

## Narrative Statement, Neuroworx, Sandy, UT



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To Whom It May Concern:

This general letter of support is submitted on behalf of the proposed non-profit entity Paralysis Recovery Foundation (PRF) and its stated mission and purpose.

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Paralysis from any cause is an overwhelmingly difficult circumstance for those directly affected and their immediate families. The impact of these catastrophic situations extends to friends, neighbors, and communities. The direct financial costs are considerable due to the required specialized and extended hospital care, and the need for adjunctive nursing/caregiving as well as durable medical equipment. The indirect costs are significant due to the high likelihood of a loss of employment by the one suffering the condition and the possibility a family member dropping out of the work force to provide assistance.

Over the past three decades, the acute care of paralysis-causing injuries and conditions has drastically improved. Better emergency and in-hospital treatment has resulted in an increased survival rate as well as individuals with more potential to have a better recovery.

The unfortunate paradox is that over that same period, the length of hospital stay has been drastically reduced. Once patients are discharged, access to after-hospital rehabilitation becomes problematic. The primary issue is the financial barrier. Outpatient insurance benefits are woefully inadequate for the type and duration of therapy that is necessary for optimal outcomes. Those without insurance rarely have the personal resources to self-pay. Medicaid and Medicare are also deficient due to sparse reimbursement and quickly-reached caps.

The good news is that there is ample evidence to support long-term rehabilitative efforts that will result in increased neurological recovery and greater function ability. This translates into improved personal independence, better health, enhanced quality of life, and a higher percentage of individuals returning to school and work. If people are able to receive this care, everything changes.

The objective of the Paralysis Recovery Foundation is to provide the financial resources for appropriate, extended, after-hospital rehabilitative care. Accomplishing this objective will definitely make a difference in the lives of those facing paralysis, which in turn positively changes things for their family and community.

Neuroworx is an independent, non-profit, after-hospital rehabilitation facility providing physical, occupational, and speech therapy to adults and children with paralysis from

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Neuroworx is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity.

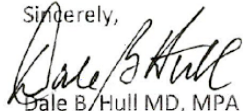
spinal cord injuries, brain injuries, stroke, cerebral palsy and similar neurological conditions. Our mission is to provide the rehabilitative services required for individuals to reach their most optimal outcome, regardless of ability to pay. We have provided these services to the paralysis community since 2004.

This intensive rehabilitative care requires focused expertise, specialized equipment, and most importantly, time. Change and progress happens when these three elements are combined in a comprehensive effort. The time component becomes a barrier when individuals lack the resources to access the therapy for a long enough duration to maximize their outcome.

Neuroworx has operated on the principle of providing therapy based on the individual's needs rather than what can be billed. As a 501 (c) 3 non-profit charitable organization, we rely on outside funding to supplement our operations. An entity like the Paralysis Recovery Foundation would be a tremendous benefit to our work and the individuals we treat.

It is critical for individuals who need this care, to have access to it. The Paralysis Recovery Foundation will help make that happen. Their fundraising work, combined with the Neuroworx mission, creates a powerful collaborative opportunity for individuals affected by paralysis to have a better outcomes and more productive lives. We wholeheartedly support the goals of the PRF.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale B. Hull". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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