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# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

**DRIVEN to SUCCEED.**

*Advancing Recovery. Expanding Possibility. Transforming Lives.*



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## DRIVEN From The Start. A message from our Founder.

There are moments in life that define you, Not because they are easy, but because they demand everything you have. My journey since my injury in January 2000, has been one of determination, resilience, and an unwavering belief that what's next is always possible. That belief is what led to the creation of Conquer Paralysis Now and it continues to drive us forward today.

This past year was nothing short of extraordinary.

Together, we raised more than \$2 million at our Racing to Recovery Gala to support life-changing programming, critical resources, and access to recovery for individuals living with paralysis and neurological conditions. Those dollars represent more than generosity; they represent hope, opportunity, and forward motion for hundreds of people who refuse to accept limitations as the final answer. Additionally, our general and administrative expenses are sponsored, thus ensuring that 100% of all donations go to support the population that we serve.

Every day, I am reminded that recovery is not a destination, it is a journey! One that looks different for every individual we serve. And one that, like my own path, has no finish line in sight.

As we look ahead, our vision continues to expand. We are laying the groundwork at our Indianapolis location for our Adaptive Sports Courts. These courts will not only elevate physical health but also restore something equally powerful; a sense of belonging and purpose.

We are also reimagining what support looks like at our DRIVEN Indy campus, through the development of the upstairs Community Collaboration Space. This will be a place where wrap-around services come together under one roof helping to eliminate transportation barriers to recovery.

My journey has taught me that progress is rarely linear—but it is always possible. And it is only possible because of people like you!

Your belief in this mission fuels every milestone we reach and every mile still ahead. The CPN team and I are deeply grateful for your partnership, your trust, and your commitment to walking beside us as we continue to push boundaries and redefine how recovery can look.

Thank you for being part of this journey. I'm not done yet and neither are we,



Sam Schmidt  
Chairman & Founder  
Conquer Paralysis Now



## DRIVEN By Purpose. United By Mission.

From the very beginning, Conquer Paralysis Now has been guided by the belief that every person, regardless of circumstance, deserves the opportunity to live independently and have a life filled with purpose.



**OUR VISION** | To drive efforts toward a cure for paralysis while empowering people with neurological conditions to live independent, fulfilling lives.



**OUR MISSION** | CPN drives independence for individuals with paralysis and neurological conditions through breakthrough rehabilitation, collaborative research, and advocacy for a cure.



**OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES** | Champion Independence & Quality of Life | Accessibility for All | Harness the Power of Community | Collaborate to Multiply Impact | Fiscal Responsibility & Transparency | Provide Holistic Approach to Neurorecovery

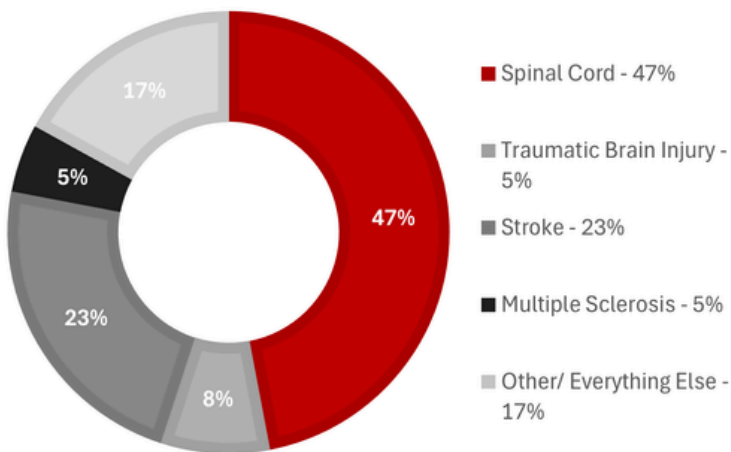
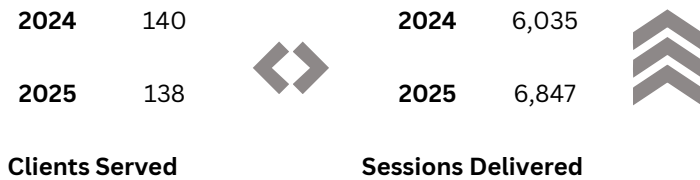


# DRIVEN by the Numbers. Measuring Momentum.

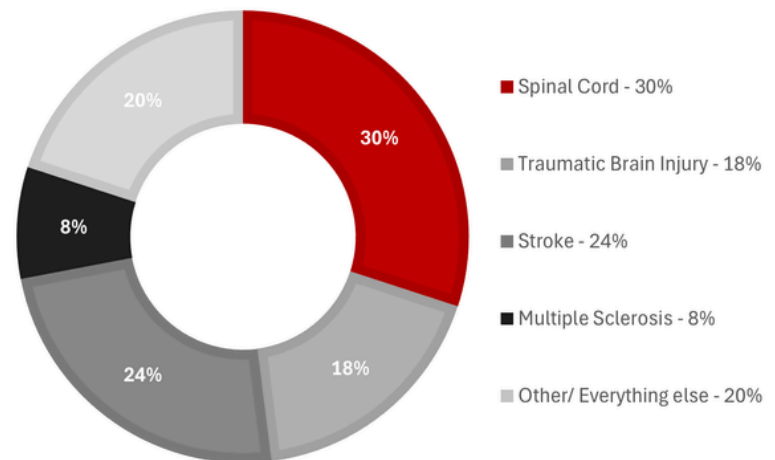
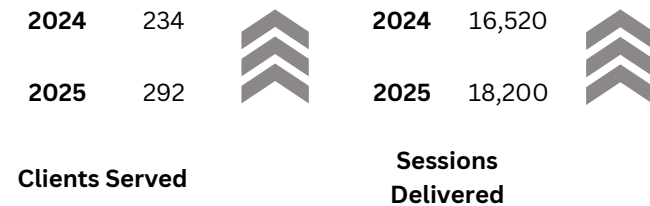
Across both DRIVEN NeuroRecovery Centers, 2025 marked a year of growth, impact, and renewed momentum for individuals living with paralysis and varying other complex neurological conditions. Together, the Las Vegas and Indianapolis teams expanded access to care, increased rehabilitation capacity, and delivered thousands of life-changing sessions with each one tailored to meet people where they are on their recovery journey.

While client needs and participation patterns vary by community, one truth remains consistent: DRIVEN continues to be a place of progress! The data that follows reflects more than numbers. It represents resilience, perseverance, and possibility.

## DRIVEN Las Vegas



## DRIVEN Indianapolis | Powered by NEUROHOPE



# DRIVEN By Action. Where Determination Meets Recovery.

At DRIVEN NeuroRecovery Centers, recovery is active, customized, and grounded in science. Across both Las Vegas and Indianapolis, individuals living with a spinal cord injury and other neurological conditions have access to high-intensity therapies, adaptive fitness, and advanced technology designed to promote neuroplasticity, restore function, and strengthen independence. Below is an overview of services offered at each location.

## DRIVEN Las Vegas

### Membership Programs

- Wellness Membership – Accessible fitness center and select wellness programming
- Strength & Conditioning – Performance-focused adaptive training for athletes with neurological impairments

### Specialized NeuroRecovery Services

- Initial Evaluation – Comprehensive 2-hour assessment to guide individualized programming
- Adaptive Exercise – One-on-one training including AlterG Anti-Gravity Treadmill
- Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES) – RT300 therapy bike for neuromuscular activation
- Activity-Based Training – Guided exercise, Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation (NMES), and robotic G-EO gait system
- Locomotor Training – Body-weight supported treadmill training with manual facilitation



## DRIVEN Indianapolis | Powered by NEUROHOPE

### Membership Programs

- Wellness Membership – Accessible fitness center and select wellness programming
- Strength & Conditioning – Performance-focused adaptive training for athletes with neurological impairments

### Clinical NeuroRecovery Services

- Neurologic physical, occupational, and speech therapy services
- Adaptive Exercise: one-on-one activity-based sessions with focus on strength, mobility, balance, and flexibility
- Locomotor Training: Body-weight supported treadmill and over ground training
- Robotic Gait Training (Lokomat)
- Aquatics: Hydroworx therapy pools
- Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation (NMES)
- Transcutaneous Spinal Stimulation (TSS)
- Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES) cycling
- Bioness BITS Balance Training & MindMaze

### Two Locations. One Mission.

From adaptive strength training and FES in Las Vegas to robotic gait and aquatic therapy in Indiana, DRIVEN delivers comprehensive neurorecovery services that activate potential, accelerate progress, and empower individuals to move beyond paralysis.

## DRIVEN By Generosity. Revenue by the Numbers.

This past year, Conquer Paralysis Now **generated \$5,329,017 in total revenue**. This is an incredible testament to the generosity of our community, sponsors and partners. Each contribution represents more than a dollar raised; it reflects a shared commitment to **expanding access to neurorecovery, strengthening programs, and creating meaningful opportunities** for individuals living with paralysis and neurological conditions.

Together, **these investments make recovery possible** and ensure we can continue delivering high-quality services to those who need them most.



## DRIVEN By Collaboration. Champions Who Drive Change.

CPN is proud of the new multi-year partnerships created in 2025 with Superior Van & Mobility as well as BraunAbility. Each organization has committed \$25,000 annually to aid our organization in our sustainability efforts where 100% of their funds go directly to support client success.

This sponsor highlight recognizes the incredible partnership with **Superior Van & Mobility**. Under the leadership of Sam Cook, President/Owner, and Kathy Cook, Vice President, Superior Van and Mobility has grown into the nation's largest family-owned wheelchair-accessible vehicle dealer group bringing mobility, independence, and opportunity to communities across the country.

When asked, “**Why did your organization choose to partner with Conquer Paralysis Now?**”, Sam had this to say...



*Our organization chose to partner with Conquer Paralysis Now because their mission aligns deeply with **our core purpose of empowering individuals with mobility challenges to live more independent, fulfilling lives.** CPN is dedicated to funding breakthrough spinal cord injury research and providing cutting-edge rehabilitation services that dramatically improve quality of life for people living with paralysis and neurological conditions. Their work combining research, hands-on support, and measurable impact, resonates with our commitment to mobility and independence.*

*This partnership allows us to support a cause that goes beyond providing equipment. It fuels hope and progress toward a cure and enhanced independence for individuals whom we also serve in our everyday work.*



Kathy, Sam and Alex Cook

# DRIVEN To Give. 2025 Champions of Change.

## Founder's Circle - \$500,000 – \$999,999

Lucas Oil Products, Inc.  
Vanita Oelschlager  
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## Recurring Loyal Donors

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Thomas Croxton

## Racing to Recovery Gala Sponsors

Platinum: \$100,000 - Youth Opportunity Investments  
Gold: \$50,000 - Lucas Oil Products, Inc  
Silver: \$25,000 - Hans Brieden & The Schmidt Family Foundation



With heartfelt thanks, we recognize the generous individuals, foundations, and partners whose financial gifts in 2025 fueled life-changing rehabilitation. While this listing does not reflect all of our donors, every gift - no matter the amount - helps to put our clients on the road to recovery.

*Thank you!*

## DRIVEN to Succeed. Inspiring Client Spotlights.



Since joining DRIVEN Las Vegas in March 2025, **Charles Cooley** has shown inspiring gains in strength, mobility, and confidence following a C8 incomplete spinal cord injury sustained in December 2020.

Through **consistent participation in neurorecovery sessions**, he has **increased his endurance and independence**. He is now transferring from his wheelchair to bed or mat on his own and achieving up to 1,800 active-assist steps on the G-EO. He's also building standing balance, **maintaining 30–60 second bouts without assistance above the hips**.

Perhaps most meaningful is how these physical gains are translating into everyday life. He recently shared that he's **going out more with his wife and feeling stronger overall**. A powerful reminder that recovery is about more than movement; it's about reconnecting with life.

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After sustaining a **complete T3 spinal cord injury** in April 2004, **Danitra Turner** has continued to **redefine what's possible through perseverance and hard work**. Since joining DRIVEN in August 2023, she has made meaningful gains in both physical strength and functional independence while also pursuing exciting new goals beyond the gym.

Recently, she **began training in archery as a para-archer**, setting her sights on participating in the LA28 Paralympics. In preparation, she **made the powerful transition from a power wheelchair to a manual wheelchair** to not only to meet sport requirements, but also to **increase her independence** in daily life.

Her commitment to recovery is reflected in measurable progress, including **improvements in trunk extension and sit-up ability** across multiple NeuroRecovery Scale phases. These gains **support stronger posture, core control, and overall functional mobility**. All of which is essential foundations for both athletic training and everyday activities



## DRIVEN To Serve. Committed to the Mission.

We are grateful to the dedicated members of our Board of Directors, the passionate Conquer Paralysis Now team, and the committed leadership of the DRIVEN NeuroRecovery Centers. Their vision, stewardship, and daily dedication to excellence ensure that our mission continues to advance with **quality, compassion, and measurable impact**. Together, they provide the leadership and operational strength that make life-changing recovery for the paralysis and neurologically challenged community in which we serve.

### Board of Directors

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**5.4M+**

The number of people living in the United States with some a form of paralysis. | Source: Center for Disease Control and Prevention

**18K+**

The number of new traumatic spinal cord injuries that occur each year in the United States. | Source: National Spinal Cord Injury Statistical Center

**2.8M+**

The number of Americans who sustain a traumatic brain injury each year. | Source: Brain Injury Association of America

# Together. We Drive What's Possible.

Together, we are building more than programs. We are building pathways to independence, self-awareness, and hope. Every neurorecovery session, every personal goal achieved, and every life changed is powered by your belief in what's possible.

Because of you, recovery continues, communities grow stronger, and individuals are reclaiming their futures every day. As we look ahead, we do so with **momentum, purpose, and gratitude**.

Thank you for believing in us, investing in progress, and driving our mission forward. The journey continues, and together there is no finish line to what we can achieve.

## *Your CPN Team*

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