feet and the team sat him down to rest, and then he walked another 10 feet to show off to the staff that did not get to see him walk the first time.

Mr. Hill is physically unable to speak, but the tears and smiles of the clinical staff at Avon were worth a thousand words that day. The Elevate lift has changed Mr. Hill's life and given him a chance to walk again.