

The Joseph Groh FOUNDATION

The Joseph Groh Foundation is a Texas
Non-Profit Public Corporation (501(c)3)



The Joseph S. Groh Foundation is
dedicated to providing financial support
to employees, former employees, family
members of employees and former
employees of the Construction and HVAC
industries who have suffered permanent
spinal cord injuries or other permanent
and life altering disabilities.

WHAT IS THE JOSEPH GROH FOUNDATION? WHY WAS IT FORMED?

On Father's Day of 2008, following a day spent with family, HVAC industry veteran Joe Groh decided to go for an aerobic bike ride along the trails of Lake Grapevine, Texas. At one point, the trail turned sharply left and the front tire of Joe's mountain bike slid on some sand and off the trail. Joe was thrown headfirst over the handlebars, breaking his neck and damaging his spinal cord, resulting in quadriplegia below that level.



Prior to that day, Joe had spent his life in the HVAC industry. Working with contractors, distributors, and

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manufacturers, Joe's career took him and his family from Illinois, to Ohio, North Carolina, and Texas. To find out more about Joe, please visit the foundation website at www.josephgrohfoundation.org, and click on About Us and see Joe's story.

Joe Groh

Knowing that life had suddenly and unalterably changed, Joe vowed to never look back, never give up and to remain positive.

Establishing this 501(c)3 tax deductible foundation is Joe's way of working with the HVAC industry to help the handicapped. Its goals are threefold:

- Serve as a clearinghouse of information for those with spinal cord injuries
- Work with contractors to hire the disabled
- Financially assist those in the HVAC/construction industries or their family members who have suffered spinal cord or life altering injury



*Joe Groh on the
Construction Site*

THE CONNECTION TO THE HVAC & CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

The HVAC/construction industry runs deep within Joe's family. His grandfather, great uncles, father, uncles, cousins, a brother and one son, have all found careers in this segment of the economy. Given that history, Joe wanted to provide assistance to those who share both his background as well as his plight. The vast majority of support comes from this industry, and the Foundation is unique in its targeted approach for assistance.

SUPPORTING THE FOUNDATION

Supporting the mission of the Foundation is easy:



1. Credit card donations are accepted on the website. Google Check Out is the preferred means of donation, as they provide no-cost, transaction fees for certified 501(c)3 public charities.
2. Participation in the annual charity golf tournament, held in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. See website for details about the next event.
3. If you are looking to donate or receive medical equipment, please contact Joe Groh by phone or e-mail.
4. Spread the word about the Foundation and its mission by using the document, "Spreading the Word" on the "How Can I Help" tab of the Foundation website.
5. Whether you are a consumer or contractor, purchase from those companies who help support our Foundation. You can find a listing of their logos on the home page of the Foundation website, as well as on the back page of this brochure.
6. If you are looking for a server to host a website, consider DreamHost. They support 501(c)3 charities by hosting them for free.

RECEIVING SUPPORT FROM THE FOUNDATION



Assistance provided by the Foundation is designed to pay for the provision of material (i.e. durable medical equipment, etc.) or services rendered (i.e. construction of ramps to the home, widening of doorways, reconstruction of bathrooms for wheelchair access, etc.) Provision of assistance is by vote of the Board of Directors, and will be made on the basis of need and ability of the foundation to provide.

The Foundation responds to every request for assistance, regardless of their ability to fund. Online submission forms can be accessed directly from the Foundation website.

ON THE JOSEPH GROH FOUNDATION WEBSITE

- Current news about spinal cord injury research, including stem cell research
- Spinal cord injury statistics
- Link to the Foundation's Facebook page directly from the home page
- Information on upcoming golf tournament
- Current and previous newsletters
- Information on receiving assistance
- Over 100 links to a wide range of information including:
 - National Associations, such as the Spinal Cord Injury Network
 - Research Sites, such as the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation
 - US Government Sites, such as the American with Disabilities Act website
 - A link to every state's Department of Rehabilitation website
 - A link to spinal cord injury rehabilitation centers, on a state-by-state basis
 - A link to Medicare and Social Security websites
 - List of top 26 Rehabilitation Facilities in the US
 - Lists accredited, Durable Medical Equipment & Home Healthcare Providers
 - List of Handicapped Vehicle providers.
 - Listing of Activity and Social Networking sites

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