

#### **NOVEMBER 2022**

The Chair CADDIE is an aftermarket accessory which attaches to the base of many of today's dining and banquet chairs as well as lobby/guest/side chairs!

By design, the Chair CADDIE is an "undercarriage unit" that provides mobility, structural integrity and stability to chairs, without compromising safety for both the caregiver or the seated person.

When attached, the chair along with the seated person *swivels*...*turns*...*rolls*...and *brakes* for safety, eliminating the need for caregiver to <u>push-pull-shove-twist</u> each time a seated person is moved up-to or away-from the table.

Operationally, the Chair CADDIE reduces the physical demands of the caregiver providing mealtime assistance in three (3) specific caregiving situations:



### 1. Assist a person into the chair

Roll the Chair CADDIE directly behind the person until the front of the chair seat touches the back of their legs. After the brakes are engaged, assist the person into the chair



## 2. Assist the seated person up-to the table

With the person comfortably seated, the caregiver is able to gracefully roll the seated person up-to the table. For safety, the brakes can be applied once the person is seated at the table

**NOTE:** The walker/rollator should be moved off to the side of the dining room freeing the aisle for use by others.

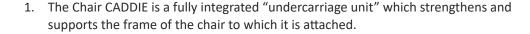


### 3. Assist the seated person away-from the table

To exit the table, the seated person is effortlessly rolled away from the table and turned in the direction of the walker/rollator.

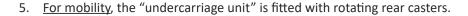
Once the walker/rollator has been retrieved and placed in front of the seated person, the seated person can be assisted to a standing position by the caregiver. Holding onto the walker/rollator for support the person walks directly away from the table.

### **DESIGN ELEMENTS OF THE CHAIR CADDIE**





- 2. Side rails hold the legs of the chair in place preventing them from splaying outwards. The connecting arms are adjustable enabling the Chair CADDIE to attach to most existing armed and armless chairs. The Chair CADDIE is rated to carry 450 lbs.
- 3. Casters (oversized) attached directly to the "undercarriage unit" (not to the legs of the chair) enable the chair with the person seated in the chair to move easily on tile, laminate or carpeted surfaces, while raising the seat height of the chair only 3/4".
- 4. <u>For stability</u>, the front casters are positioned in-line with the front legs of the chair. The wide wheel-base stance provides unparalleled stability preventing the chair from tipping sideways. Anti-tip glides installed under the front legs prevent the chair from tipping forwards.



- 6. <u>For safety,</u> both rear casters are fitted with foot activated brakes. <u>It is recommended</u> the brakes are engaged whenever the chair is not attended by a caregiver.
- 7. Additional, the entire "undercarriage unit" fits inside the "foot print" of the chair to which it is attached and does not pose a tripping hazard to the caregiver or other guests.

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# **OPERATING GUIDELINES**









### WHO BENEFITS...

Chairs that **swivel...turn...roll** and **brake** for safety can create a **WIN / WIN / WIN** solution for your care community, your staff and your residents.

#### **MANAGEMENT**

- √ Reduced capital expenses
  - 1. Chairs remain in service 4-7 years longer
  - 2. Damage to floors is eliminated
  - 3. All existing damaged chairs can be brought back into circulation
- ✓ Increased occupancy (visitors see the increased level of resident centered care provided in the dining room)
- ✓ Staff appreciate management pro-actively addressing workplace safety

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- Reduced recruitment costs (increased staff retention due to safer workplace environment)
- Reduced sick-time costs (less injuries to front-line staff = less additional staffing costs)
- Reduced physical demands (attracts early retirees looking to become re-engaged in the care community)

# **CARE STAFF**

- Reduced physical effort while performing daily tasks of moving residents up-to and away from tables
- ✓ Reduced workplace injuries
- Soft skills (ie. compassion, empathy, tolerance) become more evident as physical fatigue diminishes
- ✓ Better work / life balance as front-line staff tasked with moving seated individuals up-to and away-from tables have more energy at the end of a shift

# RESIDENTS

- ✓ Increased safety when being seated
- ✓ Increased dignity
- ✓ Increased engagement/interaction with staff
- ✓ Enhanced relationships with care providers

## **FAMILIES**

- ✓ Increased level of service satisfaction
- ✓ Increased level of confidence in staff



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