Caregivers experience first hand, a senior's changing ability to move about independently, as they are charged with providing whatever physical effort is required when assisting a seated person to the table. At times caregivers feel more like "hired muscle" than a "giver of care!"

# How does a caregiver move a seated person up-to the table, with ease, grace and dignity?

Chairs with mobility features, (**swivel**...**roll**...and **brake** for safety) eliminate the need for caregivers to <u>push-pull-shove-twist</u> each time a seated person is assisted up-to or away-from the table.

Operationally, chairs which include mobility features impact a caregiver's daily routine in three (3) specific caregiving situations: (1) Assist a person into the chair, (2) Assist the seated person up-to a table, (3) Assist the seated person away-from a table



# **Prevent** falls (resident)

#### 1. Assist a person into the chair

Roll the chair 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.



# **Reduce** injuries (care staff)

# 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.



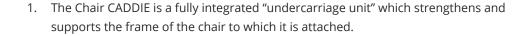
**Increase**dignity and self-worth
for the resident

#### 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.



- 5. For mobility, the "undercarriage unit" is fitted with rotating rear casters.
- 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.

Online Reference: www.comfortek.com/cc

## **OPERATING GUIDELINES**







