

John's Story

John, an independent man in his senior years, was thrilled to receive funding for hand controls to operate his van. An amputee due to diabetes, John was able to utilize his hands to operate his vehicle. Here is his story:

After undergoing several rehabilitation sessions and driver training classes through the Rehabilitation Centre in his hometown, John was designated safe to drive again with the use of hand controls. He excelled in his training sessions, picking up quickly on this new approach to driving. John's Barrier Free Design Counsellor, Nancy, reviewed the application and agreed to provide funding for modifications on his van to include hand controls and a gas pedal block with hand break extensions.

John and his wife were eager to get the project underway, and were ecstatic once the job was completed. John feels very confident with his newfound ability to drive independently, and is pleased with the service he received from everyone at Ontario March of Dimes.

John sent a card including a poem by Helen Steiner Rice to show his appreciation - here is an excerpt.

A Warm Thank-You

"Your kindness and caring play such a big part in lifting the spirit and touching the heart. The warmest of thank-you's can't even begin to express what a wonderful blessing you've been"

Thank-you so very much. I can't thank-you enough!

Sincerely,


