



Not Just The Stairclimber People – Case Study

Foreign travel made easy for Amy- all because of a cushion!

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Foreign travel is now the relaxing experience it should be for the Haddon family- all because of a cushion...

Daughter Amy, now 28, has Cerebral Palsy. Affecting her whole body, it particularly impacts control over her arms and legs.

It means that when the family go on holiday, she has to have a bulkhead seat so she doesn't kick the back of the seat in front.

But that in turn means she is not safe and secure: airlines do not allow a strap round the back of the seat, preventing the use of a harness.

Amy's dad Stephen knew of AAT's Stabulo cushions from his teaching in a special school, where the innovative, infinitely adjustable vacuum posture support cushions were often used on wheelchairs.

He had a lightbulb moment: as Stabulo have no straps to secure them in place, utilising the occupant's body weight to hold in place, would that be a solution?

It was!

It worked so well that Stephen bought one; the next trip- nine hours to Florida- Amy slept all the way there and back, she was so comfortable!

Even the pilot thought it was brilliant, never having seen one before.



"Amy sits more comfortably than any other time," says Stephen. "The lateral pads wrap around her chest making her feel safe and secure without awful tight straps. We form the cushion so it acts like an armchair and prevents lateral movement and adjust as necessary during the flight to accommodate the aircraft pressure changes."

"Amy's life is tough, full of challenges, but the cushion has made her adventures just a bit easier. Gareth from AAT went above and beyond in his efforts to help us find a solution."

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