

Physical-therapy clinic expands in new home

Jacob's mom, Lori Norton, praises the work of the clinicians at Northwest Rehabilitation Associates of South Salem.

"He's competing again," Lori Norton said of the track and football athlete, a junior at West Salem High.

"He's doing great," Brandt said.

NWRA now has space to expand its business of healing.

The practice has a spacious new clinic that opened March 9 at 3270 Liberty Road S, the former site of Negstad's gift store. The business is part of the Institute for Rehabilitation and Wellness.

A medical open house is planned for 6 to 7:30 p.m. April 30.

"We wanted to be somewhat centrally located and not too far from our (previous) location," president Mike Studer said.

NWRA had been at 1380 Liberty St. SE, in the Bush's Pasture Park area, since it was founded four years ago.

"My family and I have lived in South Salem and have established roots there for more than 14 years," Studer said.

The clinic specializes in neurologic and geriatric rehabilitation, and the new facility brings added services, including a therapy pool, orthotic casting and more equipment.

Upstairs, a simulated bedroom is set up where stroke patients and others relearn skills such as putting on makeup, making the bed and cooking.

NWRA helps patients who suffer from dizziness, vertigo, stroke, Parkinson's, multiple sclerosis, spinal-cord injury, balance impairments, cerebral palsy and weakness.

Therapists offer cognitive, balance and strengthening classes for seniors.

They also provide traditional physical, occupational and speech therapy, seeing a number of clients with neck or back pain and shoulder or knee injuries.

A highlight of the new facility is the therapy pool with a treadmill inside.

Buoyancy and working against a resistant current help clients such as Jacob Norton gain strength and recover from injuries or surgery, Studer said.

High-intensity body-weight-supported treadmill training helps people learn to walk again and regain balance.

NWRA currently has six care providers in a total staff of nine. The plan is to hire at least one more full-time physical therapist and increase another's hours because of patient volumes.

Patients come from as far as Ashland, Bend, Lebanon and Wilsonville to get care from NWRA therapists. Doctors from Oregon Health & Science University often refer patients to the clinic, Studer said.

"We have been blessed to see the clients that we have and will continue to provide high-quality one-on-one care to those referred to our services," Studer said.

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