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## **The Boston Home Expands Outpatient Services, Launches B.Mobile! Rehab Program**

Dorchester, MA—The Boston Home (TBH) in Dorchester—a specialized care residence for adults with Multiple Sclerosis and other progressive neurological diseases—has launched a new rehabilitation program called B.Mobile! The program is an extension of TBH’s Outpatient Services and is provided to people in the community who have neurological disabilities and need assistance in customizing their wheelchairs.

B.Mobile! provides outpatients with evaluations and recommendations to enhance their wheelchairs, including optimum therapeutic support, comfort, and mobility.

B.Mobile! is coordinated by seating specialist Faith Saftler Savage, PT and Assistive Technology Practitioner. Saftler Savage has been assisting residents of The Boston Home with these services for the past 13 years and will extend these services to outpatients.

“Comfort, posture, muscle tone, and personal independence are all improved with appropriate wheelchair support,” says Saftler Savage, who runs workshops on wheelchair seating nationwide.

Assisting Saftler Savage is Don Fredette of The Boston Home, who applies assistive technology to customize residents’ wheelchairs.

According to Marva Serotkin, President and CEO of The Boston Home, the waiting list for the Home consists of more than 140 adults with MS and related neurological disorders, which points to the need for greater outreach to the community.

“At The Boston Home, we strive to maximize comfort, independence, and empowerment for our residents as well as people in the community with disabilities,” says David Young-Hong, Director of Special Projects at TBH. “This special kind of rehab and therapy can make a world of difference to those who rely on wheelchairs.”

Young-Hong and Saftler also work with insurance providers and vendors to ensure that the wheelchairs for outpatients and residents are the best possible fit.

Last year, TBH introduced its Outpatient Services with B.Fit!, which focuses on wellness and the social needs of people in the community who have neurological diseases. B.Mobile! is an example of how TBH applies assistive technology to promote the independence of outpatients as well as residents.

*Founded in 1881, The Boston Home is a not-for-profit, specialized care residence for adults with advanced Multiple Sclerosis and other progressive neurological diseases. Celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> year, The Boston Home is recognized as “the standard for care of adults with MS” by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The Boston Home is the only facility of its kind in New England and one of only a few in the United States. The Boston Home Institute advances standards for care through research, advocacy, and education. The Boston Home Outreach Services provide therapeutic, wellness, and social programs for outpatients. For more information, visit [www.thebostonhome.org](http://www.thebostonhome.org).*

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