



The Stairclimber People – Case Study

“Essential” piece of technology delivers safe transfer for more than a decade

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A piece of equipment lent to try a decade ago is still in daily use by one family, and deemed an “essential”- to the extent it is about to move home with the family for the third time.

The piece of equipment in question is one of AAT’s S-Max Sella stairclimbers, used by Paul Wray and his 24 years old daughter April. Born prematurely with Cerebral Palsy, April has never been able to walk and has limited use of her right arm and hand. As a result, Paul has always carried her up and down stairs when she was young, though as April grew this became more and more difficult.

The situation was further exacerbated when Paul’s late wife developed cancer some 14 years ago, so he was then carrying both wife and daughter up and down stairs every day.

A new Occupational Therapist to the family suggested a stairclimber and contacted AAT to support in the assessment of the family and their home, to help determine the most appropriate solution. Initially, the Wrays had the stairclimber to try for a week or so to see if it met their needs.

More than a decade on, Paul and April still use it daily. It has moved with the family three times, each time managing differing staircase configuration, including turns and flat intermediate landings.



Said Paul, “It was such a revolution I wouldn’t let them have it back!”

“The stairclimber is essential, I wouldn’t be without it, there’s no other way of safely getting April up and down stairs.. It’s good for the whole family: when we’re not using it, the S-Max stows away. With three other children too, it can be a very full house at times! It doesn’t visibly impact on the household like a stairlift or through-floor lift would. One of the other beauties is we can pack it into the car for family holidays, widening the choice of where we can stay.”

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