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Falling Forward Foundation
Helping patients recover and move forward!

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Sam Porritt discovered the necessity of physical rehabilitation like many individuals do after an unexpected severe injury or illness. Due to a fall while on vacation, Porritt experienced a spinal cord injury and has been receiving rehabilitation for more than two years. While Porritt continues in rehabilitation therapy, he has made a significant recovery. During his therapy programs, he has met many other individuals also recovering from a complex injury or illness. What he discovered was each individual has different rehabilitation needs, and each one had insurance that covered therapy at various levels. Porritt also met individuals whose insurance ran out, but who, if they had the means to continue therapy, would continue to recover and reach their full potential.

Porritt saw that something needed to be done to help these individuals. So in August, he founded the Falling Forward Foundation.

The Falling Forward Foundation supports the medical rehabilitation of individuals whose insurance benefits are not adequate to cover the cost of continued care when those services are pivotal to their recovery. Each day, thousands of people in the United States suffer from traumatic brain injuries, strokes and spinal cord injuries, which can take months or years to recover from. The Falling Forward Foundation is there to help those who experience catastrophic medical issues, especially since most insurance just covers 20 to 30 rehabilitation center outpatient visits.

The Rehabilitation Institute of Kansas City is proud to have assisted Sam Porritt in his recovery and is pleased to be a recipient of the foundation's resources in helping cover therapy needs if and when medical coverage is limited for individuals. The foundation signed a 10-year agreement with the RIKC on Aug. 28.

Please join us as we celebrate National Rehabilitation week and the launch of The Falling Forward Foundation.

What: Falling Forward Foundation Presentation by founder Sam Porritt

When: Monday, September 16 at 12:45 p.m.

Where: RIKC Front Lobby
3011 Baltimore Ave.
Kansas City, MO, 64108

About The Rehabilitation Institute of Kansas City

The Rehabilitation Institute of Kansas City (RIKC) is the leading outpatient medical and vocational rehabilitation service provider in the Greater Kansas City area. Since 1947, RIKC has helped children and adults with disabilities to live more independent and enriching lives in the community. Voted #1 for Best Nonprofit Category in the 2012 Pitch's "Best of Kansas City" Issue, RIKC strives for and achieves excellent measurable outcomes and services that impact those who have experienced a disability. Website: www.rehabkc.org

Specialties

Medical Rehabilitation, Senior Services, Neuropsychology Services, Driving Evaluation & Training, Adaptive Technology Services, Employment Placement, and Industrial Sheltered Workshop Services

About The Falling Forward Foundation

The purpose of The Falling Forward Foundation is to support patients recovering from catastrophic medical issues. We provide funding that allows patients to continue their rehabilitation, to recover to their fullest potential, and to move forward in their lives.

Website: <http://www.falling-forward.org/>