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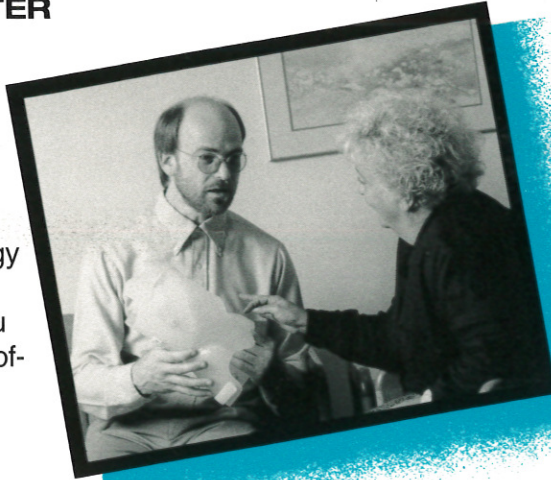


## THE HATTIE B. MUNROE HABILITATION TECHNOLOGY CENTER

To make capable.

That's what habilitation means. For a son or daughter, that may mean being able to sit up or to walk comfortably with support. It means being included rather than excluded. A custom fit for living.

The Hattie B. Munroe Habilitation Technology Center brings to this region the resources and skills necessary to make this possible. Here you have access to quality custom-designed, state-of-the-art practical equipment to improve mobility, function, learning and even recreation.



### WHAT WE OFFER YOU

Our staff works with you and your child from start to finish, beginning with consultation and evaluation. This is a team effort, including input from parents, physicians, therapists and others, as appropriate. The result is the best possible planning to produce and fit:

- **custom seating** — specially designed equipment meant to meet the needs of children who need extra sitting support.
- **adaptive equipment** — specialized equipment which allows someone to be more fully functional.
- **orthotics** — custom-designed orthoses (braces) which support or control parts of the body which have muscle weakness or paralysis, muscle spasticity, skeletal irregularities or functional needs. Our staff is skilled in the upper and lower extremity and spinal areas.
- **prosthetics** — specially made and fitted artificial limbs for upper and lower extremities that restore mobility and function.

## WHO BENEFITS FROM OUR SERVICES

This is a valuable service for children with:

- cerebral palsy
- muscular dystrophy
- spina bifida
- scoliosis
- orthopedic post-operative needs
- head injuries
- limb deficiencies
- other congenital, neuromuscular or developmental disabilities



### OUR COMMITMENT TO QUALITY

Our staff professionals care about quality. They have participated in intensive pediatric training at a nationally recognized program in Minnesota. Using a teamwork approach, they work with patients, parents, referring physicians and therapists to develop the best solution for each child.

The result brings more than a physical benefit. Being able to sit, play, stand or walk encourages a child's development, confidence and sense of security. As a result, doors open upon a world to explore.





## CUSTOM SEATING

Here is help for unique needs. Perhaps your child would benefit from a firm seat in a wheelchair instead of a sling seat...a custom high-chair...or seating which allows several positions.

Custom seating gives an option to a child for whom commercially available seating is not supportive enough. It's all state-of-the-art and custom-fit, constructed of lightweight materials which are durable, washable and versatile.

The equipment — made to work at home, at school or at play with friends — allows for growth, reducing the frequency of replacement. We even offer upholstery in several colors.



## ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT

Truly a "one-of-a-kind" place.

The staff applies ingenuity and creativity to your child's needs. This may include developing: lap trays, new ways to operate a computer or turn on a light switch, a change in wheelchair operation. Or, something fun, like a tiller bar to operate a tricycle. Adapting common items for unique needs.



## ORTHOTICS

Quality and custom design go into the fabrication of orthoses and supports for the spine, hips, legs, feet, arms and hands. The staff studies the effect the brace will have, how well it achieves its purpose, the fit, the appearance and quality of finish.

These durable, lightweight orthoses made of modern materials provide comfort and improved appearance as well as support.



## PROSTHETICS

Here technical and artistic talents combine.

With unique needs in mind, the staff restores the form and function of absent limbs. This could mean an initial prosthesis to help your baby learn to stand...or hold a ball. Maybe a sophisticated, lightweight and multifunctional prosthesis for your sports-minded teenager.

Swinging a bat, playing tag, sneaking a cookie from the cookie jar. From the purely functional to the cosmetically unnoticeable, prosthetics offer wide-ranging restorative possibilities.



## HOW DO I MAKE AN APPOINTMENT?

### Prescriptions

A prescription is the basis for the work done by our staff. Referrals may come from any qualified physician. Often our staff members plus parents or other caregivers, physical therapists, occupational therapists and others work as a team to develop recommendations for the prescribing physician to consider.

Physicians, parents or other caregivers may make the appointments. Our staff will send a follow-up report to the referring physician.

### Hours, Location

The Hattie B. Munroe Habilitation Technology Center is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The center is on the first floor of the Hattie B. Munroe Pavilion on the University of Nebraska Medical Center campus. Designated free accessible parking is available near the canopied main entrance.

### PAYMENT

Often a third-party payor (insurance, health maintenance organization, Medicaid or health association) covers these services. We will be happy to discuss payment options with you at the time of your appointment.



"We are interested in how a patient will get along with a product...We consider what the doctor wants, what works best for the parents and patient, what the therapist needs. It's a teamwork approach to finding the best solution for the needs involved."

—John French, Clinical Manager

"Amanda could not walk before she had the KAFO (Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthosis). Now she can play like a normal two-year-old. She doesn't want it taken off until it's time to go to bed."

—Mrs. Katie Carlson, Fremont, Neb.



*For more information or to make a referral, contact:*

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— Please have a staff member call me to discuss my questions about the services available at the Hattie B. Munroe Habilitation Technology Center.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

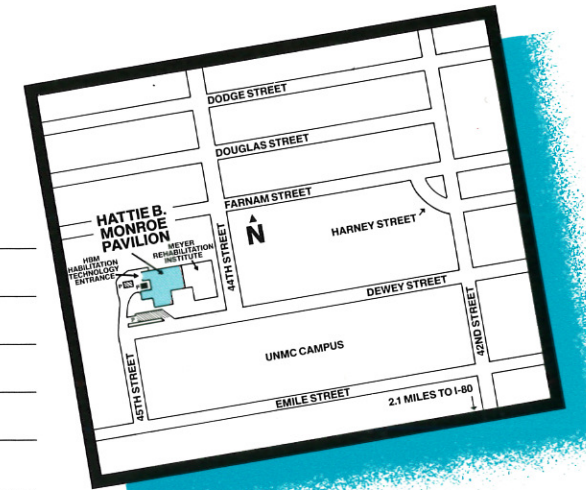
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