



Celebrating the positive value our women bring to the world, their families and communities

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Imagine being told your son would never be able to walk again and would be confined to a wheelchair for life. Unfortunately for Angela Pye and her family this was the reality they were faced with.

Steven, Angela's son had always been an all-rounder in sports and had previously completed trials for Hull City. One day, at age 15, he went to bed with mild backache and woke the next morning paralysed from the chest down, the cause subsequently confirmed as a viral infection. For Angela's family their whole world felt like it had been turned upside down.

Undeterred by being told such terrible news, Angela never gave up hope and promised Steven they would do all that they could for him to walk again. She set about researching into possible cures for spinal injury. Meanwhile, the family sourced privately; physiotherapy, podiatry, acupuncture and reflexology and Steven worked extremely hard with daily exercises and is now able to walk short distances with walking sticks. After a lot of dead ends, they eventually found a glimmer of hope through a charity called Nicholls Spinal Injury Foundation (NSIF) which was supporting promising research into spinal cord injury.

The treatment, which involves using the patient's own stem cells, has already seen one paralysed man regain significant movement and a second patient is due to undergo the same procedure, where even greater results are anticipated!



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After visiting the London branch of the charity they set about straightaway to establish a Hull and East Riding branch of NSIF. Since then, Angela and her family have raised an astonishing £103,000 through various fundraising events.

There is so much to be hopeful for, not just for Steven but for anyone currently suffering from a spinal cord injury. Angela and her family will continue to fundraise and raise awareness of this amazing charity that provides so much hope!

You can find more information about NSIF here:
www.nichollsfoundationhullander.org