

# Forward, Together

## FINDING THE RIGHT FIT

Katie isn't about to let limb loss get between her and her goals. In 2015, she discovered an unusual mass behind her right knee. She was diagnosed with an extremely rare and aggressive type of cancer. The only way for doctors to stop the disease from spreading was to amputate Katie's leg above the knee.

"It's a difficult thing to be an active young person and learn that you're going to be losing a limb," she says.

Rather than focusing on the loss, Katie concentrated on finding ways to keep her life moving forward. Just a few months after her amputation, she was fitted with the Ottobock C-Leg®.

Katie's C-Leg keeps her moving forward through life as a small business owner and an equestrian. As the owner of a dental practice, Katie's goal is to be the best boss and business owner she can be. She also wants to compete in the 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo. With her C-Leg, she can climb the stairs to her dental practice and navigate the soft, uneven terrain of the riding area.

"I could not do the things I do without my leg," she says. "It's a necessity."

## PAIN-FREE WITH EMPOWER

The only ankle and foot prosthesis with powered propulsion, Empower allows people to walk farther and faster more comfortably and with less fatigue. After being fit with the Empower, Rob no longer experiences pain while walking. Today, he is back at work and can walk without the assistance of a cane. Activities that might have exhausted him before are normal tasks once again.

Rob's goal was to get back to the activities he was doing before his amputation. He has reached that goal and is now moving forward. With the Empower, he says, "I'm able to almost do more than I could before. It's given me my life back."



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## INDEPENDENT WITH MERIDIUM

The Meridium® microprocessor foot is helping Diana reach her goal of getting back to her day-to-day life and regaining the freedom she had before she lost her foot. She lives on her own, so she needs to be able to do everyday things like walk around the grocery store and carry shopping bags from her car to her home.

"I would like to continue being totally active in my life," she says. "Now that I have the Meridium, I am able to confidently walk and move and carry things."

Diana especially likes how quickly the Meridium adjusts to variations in walking speed and ground conditions. "It almost thinks what you're thinking," she says.

## WORRY-FREE WITH BEBIONIC

As a busy working mother, Mandie is determined to keep up with her everyday activities. The bebionic® hand helps her reach her goal of living life without the worry of limitations, especially when it comes to

raising her four-year-old daughter. With the lifelike bebionic, she can do things other people take for granted, like hold her daughter's hand or type on a computer keyboard and use a mouse at the same time.

Mandie says she doesn't have to struggle because the hand does what she wants it to do when she wants it done. "I didn't realize how easy this could be, because it's always been hard."

Helping people like, Katie, Rob, Diana, and Mandie meet these goals is a commitment for Ottobock, says Cali Solorio, Senior Marketing Manager.

"It's important to Ottobock because our mission is to help people regain or maintain their freedom of movement," she says. "At the end of the day, we are all trying to get the best possible outcome for someone. We are all trying to move forward, together."

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