



# Patient Success Story

## Frank Schwartz, Sumner Regional Medical Center

An avid ballroom dancer and antique car restorer, not much has been able to slow down Frank Schwartz over his 83 years. But in 2007, a severe case of cellulitis on his right leg did just that. The infection to the deep subcutaneous tissue of his skin not only caused severe physical damage to his leg, but it also left him feeling disoriented and sick with fever, nausea and headaches.

“It was a shock because I’m so used to always being on the go,” Mr. Schwartz said. “I expected to be active again right away, but the first hospital I went to just didn’t know where to start.”

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Discouraged, Mr. Schwartz sought the counsel of his primary care physician, who recommended the Wound Care Center® at Sumner Regional Medical Center.

Once under the care of the Wound Care Center, it took doctors a week to get him stabilized and ready to undergo treatments to his leg, which by this time was “almost split open” according to Mr. Schwartz.

Through a program combining home care with hospital visits, his wound improved over the next few months. By December 2007, he was healed. “The Wound Care Center saved my leg. But they did more than that – they saved my life.”

Mr. Schwartz is now back to doing what he enjoys. The Wound Care Center’s Medical Director, Paige Reichert, has seen Mr. Schwartz participate in his beloved hobby of ballroom dancing. “He was all dressed up in his tux, with his silver hair and dazzling smile. He looks very debonair.”

While Mr. Schwartz has no intent to return to the Center as a patient anytime soon, he enjoys visiting the staff. “I brought them candy at Valentine’s Day. I just came to love everyone there.”

“You can put your trust in these people. Their expertise and thoroughness of care go beyond expectations,” said Mr. Schwartz. “Their care, interest and love are beyond description.”