

# **SPINAL CORD INJURY (SCI) STATS**

- The higher in the spinal column an injury occurs, the more function a person will lose.
- Complete SCIs have no sensory or motor function below level of injury.
- Incomplete SCIs have some messages that travel below the level of injury.
- Average age at injury increased from 29 years in the 1970s to 43 since 2015.
- 79% of new SCIs since 2015 are male.
- 302,000 people with SCIs living in the US
- The three leading causes for SCIs are 1) Vehicular injuries, 2) Falls, 3) Violence
- 18,000 estimated new SCls each year in the United States
- Average caregiver pay through Medicaid is \$15/hour. Average out of pocket pay for a caregiver is \$25-\$30/hour.
- Zero family care homes in Iredell County
- Average yearly expenses a. C1-C4: \$228,450 b. C5-C8: \$140,144 c. Paraplegia: \$84,934 13. 40% of adults with SCIs make less than \$25,000 a year

## **FAQS: ANSWERED**

#### What is Westmoreland Wheelhouse?

- An independently ran home for adults with SCls, where caregivers provide proper care for the residents so they can live as independent a life as possible and to help with everyday activities in a home setting.
  WW provides around the clock caregivers to ease the anxiety of caregiver scheduling and availability for our residents.

### Where will WW be located?

- Iredell County
- WW is actively searching for land in the Troutman/Statesville area
- Logistically located between Charlotte and Winston-Salem

### How many people will WW accommodate?

• Westmoreland Wheelhouse will be the home of up to 6 residents.

### What are the living arrangements?

• Each resident will have their own apartment style room with private bathrooms

### How do I apply to be a resident?

 You can inquire about becoming a resident of WW through our website or you can email us at info@WestmorelandWheelhouse.org

### How much will it cost to build and operate?

- \$200,000 land purchase
- \$2.5 million to construct
- Yearly operating budget of \$1 million



# **"STAND TALL NO** YOU ARE SITTING IN."

- KASEY WESTMORELAND, **FOUNDER** 



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# **ABOUT US**

In 2002, at the age of 16, I suffered a spinal cord injury during a beach accident and became paralyzed from the chest down as a result. Now, 37 years old, I have continually struggled with getting and keeping reliable caregivers. While I have a very supportive circle of family and friends, having to turn to them too frequently makes it difficult to lead an independent life.

After working in our local hospital for 7 years, Candace began providing care for myself in 2011. Candace is experienced with caregiving for all ages, medication management and administration responsibilities. Throughout the years of our great friendship, we think we have compiled enough experience from the trials and tribulations of a quadriplegic's struggles.

Westmoreland Wheelhouse aims to provide 6 individuals with apartment- style living designed to give our residents independence and privacy, allowing them to lead a more purpose filled life. Although experiences vary, people with SCI are capable of furthering their education, employment, and enjoying life. Westmoreland Wheelhouse will also provide age-appropriate activities for its residents. Residents have the independence to leave the home to do normal activities just like if they were living by themselves.



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