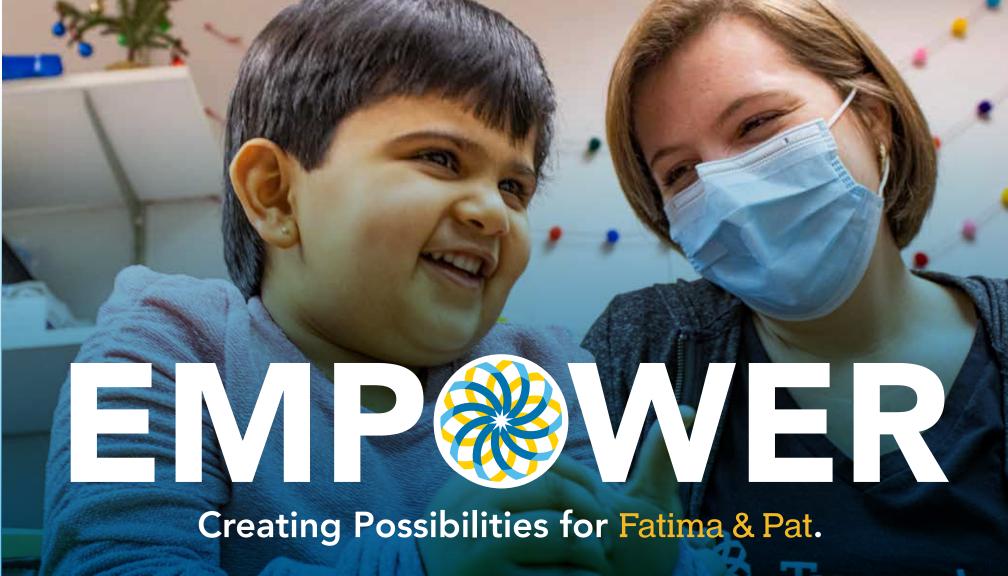




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# Fatima's parents were excited to find Turnstone.

Fatima's doctor recommended Turnstone when she wasn't making typical progress in her development. She needed occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech therapy, and Turnstone was a place where she could receive all three services under the same roof.

When Fatima first began her therapies, she refused toys.

# Meet Fatima.

Now, after only a year and a half, she loves to play. Thanks to having access to specialized and compassionate care, Fatima has gained courage and confidence from therapists who are invested in her growth.

Fatima's dad shared that her progress has come from developing a personal relationship with her therapists. She has gained courage and confidence because they have been invested in her growth.

He said, "They took us in like family and showed interest in really helping Fatima."

When COVID-19 halted inperson therapy at Turnstone, Fatima's parents found that the advancements she was making stalled. The individualized attention Fatima received in person at Turnstone was essential to her progress. Engagement with her therapists gives her focus and momentum that can't be replicated elsewhere.

Because of supporters like you, Turnstone was able to adjust operations with enhanced COVID safety precautions.
These adaptations allowed
Fatima to safely return to
working directly with her
therapists and the resources
available to her at Turnstone.

Developmental delays can be a frustrating experience for any child, but with the patience of Fatima's therapists, she has learned to walk, run, and understand her family members' communication.

With therapists that believe in her abilities, Fatima's family has seen improvement in her attitude and behavior.

In fact, her therapists were the first to recommend that she spend more time with children her age. Today, she is thriving in her preschool class and gets excited to learn and play, making more childhood memories every day.

Your gifts to Turnstone guarantee that limitations are removed for children like Fatima. At Turnstone, Fatima has the opportunity to focus on her strengths and capabilities with therapists who believe in her. \*\*

## Meet Pat.

### Access to Turnstone helped Pat rediscover a meaningful purpose in life.

After battling brain cancer in 2019, Pat was left with a traumatic brain injury that altered his entire life. He was working as an arborist and finishing a degree in history when he lost both his job and driver's license as a result of his illness.

Pat was stripped of life as he knew it and was forced to adapt to a new lifestyle. As he recovered, the staff at a local hospital told him about Turnstone.

Pat found his way around transportation limitations and began riding a scooter or taking a bus to Turnstone. At Turnstone, Pat found a place where he wasn't presented with the limitations he was experiencing in his daily life. He was able to use the Fitness Center to rebuild strength and stamina after spending a long time recovering in a hospital bed.

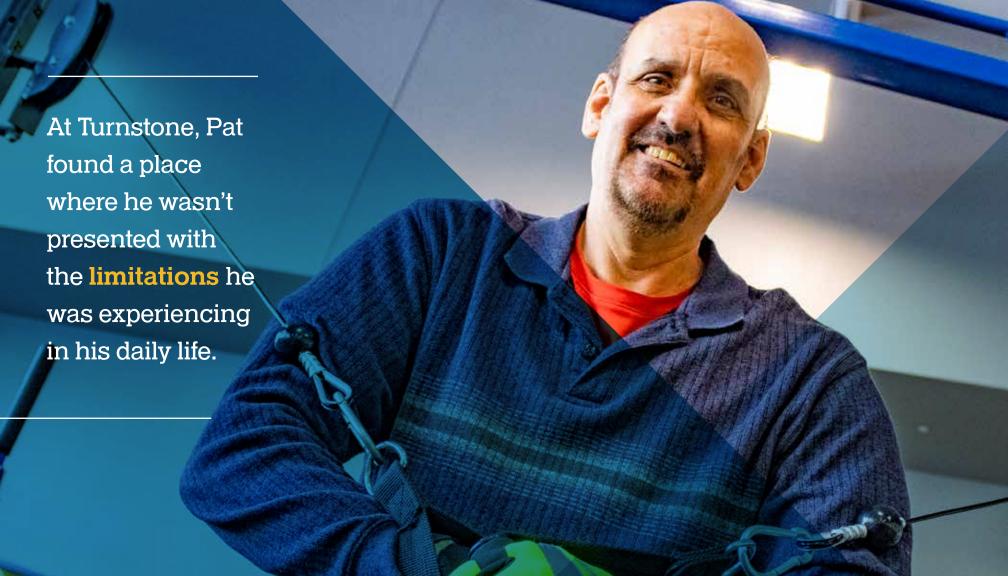
Turnstone became more than a place to lift weights, swim in the pool, or walk the track. It became a place where Pat found purpose and community. Pat had somewhere to go, something to do, and a place where people knew him by name. He began coming to Turnstone daily and forming friendships with the staff and clients.

"I felt like my life was taken from me when I lost my job and license but then I turned Turnstone into my social agenda," said Pat.

Then, COVID-19 disrupted his routine that was providing support for both his mental and social health. Thankfully, supporters like you made it possible for Turnstone to re-open with safety measures in place. Pat was able to return to Turnstone and his healthy lifestyle routine.

Pat is now working towards his goal of getting his driver's license once again. His strength training is essential in helping him improve his reaction times and pass the physical exam. And his access to Turnstone's community is essential to his renewed motivation and perspective.

With your support, Pat has not only gained community and identity, but the ability to pursue his goals and rediscover his life.



#### Memorials & Honorariums • • • • • •

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April	September
DII Wheelchair Basketball Adult	Push Paddle Pedal
Tournament (3rd - 4th)	October
It's Our Turn Campaign	Board of Directors' Gala
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Contact us to learn more about sponsorship opportunities including event sponsorships.

All event dates and times subject to change. For the most up-to-date information about tournaments and volunteer opportunities, visit us at **Turnstone.org** 

A NOTE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### Mike Mushett

As you receive this issue of Turnstone's EMPOWER newsletter, we are all reflecting on 12 months of historic challenges. We've found new perspectives about ourselves and the world, discovered new ways of doing things, and we've seen the incredible power of community and social connection.

Even through the hardest days and months, you joined with others in our community to ensure that people with disabilities continued to have access to critical services and resources.

In 2020 alone, you invested over \$1 million in supporting Turnstone's mission to empower children and adults with disabilities. Your support enabled us to meet people in their moment of need, providing over 1,100 telemedicine virtual therapy sessions and thousands of community support interactions, to name a few examples.

But the impact you make in the lives of people like Pat and Fatima is more important than numbers. These stories we are honored to share with you in this issue are just a glimpse into the possibilities your support helps to create and lives that are changed because you believe in the value and abilities of all people.

Thank you for bringing hope to our community. We are grateful for the privilege to empower and support people with disabilities while serving as a reliable community partner--We can't do this without you.