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Our prime objective is to make sure that carers get more time to provide all-important personal care.

We achieve this by enabling them to make all lifting and moving operations as streamlined and efficient as possible at every single stage. And we do this in ways that meet the exact needs of all concerned. In this specialised field, experience really counts.

Guldmann has perfected a comprehensive, modular range of lifting and moving solutions, drawing on more than a quarter of a century of experience in supplying assistive technology products designed to help people live their lives to the full.

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Life-changing equipment provides freedom and independence

The Aquatic Centre in the Northern Rockies Regional Recreation Centre has installed a ceiling lift system that enables wheelchair users to be independent when using the changing rooms.

The Aquatic Centre includes a large swimming pool that consists of a 25-meter 6 lane lap pool, equipped with a 1 and 3m diving board, as well as a rock-climbing wall and many other fun facilities such as a hot tub, sauna and steam room.

There are three changing rooms and one of them is a bit larger to allow access for wheelchairs.

In 2019, the Aquatic Centre had over 19,000 guests, but this number was less than half in 2020 due to the COVID-19 lockdown.

During this downtime, the people working at the Aquatic Centre decided to upgrade the changing room with a GH3 lift solution from Guldmann.

They knew that several of their visitors would benefit from this upgrade and they also knew of customers that were not able to use the facilities because they needed more assistance.

The vision was to make the Aquatic Centre accessible for a wider group of people, and they succeeded: When the Aquatic Centre re-opened to the public, the result was life-changing.

On the first day, the crew had tipped a regular customer whom they thought would benefit from the ceiling lift to come swimming.

The customer brought her support worker but ended up being able to do everything herself because she was able to use the new lift in the changing room.

As she worked through getting ready to go for a swim, she used the lift to get herself out of her wheelchair and into the sling, changed herself, lowered herself into one of the aquatic chairs and got into the pool all on her own.

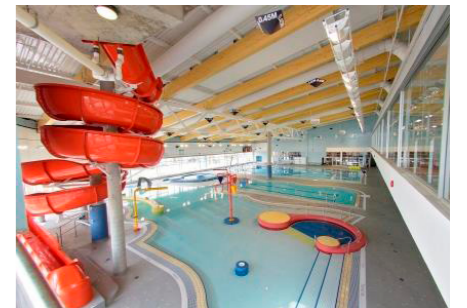
She was then able to do it all over again when she was finished.

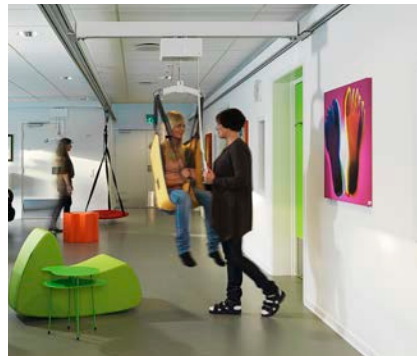
Sarah Tofte, Aquatic Manager, explains the huge impact of the ceiling lift: *"She was almost speechless and in tears as she told us the accessibility of these lifts have given her a new freedom. Since her accident 4 years ago, she has not been able to do much of anything for herself, by herself, before today. Now she can come to the pool and take her kids swimming on her own. Because of the lift, she can transfer herself from one chair to another, without anyone's help. Today she got the first sense of independence since her accident."*

Previously, a wheelchair user who wished to swim in the pool would have to hire helpers or ask family members to come with them and help transfer them from the wheelchair to the aquatic chair.

Now, wheelchair users can come to the Aquatic Centre and be just as independent as the majority of the visitors.

Or as Sarah puts it: *"We knew this lift had the potential to help make the pool more accessible for customers and their support workers. That in itself is huge, but to be able to give someone back their freedom and independence is life-changing and makes it all worth it."*





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