

Ron Galbreath (Continued)



Today, Galbreath is not only driving, weightlifting, playing racquetball, basketball and golf multiple times each week, he will also resume his position as head coach for Geneva's women's basketball team this fall. "We have been recruiting for the last several months and are beginning our fundraising efforts for the upcoming season," he said. "I will turn 69 in August and I feel great."

Galbreath goes on to say, "Where I am right now is a true blessing from God. I am very grateful to God, my wife Patty, and my family. I am so thankful to the staff at Harmarville for their patience, expertise and attention they showed every day.

"I am also so appreciative to the members of Chippewa United Methodist Church, all of the people who posted words of inspiration to me on CaringBridge.com, former students who played basketball and the countless friends from our community. I want to also extend my appreciation to Geneva College for holding my position and being so patient through my recovery."

Physical Therapist Scott Bleakley remembers that Galbreath approached his rehab the same way he approached his coaching. "Coach gave more than 200 per cent throughout his stay with us," Bleakley said. "I took him outside one afternoon to shoot baskets. He still had significant weakness on his right side; however he wanted to approach the hoop. After 22 tries, he made the basket. He just would not give up until that ball went in."

As Galbreath progressed his determination expanded. "Once I started in rehab, I never once thought that I would not get better," he said. "God put that spirit in me a long time ago."

Galbreath's wife recalls coming to visit him on her birthday. "Ron had a card for me that he had signed," she said. "He practiced writing his name all week so that he would be able to write in that card. It was the best gift I could ever receive from him."

Just three weeks after his admission to Harmarville, Galbreath was able to return to his home in Beaver County, where he began outpatient therapy to continue his remarkable progress.

Congratulations Coach Galbreath and best wishes for a successful season at Geneva College from your friends at HealthSouth Harmarville Rehabilitation Hospital!



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