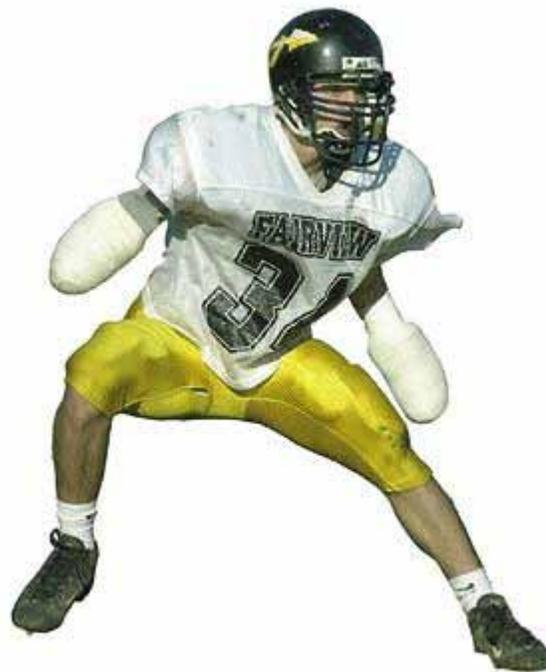




Hope & Inspiration
The stories of Brad Hurtig & Kim Moore



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When faced head-on by a tragedy or one of life’s challenges, having the right attitude makes all the difference.

SRT has had the privilege of working with Brad Hurtig and Kim Moore for the past several years. These young amputees have faced many of life’s hurdles head on, and they have leaped over them with the greatest of ease. To say

that their tenacity, strength, energy, and positive attitudes are inspiring would be a huge understatement.

As you read through Brad’s and Kim’s life stories, you will soon learn that even the most horrible of circumstances (at the most inconvenient of times) can never crush the spirit of a determined individual.

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The Success Story of Kim Moore

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Take a closer look at the picture of Kim on the cover of this newsletter. If you didn't already know you were reading a prosthetic-related article, you may not have even known Kim was an amputee.

However, unlike some of the amputees you will read about in our articles, Kim never faced a tragic accident, or suffered an amputation due to diabetes or a vascular disease. For her, life as a below-knee amputee began at birth.

Born with a clubbed left foot, Kim also had a birth defect on her right leg just below her ankle. She was fit for her first prosthesis at the age of two when she first began walking.

"I admire people who suffer from amputations later on in life," says Moore. "For me, this is what I'm used to.

I grew up with an amputation, and I've never known anything different."

As she grew up, Kim began to experience a passion for sports. An avid basketball, football, soccer, volleyball, and golf fan, she decided to pick up a basketball and join a team in both grade school and in high school in Fort Wayne, Indiana. "Although I struggled with my balance and speed, I still loved playing the game." "But after a while the game kept getting faster and I kept getting slower, so my Dad suggested golf to me as a sport with a slower pace." After graduating from high school in 1999, Kim's golfing career shot off like a rocket as she went on to obtain a scholarship to The University of Indianapolis with a major in biology (pre-med) and

a minor in chemistry and Spanish. By the time she graduated from college in 2003, Kim was ranked 8th in the nation, and had achieved such accomplishments as winning 7 college tournaments, receiving the Individual Scoring Record, as well as being the first recipient of the Kim Moore Spirit Award for lady golfers in Divisions I, II, and III.

Moore went on to play for the Duramed Futures Golf Tour, a nationwide ladies tour, as well as several Indiana State Opens. If that wasn't impressive enough, she would later win the Canadian National Amputee Golf Championship in 2003, the Japan Open Championship in 2005, and is an eight-time US National Amputee Ladies Champion. Kim has a career record of 4 hole-in-ones and has been a member of the Professional Golf Association (PGA) since 2006.

Currently, Kim resides in Elkhart, Indiana, and works for the Elcona Country Club in Bristol, Indiana, where she gives golf lessons. Her family includes her parents, Jane and Chuck Moore of Fort Wayne, as well as her brother Adam Moore and sister, Heather Wyszynski. For the past several years, SRT has been a proud sponsor of this amazing and inspiring athlete, and will continue to support her and her incredible achievements.



The Success Story of Brad Hurtig

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An amputation can be career-ending and life-shattering for any athlete. However, with a positive attitude and an encouraging support system, this athlete has been able to overcome the tragedy that befell him at a very early age.

In June of 2002, Brad Hurtig, a junior at Fairview High School in Sherwood, Ohio, was involved in an industrial accident at a stamping factory which resulted in the amputation of his right arm, four inches below the elbow, and the amputation of three fingers on his left hand. Brad was rushed to a local hospital and later taken to the Toledo Hospital where he underwent numerous surgeries.

“After about a month of trying to salvage my index and thumb with therapy, the doctors needed to amputate all that remained of my left hand, says Hurtig. “It seemed to me like life was starting all over again. I was going to have to learn to do everything in a new manner. That is, of course, if I would be able to do them at all.”

Hurtig’s relationship with SRT Prosthetics and Orthotics began when Sam Santa-Rita, owner, overheard Brad’s uncle discussing the accident. Sam immediately got Brad’s attention with a demonstration of a myoelectric prosthetic arm, and Brad has been under SRT’s care ever since.

With the support of his friends, family, and community, Brad was finally able to return home where he continued to play varsity baseball

and varsity football where he holds the record for most tackles in a season.

Brad recalls his first day back on the football field stating, “I was sitting next to my coach on the bench during practice and I was trying to reach the water bottle on the ground next to my feet. I hadn’t received my prosthesis yet, and I asked my coach to hand the bottle to me, says Brad.

“I guess if you’re thirsty enough you’ll find a way to pick it up,” the coach replied.

“That was a big part of my recovery,” states Hurtig. “It made me realize that I could do normal things for myself with a little extra effort.”

Brad went on to graduate from Fairview High School and Northwest State Community College in Archbold, Ohio, with an associates degree in

Mechanical Engineering. He still resides in Sherwood, Ohio, where he is a youth director at Sunrise Community Church. His proud family includes his parents, Kim and Jim Hurtig, as well as his brothers Jeff, Brian and twin brother, Chris.

Throughout this entire experience, Brad has never lost faith. He is highly involved with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, leading students at Fairview Middle School and Fairview High school in devotions and prayer during football games. He also continues to give several motivational speeches to schools, churches and youth groups. An avid sports fanatic, Brad continues to play in his church’s softball league and loves to ride his four-wheelers, dirt bikes, and dune buggies.



Over 20 Years of Changing Lives: Inside the Amputee Walking School

If you have ever had the experience to meet the founders of the Amputee Walking School, then you know that the phrase “Life without Limitation” is not just a motto to them; it’s their lifestyle.

For over twenty years, Paralympic athletes Dennis Oehler and Todd Shaffhauser have worked with well over 20,000 amputees and more than 45,000 therapists. However, this was by no means the original plans for their lives. In 1986, Dennis and Todd, both new amputee athletes, met for the first time at a research study in a hospital in New York City for special surgery. When the study was completed, they began training together and entered their first competition.

However, long before there was the Paralympics or the Walking School, there were two men from New York whose lives would change dramatically in similar ways. One of these men was Todd Shaffhauser. Todd became an above-knee amputee at the age of 15 as a result of cancer. “I was in chemo-therapy for a year and a half, so I had a lot of time to think, but I was too sick to be depressed,” states Schaffhauser. Determined to regain an active lifestyle, he pursued competitive athletics for the first time in his life. In 1988, Todd qualified for the Paralympic Track and Field Team and won a gold medal by completing the 100 meter event in a time of 15.77 seconds. In the 1995 World Games in Germany, he broke his own world record by running the 100 meter event in 14.55 seconds.



Living only five minutes away from him was his future partner, Dennis Oehler. In 1984, Dennis’ car stalled on the side of a major highway. While pushing the car to the side of the road, he was struck from behind by another vehicle. The result was the below-knee amputation of his right leg. This accident happened only three weeks prior to Dennis signing a contract to be a professional soccer player in New York. Similar to Todd, Dennis experienced his own period of discouragement. “I was fortunate that three months after my accident the 1984 World Games for the disabled was held on Long Island,” says Oehler. “I was basically dragged out by my friends and it was there my life changed. I just happened to arrive during the 400-meter event for below-knee amputees. Seeing these amputees sprint made me realize I would be a competitive athlete again.” Dennis would go on to set several world records in the 1988 Paralympics including 11.73 seconds in the 100-meter event, 24.23 seconds in the 200-meter event, and 56.26 seconds in the 400-meter event.



Oehler would later go to the 1992 Paralympics with a world record of 18 feet, 10 inches in the long jump event.

Shortly after their Paralympic careers, Dennis and Todd began conducting fitness clinics for amputees under the original name of the Amputee Running School, in search of the next up-and-coming Paralympic athlete. However, the young, versatile patients they were expecting weren't the ones attending the clinics. Instead, they were visited by hundreds of diabetic and vascular patients who were in need of continuing therapy. "The Amputee Walking School was a natural progression from our full day fitness clinics," says Oehler. "Unfortunately, amputees don't receive enough rehabilitation, so Todd and I developed the Walking School to offer patients the training

needed to return to what we consider to be life-skill goals."

The rest is history. For over two decades, Dennis and Todd have helped thousands of amputees world-wide reach their own personal goals of mobility with this unique and educational program. This free, quarterly event, sponsored by SRT Prosthetics and Orthotics, has been a great success for the past seven years at the Turnstone Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana and also for three years at the Kokomo Event Center in Kokomo, Indiana. Recently, the Amputee Walking School made its debut in Anderson, Indiana at the Hopewell Center and was favorably received. The Amputee Walking school is open to any amputee, with or without a prosthesis (and their families), as well as any physical therapist or other medical professional. A

certificate of completion will be presented to those who attend. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of the exhilarating experience of the Amputee Walking School that turns "disabilities" into "possibilities."

ONE NIGHT ONLY!
The Walking School is
coming to
Defiance, Ohio!

Thursday, April 28, 2011
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Defiance College
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2011 Amputee Walking Schools



Monday, April 25, 2011
Monday, July 25, 2011
Monday, October 24, 2011

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Hopewell Center
5325 Main Street
Anderson, Indiana



Tuesday, April 26, 2011
Tuesday, July 26, 2011
Tuesday, October 25, 2011

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Kokomo Event Center
1500 N. Reed Road
Kokomo, Indiana



Wednesday, April 27, 2011
Wednesday, July 27, 2011
Wednesday, October 26, 2011

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Turnstone Center
3320 N. Clinton Street
Fort Wayne, Indiana

SRT in the Spotlight: Bryan King, CPO

There is a new face to go along with our new office in Anderson, Indiana. Bryan King, certified prosthetist and orthotist, is now serving as practice manager for both the Kokomo and Anderson branches for SRT.

Bryan King first became interested in a career in prosthetics and orthotics while volunteering in the physical therapy department at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lafayette, Indiana. Still an undergraduate at Purdue University at the time, King observed a therapist working with a new above-knee amputee who had just received his first prosthesis. "After finding the prosthesis and the training process interesting, I researched orthotics and prosthetics as a career. My research ultimately landed me at the local orthotic and prosthetic facility where this particular patient's prosthesis had been made and fit. My decision to pursue this career was solidified after observing, volunteering, and

working at that facility over the next year and a half", States King.

Bryan would go on to graduate from Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in Health Sciences and later from Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois, in the Orthotic and Prosthetic certificate programs. With over 22 years experience in the prosthetic and orthotic field, he joined the SRT family in May of 2009.

"SRT is an excellent company to work for because of our team approach to providing the best possible patient care," states Bryan. "All of our clerical, administrative, and clinical staff members throughout our five patient care facilities are very supportive of one another in sharing a vision for being the premier orthotic and prosthetic care provider in the Midwest."

Bryan currently resides with his family in the surrounding

Anderson area in his hometown of Alexandria, Indiana. King, along with the rest of the SRT staff, is very excited about the opening of the new office in Anderson (pictured below).

Bryan states, "Our new facility offers an exciting opportunity for me. Not only am I able to re-establish relationships with medical and rehabilitation professionals, I am also able to serve the special needs of orthotic and prosthetic patients in my hometown community."

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*Bryan King treating Betty
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*The patient gym in the
Anderson Office*



The Future is Here: Midwest takes First Steps into History



Lower limb amputees in the Midwest are among the first in the United States to have access to the new Power Knee, the world's first and only motorized prosthetic knee. SRT Prosthetics and Orthotics recently became the exclusive provider in the region of this device, which represents an entirely new category of prosthetic technology.

One of the first in the country to experience this technology is Allison Brown of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Allison became an above-knee amputee in 1990 due to osteosarcoma cancer. Determined to maintain an active lifestyle, Allison became a member of the U.S. Disabled Swim Team from 1995 to 1997 where they would win a gold medal and set a world record in the 4x100 medley relay, and also received a silver medal in the 4x100 freestyle relay. Although no longer a competitive swimmer, Allison still gets plenty of exercise chasing around her four children, Riley, 9, Morgan, 7, Hannah, 5, Jackson, 2, as well as her husband, Shawn.

"I had heard about the Power Knee for quite some time, so I knew the potential of what it could do. I was excited to try it out", says Allison.

Over the years, Allison has worn several different types of prosthetic knees. "I have primarily used hydraulic knees, until two years ago when I was lucky enough to use the Rheo Knee", says Allison. I think it was a tremendous advancement to microprocessor knees and I felt very agile on it. Now, with the

Power Knee, I think it has redefined how amputees will walk".

This highly intelligent knee works as an integrated extension of the user, replacing true muscle activity to bend and straighten the knee, as well as provides the power to help maintain walking speeds, and assists with the upward motion required for stairs and inclines. With integrated artificial intelligence (AI) systems, sophisticated motion sensors and wireless communication capabilities, the Power Knee is a "smart" prosthetic limb, which can "learn" its user's walking style and automatically make real-time adjustments based on changes in speed, stride, or terrain.

The Power Knee's design is intended to enhance the user's balance and stability, and to prevent or minimize the pain, fatigue, and long-term injuries that often occur when an amputee favors, over-compensates, or over-relies on the other body parts for mobility. This technology will provide amputees with the ability to do more activities of daily living with less stress on their back, shoulders and sound side knee with less energy and a decreased fear of tripping or falling.

"On the first day a patient is on the Power Knee, they begin to learn to stand and walk", Allison explains. "Those first few hours were challenging for me. The one thing I did not anticipate about the Power Knee is the commitment it takes to learn to use it properly. It is such an innovative device, and you really have to "re-learn" how to walk on it.

But I knew the potential for the Power Knee, and the benefits that I, and other patients, will reap from learning to use it properly far outweigh the time that it takes to learn it".

As the days turned into weeks, Allison was able to learn how to navigate obstacles in her daily life, and on the day she was able to successfully walk up a flight of stairs step over step, she began to truly feel comfortable and confident in the Power Knee's capabilities.

"Now, I am able to fully utilize the benefits of the Power Knee, from relying on it to help me sit down and stand up", says Allison. "In the long term, I think this will benefit me and my family by allowing me to be an active mother and wife for many more years to come".



"I first became intrigued with the Power Knee because of its ability to allow amputees to walk up stairs. But I've come to realize that was just the tip of the iceberg". – Allison Brown



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