

## Ability Center has durable medical equipment available

The Ability Center of Greater Toledo has its own Durable Medical Equipment division, and the DME is available for those with a need regardless of age. According to the Durable Medical Equipment Manager Tim Broud, the inventory of DME is extensive and includes items such as bedrails, shower seats, walkers, wheelchairs, canes, blood pressure cuffs, nebulizers, and much more.

“If someone is looking for a piece of DME we ask that they call the office first. This way we can make sure that we have what they need, and also then we can complete the intake that is required,” Broud suggested. “We do also ask that people check with their insurance carriers first to see if the equipment they need is covered,” he added.

“There is no charge for most of the items we offer. When people are done, if they would like, they may donate the equipment back to the Ability Center where it will be cleaned and sanitized by our staff before we find someone else who needs that piece,” Broud noted.

Portable suitcase ramps (if feasible), and knee scooters are the only two pieces of equipment that are not gifts. When these are requested, a \$50 cash deposit is required before they are loaned for 90 days. That cash deposit is returned when the item is returned to The Ability Center.

The Ability Center also accepts unneeded durable medical equipment that has been ob-

tained from other sources. Donations of DME in working condition may be taken to 5033 Skelly Rd., Sylvania. “Please call the office first to let us know what you would like to donate,” Broud encouraged. “All items are cleaned and sanitized by our staff before we lend them to others in need.”

Items that can be donated or are available include Alternating pressure mattresses, bed rails, bedside commodes (\*no buckets/splash guards), blood pressure cuffs (wrist or upper arm), canes (single tip and four prongs), Cpap machines, gait belts, hospital beds(\*must be unassembled), gel/foam mattress overlays (for hospital beds), Hoyer lifts (power and manual), nebulizers (aerosol therapy machines), portable ramps (two-10 feet), power wheelchairs and scooters (\*must be functioning and able to be driven into the center), raised (elevated) toilet seat (with or without handles), reacher, rollator walkers (with flip down seat and brakes), shower seating (benches and chairs), Sit to stand assisters/lifts, slide/transfer boards, sock assisters and shoe horns, toilet safety frame, tub transfer benches, walkers (standard metal walkers, with and without wheels), wheelchair cushions, wheelchairs (manual and transport).

\*Items to be donated are subject to working condition and age. They are evaluated on a case-by-case donation.

Monetary donations are also appreciated.