

## Project Freedom Questions and Answers

### **Q. What is Project Freedom?**

A. Project Freedom is a non-profit organization that lends patient lifts to individuals without the assets or insurance coverage to purchase them. These lifts improve the quality of life of persons with limited mobility by giving them greater independence and in some cases the ability to stay in their own home instead of moving into a nursing home or other care facility. The lift aids in the transfer of limited mobility patients and allows caregivers, or some individuals themselves, to move around the room without the strain of lifting.

### **Q. Who is eligible for assistance from Project Freedom?**

A. Michigan residents with limited mobility who do not have insurance or assets to pay for a home lift system. Examples of the type of persons who will benefit from a home lift include stroke victims, spinal cord injury victims, head injury victims including cerebral palsy, persons suffering from debilitating illnesses such as arthritis, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS or Lou Gehrig's Disease) and other progressive neurodegenerative and neuromuscular diseases, Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia. This list is not complete as there are many more persons that have a need for this type of equipment.

### **Q. Whom do I contact about securing one of these lifts?**

A. Project Freedom has contacted the Neurology and Social Work departments at all of the hospitals throughout the state about this program. Project Freedom has also contacted the non-profit organizations that assist persons with mobility impairments to make them aware of the program. Any of these organizations can make a referral to Project Freedom.

### **Q. What happens after the referral is made?**

A. Project Freedom will review the application to ensure that the application meets the financial and geographic criteria for the program. If the application meets the criteria and a unit is available, the patient will then be contacted to arrange for installation. Installation typically takes less than two hours, and occupies less than one square foot of floor space.

When the patient no longer needs the lift unit, it will be removed, refurbished and made available to another person.

### **Q. Where does Project Freedom get its funding?**

A. Project Freedom is made possible by funding from the Hospitaler's Committee of Detroit Commandery No. 1, a Masonic organization based in Detroit. The Hospitaler's Committee has been assisting non-profit and community organizations for more than 150 years as part of their dedication to the local community.

### **Q. Can I donate money to Project Freedom?**

A. If you wish to donate to support the Project Freedom mission, you can send your tax-deductible contribution to:

Hospitaler's Committee  
500 Temple Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48201

Put Project Freedom on the subject line of your check or write it on the envelope.

### **Q. Where can I get more information on Project Freedom?**

A. Additional information is available by calling (734) 240-2565, clicking on [www.projectfreedommi.org](http://www.projectfreedommi.org), or writing to Project Freedom c/o Hospitaler's Committee, 500 Temple Avenue, Detroit, MI, 48201.