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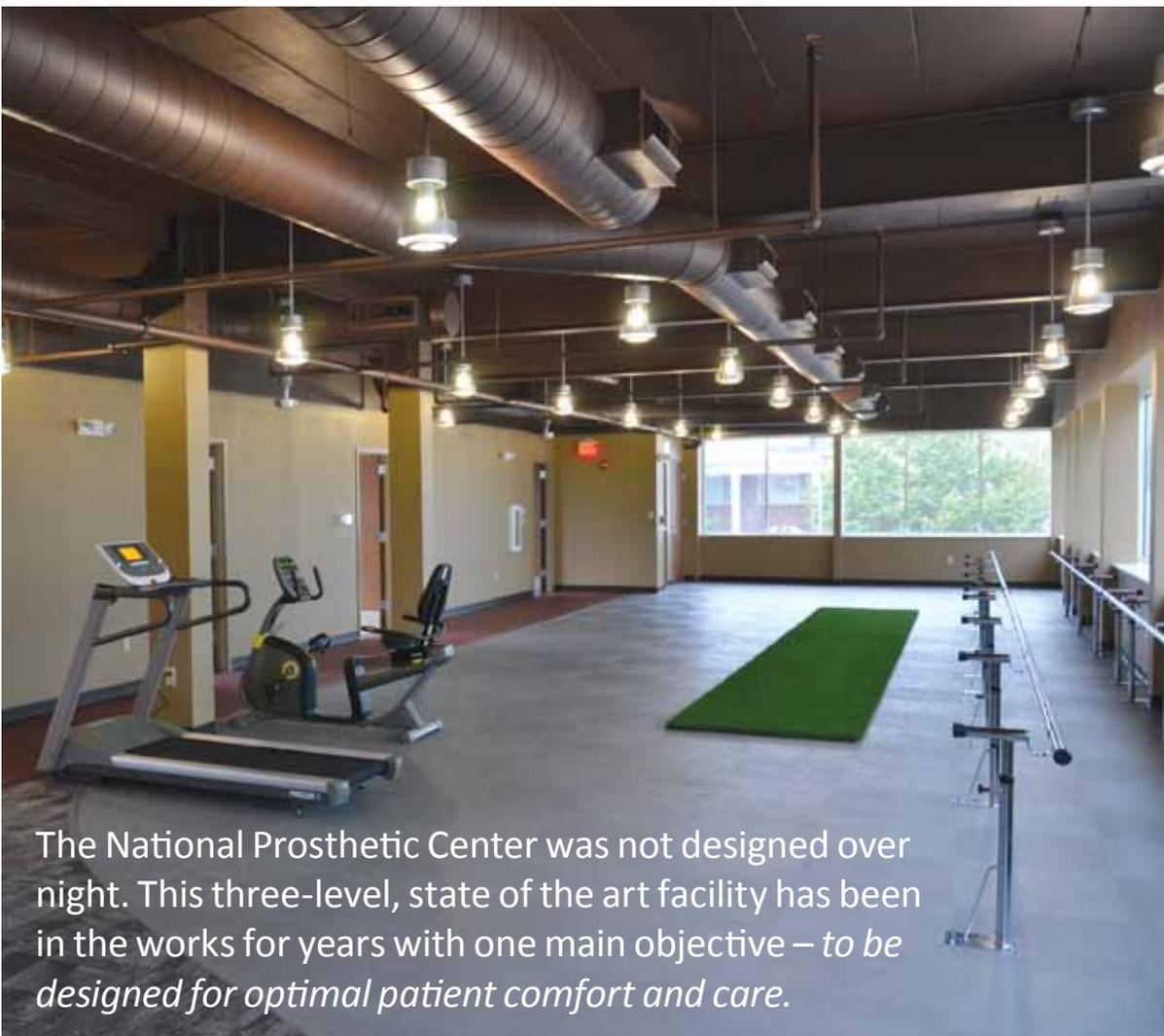
Nestled in the heart of downtown Indianapolis at 1900 N. Meridian Street is the brand new, state of the art, National Prosthetic Center. When you walk through our doors, you are more than a patient – you are a friend and a guest. After being greeted at the door, you will be escorted to our tranquil lobby where you can enjoy complimentary refreshments next to our custom waterfall feature.

A DESTINATION POINT

SRT welcomes anyone from around the country and around the world to experience our first-class patient care. We will be happy to escort you to our office from your plane, recommend hotels based on your budget and recommend points of interest in the vibrant city of Indianapolis for your family to enjoy during your trip.

EXCELLENT PATIENT CARE & COMFORT

When you become part of the SRT family, we want you to be as comfortable here as you are at home, and we invite you and your family to relax in our patient lounge and kitchen during your appointment. Your time spent at NPC will be more than a simple fitting. You will have the opportunity to test out your prosthesis in real-world situations such as walking on grass terrain and running or jogging up and down our massive gym. You will also have the opportunity to utilize our Activities of Daily Living room to practice routine activities such as getting in and out of bed and the shower.



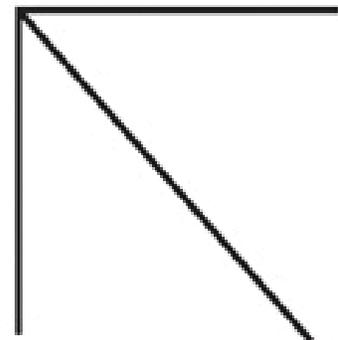
The National Prosthetic Center was not designed over night. This three-level, state of the art facility has been in the works for years with one main objective – *to be designed for optimal patient comfort and care.*

UNSURPASSED PROSTHETIC TECHNOLOGY

We pride ourselves on having access to prosthetic technology that you cannot receive at other facilities. The National Prosthetic Center is an exclusive provider in bionic prosthetic technology, and our prosthetists are experts on the most up-to-date technology available for both upper and lower extremity amputees. Our close relationships with manufacturers over the years has allowed us to be a beta testing site. Together with the patients, our suggestions for improvements have been implemented within the industry to improve the lives of countless amputees. Through the use of casts, measurements, computer aided design and working models, we ensure that each prosthesis is unique to the individual.



WE NEVER STOP LEARNING & IMPROVING



SRT Prosthetists work closely with physicians, physical and occupational therapists, nurses, and other medical professionals to monitor patient progress. At NPC, we also have a full education room to provide classes on a wide variety of topics from the basics of prosthetic use to the advancements in prosthetic technology. We will continually be holding educational classes throughout the year, most with CEU credits. If you are interested in attending a class, or would like to be a guest presenter, please contact us at mail@srtpro.com or at 317.296.7330.

THE BIOM: MILLIONS OF STEPS AND COUNTING...



Last year, SRT was proudly declared as an exclusive provider of the BiOM, the first bionic lower-leg system to replace lost muscle function. Instantaneously, the phones rang off the hook with requests to see this amazing technology up close and personal. The national media was immediately drawn to this life-changing device, and SRT was honored to demonstrate the BiOM on a national level on programs such as *"The Next Step with Dr. Sanjay Gupta, MD."*

The past year has been a whirlwind of success stories of amputees who have experienced how the BiOM allows them to walk with less stress on the rest of their body, powering them from one step to the next, and allowing them to get through their day using less energy.

The BiOM is a bionic lower-leg system that simulates the action of the ankle, Achilles tendon and calf muscles by propelling the amputee upwards and forwards during each walking step. Unlike passive carbon fiber feet that

only return 50% of the energy of a natural limb, the reflexive action in the BiOM performs net work on every step and returns 100% of the energy while accommodating for real-time terrain changes.

We don't have a newsletter large enough to encompass all of the success stories of amputees from across the world who have stated that not only have they benefited from the BiOM; it has changed their lives completely. Among the countless list of amputees is Shawn Brooks of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

On May 1st, 2002, Shawn had been working at Steel Dynamics, Incorporated for only three months.

"The company was still under construction," says Shawn. "We had not yet started production, and we were mostly just moving equipment."

Just fifteen feet away from Shawn was a co-worker who was moving a piece of equipment with an overhead crane.

While trying to flip it on its side, he inadvertently dragged it about ten feet, crashing into Shawn's ankles.

"To be honest," states Brooks, "The guys I worked with at Steel Dynamics saved my life. The first responders in the company arrived in a matter of minutes and I had ten to fifteen guys helping me until the ambulance got there. I'm very thankful to everyone I worked with for their rapid response to what happened that day."

"I woke up on the emergency room table," stated Shawn. The doctor on call told me that he would be able to save my left foot, but I was going to lose my right one. So I knew that whenever I woke up, I was going to be missing one of my feet."

"During my stay in the hospital, I was lying in a hospital bed with a missing foot, not really knowing what my future held at this point, doing a lot of soul searching," said Shawn. "Soon after, I was visited by Sam Santa-Rita from SRT Prosthetics. He reassured me that I would walk, golf, and bowl again. I have never been around a group of people that are as kind and friendly as the staff at SRT. I have a lot of trust in SRT."

The support of Shawn's co-workers at Steel Dynamics didn't end at the site of the accident.

"They came over to my house to install a ramp for my wheelchair and they were always calling me and checking on me," said Shawn. They would also pick me up so that I wouldn't just sit at home. I was always a big outdoors person. I love to bowl and play golf and do outdoor activities."

Shawn continues to work 12 hours a day at Steel Dynamics in the steel mill, and, in an effort to get Shawn back to doing exactly what he did before, SRT fit him with the BiOM.

"The BiOM is the best thing since sliced bread," Brooks stated. "When I took my first couple of steps, I knew right away that I wanted this device. It really helps me out at work because I can walk as much as I want, and not

be as fatigued. I feel like I'm walking normal. The BiOM is walking with me, instead of me having to drag it through when I walk."

"It's almost as if your leg is there," says Shawn. "I don't have to think about walking or going up the stairs because the BiOM is doing all the work for me. I don't have to think about what kind of terrain I'm on because the BiOM automatically adjusts. Working in a steel mill, I run across all kinds of different terrain, whether it's rocks, grease or oil. I may be cutting with a cutting torch with a dark shield over my face, so I sometimes can't see what's on the ground. I feel a lot more secure when I'm doing tasks of that nature with the BiOM, because I know if I take a step, it is going to adjust to whatever I'm stepping on."

"I'm faced with a lot of stairs at work, and the BiOM basically cuts my work

in half. I can walk up stairs without using the handrail and just walk up like a normal person does on the balls of their feet."

Inside the device is a lithium-polymer battery that is just as easy to use as a battery in a cordless drill. The BiOM reacts to its environment, whether it's stairs, ramps or level ground. Built-in sensors and microprocessors enable the device to mimic the natural way that the foot, ankle, Achilles tendon and calf muscle work together.

"The faster I walk, the more power the BiOM has," says Shawn. "I've had guys tell me that they can hardly keep up with me. Wearing a BiOM, I've grown to see that I don't think about it as much anymore."

"I love being bionic," Brooks boldly stated. It makes me feel like I can do things I had written off in my life.

SHAWN BROOKS PUTS THE BIOM TO THE TEST



The BiOM is more than just an “upgrade” in prosthetic technology. It will allow an amputee to walk further and faster with less effort over all terrain types, while reducing muscle pain and fatigue. The BiOM makes rapid and real time accommodations as the amputee walks, which greatly improves their balance and reduces their risk of falling. With the BiOM, an amputee can easily walk up a flight of stairs step over step, and walk up a curb without hesitation or fear of stumbling.

“I would absolutely never want to go back to another prosthetic device because it would be taking a step backwards,” stated Shawn. “I’m excited about being part of bringing the BiOM onto the market because I think it’s just going to expand in technology and will make people’s lives easier.”

“I think Worker’s Compensation, Steel Dynamics and SRT all stepped up into this new technology to help get me to where I need to be, said Shawn. “Once Worker’s Compensation was educated on the BiOM, they were very willing to work with me. I’ve never had any issues with Worker’s Compensation. Steel Dynamics stepped up, chipped in, and helped me along the entire process. I don’t know if there’s five other companies in the United States that’s better than the company I work for as far as the way they take care of their employees.”

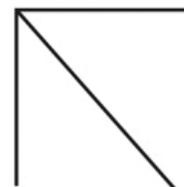
Shawn also stated, “If you are an amputee and have the opportunity to experience the BiOM, take advantage of it. With the BiOM, you don’t just have to ‘get by’ anymore. You can take advantage of this new technology and be ready for it to expand more.”

Shawn currently lives in Fort Wayne with his daughter, Haley, and sons, Harrison and Hudson.

If you would like to experience the power of the BiOM for yourself, call us today at 866.633.3961.



«CONGRATULATIONS TO BARRY SCHERER OF MONROEVILLE, IN: THE FIRST AMPUTEE TO TAKE HIS ONE MILLIONTH STEP ON THE BIOM!



PASTOR TERRY NEWSOME: THE SHIRT SAYS IT ALL

Whether you know him as “Pastor Terry,” “Reverend Newsome,” “Brother Terry,” “Dad,” or “Grandpa,” you can’t help but be affected by his contagious energy, passion and joy.

For the past three years, Reverend Terry Newsome has led his congregation at the Total Change Ministry Church of God and Christ in Fort Wayne, Indiana, which he built from the ground, up. However, this dramatic career change didn’t come easily.

“I lost about 20 years of my life on the streets before receiving my spiritual calling,” says Newsome.

In 1978, while serving in the U.S. Army in the Hawk Missile System at Fort Dix, Terry was riding in the back of a convoy military truck. Directly behind him was an identical truck that had misgauged their path and accidentally crashed into his rear, sending Terry flying fifteen feet in the air, landing on his knee. Suffering from torn ligaments and cartilage, he was relocated to Fort Bragg in North Carolina where he underwent two knee surgeries.

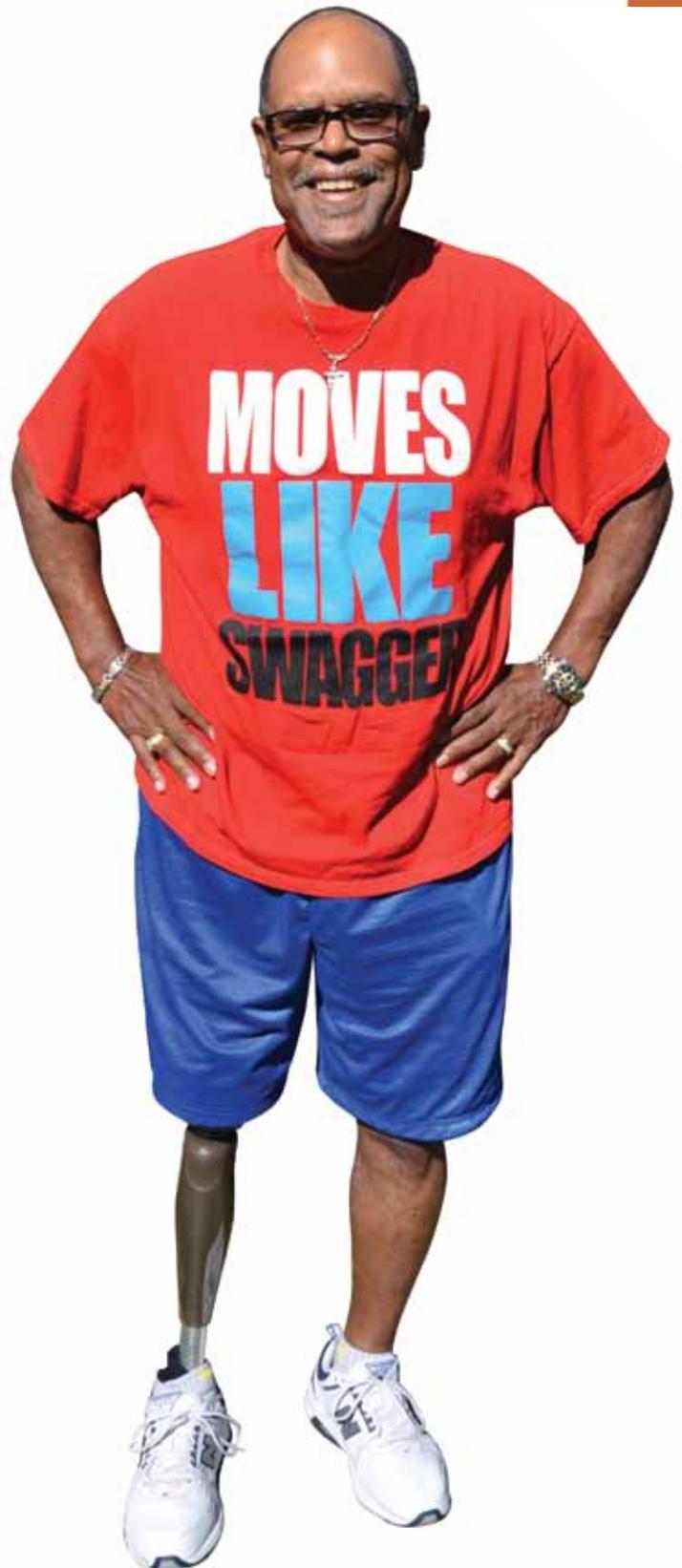
After serving his country, Terry would return home to Fort Wayne, Indiana to work at various manufacturers over the years, where he experienced constant problems with his knees, which resulted in additional surgeries, including a total of eight back surgeries, and two knee replacements.

These constant surgeries over the years left Terry very weak and inactive both physically and mentally.

“My diabetes was out of control,” stated Terry. “When I got to be about 340 pounds, I finally had to make the decision to undergo gastric bypass surgery.”

Although Terry had reached a very difficult and dark stage of his life, he never lost the love of his wife, Remma, his 9 children, and 13 grandchildren.

While returning home from a trip with his daughter Anika and his son Terrell to Indianapolis, Terry was struck from behind by a car; an accident that almost mirrored his crash in 1978. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured, and everyone was able to walk away from the wreck. However, later that night, Terry woke up to find that his knee was severely swollen, and his wife called for an EMS to take him to the hospital.



The doctors had found a severe infection around his knee replacement, and, once again, Terry would undergo back-to-back knee surgeries. With the guidance and advice from his doctors, Terry was faced with a very difficult decision to make.

"I didn't want to lose my leg. I didn't want to wear a prosthesis," said Terry, not knowing what the future held for him. "I was torn and broken. No one knew how broken I was inside."

It wasn't until 2009 while attending a church revival, that dark cloud over Terry was finally lifted.

"I had always gone to church, despite everything that was going on in my life," said Terry. "For about four years, I was ignoring God's call."

While attending a church revival, Terry finally decided to answer the long-anticipated call from God, and, in the parking lot, he made the commitment and began the process of becoming a pastor.

With a new outlook, Terry faced his problems head-on, and began to seek advice on a possible elective amputation.

"I visited another prosthetic facility in the area, and I was very unsatisfied," Terry stated. "I just didn't feel the connection there. It wasn't until I came to SRT that it finally felt right."

Still contemplating whether or not to have an elective amputation, Terry found a strong bond with SRT prosthetists and fellow amputees, Shawn Brown and John Arnold.

"When I saw how Shawn walked into the office, I remember thinking to myself, *He can't be an amputee,*" said

Terry. "And then John came flying in the room after him, and I couldn't believe that he was an amputee above the knee!"

"I made up my mind that day what to do," Terry boldly stated. "I told myself that if they can get up and move like that, then there is no reason why I can't do it myself."

Only a few days before having his right leg amputated above the knee, Terry took the advice of John and Shawn and attended the quarterly Amputee Walking School in Fort Wayne.

"I was looking for hope, and I was amazed at what some of the amputees could accomplish there," said Terry.

After attending the Amputee Walking School, Terry quickly realized that there is a message that brand new amputees (or those facing amputation) need to hear.

"You can rebound," says Terry. "You can find hope, but you have to get up and get going. When I get up every morning, I have to make the decision to either have a good day or a pity party."

On March 1st of this year, Terry underwent his amputation and has never looked back.

"This is the best decision I've ever made," said Terry. "Working with SRT and my physical therapist, Donna Webster at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, has been a great experience. When my therapy was over, I couldn't say good-bye to Donna because I probably would have cried."

In addition to being a very unique person, Terry is one of the first amputees to use a very unique prosthesis. The

brand new Genium is a state of the art microprocessor-controlled knee joint that delivers unmatched functionality, including special features to help step over obstacles and ascend stairs. For the amputee, motion becomes intuitive. Barriers and obstacles become an unconscious part of life instead of an interruption. Whether making a fast turn-and-grab to catch up with a runaway toddler, changing speed dramatically or backing up to navigate a crowd, or simply stepping over an obstacle instead of going around, the Genium makes it all easier without risking stability.

Terry stated, after recently buying a brand new car for his wife, "my wife has a brand new 2012, and now I have one, too!" Although this is amazing and brand new technology, the Genium is not currently covered by Medicare at this time.

Terry's story is a great inspiration to his family, friends, congregation, and the SRT family, and we are all very proud of his testimonial and accomplishments.



"You can find hope, but you have to get up and get going."

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AMPUTEE GOLFERS!



64th Annual National Amputee Golf Open Championship!



This past August, SRT National Prosthetic Center partnered with the National Amputee Golf Association and hosted the tournament, which was held at the Brickyard Crossing at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, in the heart of Indianapolis. With holes inside the racetrack, this beautiful course gave players an exceptional and unique golf experience.



Congratulations to Kim Moore

of Indianapolis, Indiana on her 10th consecutive National Amputee Women's Golf Championship!

Kim Moore is SRT's Resident PGA Professional, giving free golf lessons to our patients year round. All SRT patients enjoy the benefit of having Kim as their personal, professional golf instructor, taking advantage of her expertise in custom club fitting and swing analysis. Kim also gives her expert advice on full swing, short game and course management instruction.

All SRT patients are encouraged to call us to schedule their one-on-one golf lesson with Kim at the course of their choice! *There is no fee for this program.*

317.296.7330

THE AMPUTEE WALKING SCHOOL

For over 20 years, Paralympic Gold Medalists Dennis Oehler and Todd Schaffhauser have helped thousands of amputees world-wide with this free program, helping them optimize the use of their prosthesis. Whether you have been an amputee for years, a brand new amputee, or even contemplating amputation; the Amputee Walking School is a fun, casual atmosphere filled with inspirational stories and strength-training exercises. Dennis and Todd take a hands-on approach to training physical therapists at the Walking School, encouraging them to work one-on-one with the amputees, and then use this skill set in their own practice. We also encourage physicians, occupational therapists, restorative nurses, wound care specialists, case managers/social workers, discharge planners, diabetic counselors, and students to attend and learn about our team approach to the overall care of amputees.



*Free CEU Credits Available for
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Thursday, September 27, 2012

Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana
4141 Shore Drive – Indianapolis, IN
6:30 – 8:30 PM



Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Community Howard Specialty Hospital
829 N. Dixon Road – Kokomo, IN
6:30 – 8:30 PM



Ball Memorial Hospital

Monday, October 22, 2012

IU Health – Ball Memorial Hospital
Rehab Center
3300 W. Community Drive – Muncie, IN
6:30 – 8:30 PM



Turnstone

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

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3320 N. Clinton Street – Fort Wayne, IN
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