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# JOANIE

**“I truly have my life back — thanks to Memorial.”**

*Active, athletic and adventurous, Joanie considered herself the picture of good health. In fact, she was preparing to compete in a marathon when life took an unexpected course.*

Driving home from work one evening two years ago, Joanie felt her left arm tingling. By the time she arrived home, the entire left side of her body was numb. Joanie was having a stroke.

“I couldn’t believe this was happening to me,” Joanie says. “I was only 48 years old!”

Determined to walk again, she turned to the highly skilled team at the Rehabilitation Institute of South Florida at Memorial Regional Hospital South. The intensive, personalized program – combined with remarkable patient- and family-centered care – helped put Joanie back on track.

In six days, she left the hospital – on her own two feet, and with a plan for ongoing rehabilitation.

“Today, I’m scuba diving again and I’ve run my first post-stroke marathon,” Joanie says.

“I couldn’t have done it without the amazing support of my family, my friends and the team at the Rehabilitation Institute of South Florida.”

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