



THE JOY OF WALKING

Here in England we all take our walks for granted. And yet, there are many who cannot get up and walk at leisure. Perhaps that is what inspired Keighley's David Hart to create a "walking brace" that not only enables children to stand on their own and be supported, but more amazingly allows them to learn to walk independently within a frame. Imagine the joy these children experience when previously denied this normal human activity of movement.

This local man's vision and experience within the medical research field for 20 years led him to develop body-bracing devices for paraplegics. Eventually, Mr Hart built his own clinic, which gave him the freedom of perfecting his design into expanded uses for the frames. And it is here to Dawson Road that parents from all over the world bring their children to be fitted for these Hart Walking

Frames, allowing the youngsters a freedom from their laborious restrictions for the first time in their lives.

This picture is of Natasha, and her parents' comments attest to the joy of this young girl in her walker:

"The frame is fantastic. It gives her so much freedom. We use it every day - it is good for her health and to stop her having operations on her legs. She can take part in things - she's been climbing and abseiling. She is quite a fit and active girl and we do a lot of walking, and she isn't always in a wheelchair and can get about with her walker."

Rachael Garwatak, General Manager, and Clinic Technician, Hayley Stott run the clinic with the rest of their team.



"We do a free-assessment appointment to ascertain a child's specific need. If a walking frame is recommended, measurements are taken and, at a later date, the frame is fitted and adjusted for the child at that stage in growth. Every 3 months, progress appointments are arranged for inspection, adjustments and servicing of the equipment, and also to assess and digitally record a child's progress.

For further information:
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