#### **About Push to Walk**

Founded in 2007, Push to Walk provides individualized workouts and resources to people with spinal cord injuries and other forms of paralysis to optimize current quality of life and to prepare for future medical advancements. Push to Walk is a unique program in the New York-New Jersey area.

We offer specialized activity-based training that supplements physical and occupational therapies. In addition, Push to Walk -

Provides counseling and resources

Monitors and supports research affecting the spinal cord injury and paralysis community

Partners with health care providers, medical professionals, researchers, educators and others to determine how we can best help this community

Advocates for care and cure

Fosters a sense of community by organizing activities for clients, families and friends

# **Diagnosis Of Clients We Serve**

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS	7.50%
TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY & CEREBRAL PALSY	22.50%
OTHER (Stroke, Medical, Transverse Myelitis, Spinal Stroke, Hereditary Spastic Paraplegia, Spinal Muscular Atrophy)	23.75%
SPINAL CORD INJURY	46.25%

# **Building Strength**

Push to Walk's gym is a positive environment where individuals can work hard at their own pace, motivated by a dedicated team of professionals and inspired by the successes of their peers. Exercise programs are individually designed and continually updated to stay progressively challenging.

Our trainers hold degrees in Exercise Science and Exercise Physiology, certifications from the American College of Sports Medicine and the National Academy of Sports Medicine, and participate in continuing education and specialized courses.

Workouts are designed to help clients strengthen their entire body, concentrating on both core and balance. Our focus is identifying what the client CAN do, with exercises designed to help build strength where needed.

"My trainer gets me out of my chair and makes me feel like I'm working out as if I never had an injury."

- Christan, Client

### Equipment

RT200 FES Elliptical	Easy Stand Glider		
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RT300 FES Bike	Adductor		
RT600 Step & Stand	Hip/Glute Machine		
Kcite FES Clinical Station	Gait Harness System		
Ayocycle	II Walker		
Notomed Leg & Arm Cycle	Galileo Advanced &		
Reha Move	Galileo Mano Dumbbel		
Freadmill Weight	Galileo Delta A Tilt Tabl		
Supported Gait Training	Vibeplate		
lotal Gym	Rifton TRAM Walker		
SCIFIT Hand Cycle			



### **Improving Health**

Our trainers focus on the entire well-being of each client. One-on-one support helps to foster improved health. Our trainers typically strive to help clients -

- Increase their strength and balance
- Improve flexibility and range of motion
- Decrease risk of injury
- Improve circulation
- Improve muscular conditioning

Research has shown that exercise decreases the frequency and severity of most common secondary complications when performed on a regular basis.

"My daughter is not only healthier and stronger but also happier and more self-confident as a result of her one-on-one workouts at Push to Walk" - S.C., Mother of Client

### **Training Options**

We offer a free initial evaluation and Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES) add-ons for those who qualify. After this initial evaluation, individuals may choose from the following training options:

In House Program - Weekly sessions led by trainers at our facility in Oakland, NJ.

• Home Program Development - We will customize a program for you to do at home and provide periodic checks to ensure that you are moving towards your goals.

Train Your Trainer - If you prefer to be trained outside our facility with your own trainer, we will train your trainer. Our accredited professionals will outline a program with benchmarks so you can achieve your goals.

*"Individuals come to Push to Walk to build a better future for themselves"* 

- Darren Templeton, Co-Founder

### Founders

Push to Walk was founded by people who have been directly impacted by paralysis and understand the physical, psychological, emotional, and financial effects it can have on those who experience such trauma. Darren Templeton sustained a C5 spinal cord injury after diving into shallow water in July 2004. He co-founded the non-profit with his mother, Cynthia Templeton. Together, they focus on providing the services and environment necessary to help individuals with paralysis live more independent and fulfilling lives.





Push to Walk is a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization. Clients pay an hourly fee for personalized training. These fees do not fully cover operating expenses. The balance is obtained through fundraising activities, grants and donations. Scholarships are also made available to assist those with financial need.

Donations to Push to Walk can be made through our website. For more information about our program, call us at 201-644-7567 or email us.

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