

Client: Emily

Therapist: Beverly Witt, PT

Certified Provider: Linda Barnes, Henley Medical

Location: East Ridge, TN

Date: Spring 2007

Chair Model: C400 Jr. Stander— a quality of life

Emily's Story:

Emily is 8 years old; a very active, outgoing girl, who enjoys conversation with friends and family. She is into everything and knows everyone. She has Spina Bifida and hydrocephalus. Because of this, she has little to no sensation or movement in her lower extremities. She is currently in the 2nd grade at a mainstream school.

She has been using a manual wheelchair and a mobile manual stander since about 20 months of age. After starting school, she noticed the longer distances she needed to travel were exhausting. From the classroom to gym, computer

room to lunch, and many stops along the way – by the time she arrived home at 4pm, she was ready for bed. The fatigue she was enduring also affected her performance at school.

She experienced similar fatigue in her manual stander, which also took a long time to get around in and required assistance to transfer into and out of. For a while an aide pushed her around to help conserve Emily's energy, but that became very frustrating and obviously did not provide Emily the independence she deserves.



Emily's C400 Jr. Stander allows her to reach items in the refrigerator and access the kitchen counter to help prepare meals, as seen in the picture above.



Wheelchair System

The **C400 Jr. Stander** was chosen with the following features in mind:

- Front wheel drive configuration allows her to maneuver tightly in the home and classroom setting.
- Drive wheels in the front also improve outdoor performance, so she can transverse the same environments as other children. She thinks driving over the mulch in the playground is great!
- Compact C400 base allows improved access for a wider selection of adapted vehicles.

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Getting the most from your wheelchair system

“More people need to realize it’s more than a piece of equipment...it is the quality of her life.”

The **C400 Jr. Stander** was chosen with the following features in mind:

- Mobility and standing is incorporated into one piece of equipment. Emily can independently move into a standing position without using long leg braces (which previously were required); this saves time and energy, as she gets ready for her busy day.
- Combination unit also allows the chair to recline and the leg rests to elevate. This means that even when she gets tired, she does not have to transfer out of the chair. She can take periodic rests throughout the day, and be able to get through the day without fatigue.
- Getting the seating small enough was a challenge for Emily, but was possible in the C400 Jr. Stander which will grow with Emily for many years to come.

Main Objectives:

Emily and her family were searching for a multi-functional mobility device to address all their needs:

- Allow interaction with her peers.
- Stand up more regularly for the therapeutic benefits.
- Reduce exhaustion, so her day does not have to end at 4 pm.
- Reach for her bathing supplies, wash her hands, access food from the fridge—Stand up, dance or make a pumpkin pie!
- Empower her to get around the playground with her friends and drive over the mulch, which she could not do in her manual chair.

When asked about the challenges in obtaining funding for Emily’s chair, her mother shares with genuine emotion, “Just to hear her say ‘**Look mom, I did it by myself!**’ It was so worth it.”

C400 JR STANDER NEW CONFIDENCE



After receiving her new C400 Jr. Stander, the School Administrator reports “I’ve noticed a confidence boost in (Emily), even in music class...she sings out more.”

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