

Health Bulletin



New Device Is Breath Of Fresh Air For Oxygen Users

(NAPSA)—For Bruce Johnson, the benefits of his portable oxygen system can be summed up in one word: FREEDOM.

Suffering from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), Mr. Johnson, 68, first went on oxygen three years ago. Delivered weekly, the oxygen was housed in heavy canisters. As his wife, Beryl, says, “it really discouraged Bruce from going out; it was just so much trouble.”

A short time later, the Johnsons discovered the HomeFill™ II Oxygen System. It is Invacare’s portable oxygen system that allows a continuous supply of oxygen to be available at home. Moreover, oxygen is placed in a canister weighing less than five pounds and carried in a shoulder bag—no more two-wheeled carts. The oxygen goes virtually anywhere, and users no longer wait for deliveries.

“It is just freedom,” Mr. Johnson gleams. “I can play golf again. I put on my little shoulder bag and just go out and play. Each canister lasts four or five hours. So I have plenty of time to play 18 holes of golf. You just pull it over your shoulder and go with it. I don’t have to call anyone for refills. There is no way I would go back to big tanks.”

Mr. Johnson is one of 16 million people diagnosed with COPD,



and at least 1.2 million depend on home oxygen therapy. Since HomeFill became available in 2002, thousands of oxygen users enjoy more active and healthier lives. Medicare and most insurance companies cover HomeFill, making it accessible to everyone in need of oxygen.

Last fall, Mr. Johnson experienced how much HomeFill could affect his life. As his son lay gravely ill in South Carolina, Mr. Johnson wanted to be with him. With HomeFill playing a major supporting role, Mr. Johnson, his wife and another son drove 2062 miles from Phoenix to Columbia, South Carolina. “I never would have been able to do that without HomeFill,” Mr. Johnson recalls. “We filled up the canisters each evening when we stopped in a hotel. It made the drive possible. I wanted to be there.”

For more information on how you or a loved one can get HomeFill, please call: 1-800-589-5997.