



RELIABLE CAREGIVING & HOUSING FOR ADULTS WITH SPINAL CORD INJURIES (SCIS)

Adults living with SCIs face numerous challenges. The physical challenges are apparent, but the financial, mental, vocational, and caregiving aspects of life with an SCI can take a toll. Reliability is key when it comes to many of these aspects, especially caregiving. For many years now, the caregiver industry has been greatly underfunded, understaffed, and subject to poor accountability. Westmoreland Wheelhouse seeks to give adults with SCIs peace of mind in all aspects of life. There are 302,000 people living with SCIs in the United States and an estimated 18,000 new SCIs each year. 40% of these adults make less than \$25,000 a year. This can be a major hurdle to overcome when the average yearly expenses for an SCI range from \$85,000 to \$230,000. A spinal cord injury should not deprive someone of a meaningful, independent life. After experiencing an SCI, a person will be left with two options: (1) around the clock home care for all activities, or (2) long term care facility.

Westmoreland Wheelhouse's mission is to build and operate a 6 apartment-style family care home in Iredell County. The home will be designed to give residents independence and privacy in a home-style setting. Consistent and quality caregiving will lead to healthier individuals with fewer doctor's visits, less hospital trips, and reduced insurance bills. This family care home will be the first of its kind in this region. In fact, there are none like this in North Carolina. The home will have modern amenities including a full kitchen, private suites and activity space to go along with 24/7 caregiving. An Activity Director will be on staff to schedule events and create a supportive environment. Located in Iredell County, North Carolina, Westmoreland Wheelhouse is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. We are positioned at an ideal location between Charlotte and Winston-Salem providing easy access to both trauma centers.

By ensuring that adults living with SCIs have reliable, affordable, communal, and fully accessible care, we will provide an independent lifestyle where residents can focus on the other aspects of life and avoid the uncertainties.

Westmoreland Wheelhouse hosts the following yearly fundraisers: The Lead Slingshot Classic and WW Golf Tournament.

To help us reach our goal visit us at: westmorelandwheelhouse.org
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