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'Walking Miracle' Inspires Others

Choose the correct answer to the question: What is this?

1. Pat Rummerfield spends (_____) a week every month with (_____) patients in the International Center for Spinal Cord Injury at Maryland's Kennedy Krieger Institute. He (_____) works as a spokesman and raises money (_____) for the institute. He also provides moral support.

2. PAT RUMMERFIELD: "Being able to touch the lives (_____) of others, knowing what they're going through, I (_____) myself have been in those same situations, and I've had the same thoughts going through my (_____) brain that's going through theirs."

3. In (_____) 1974, Rummerfield broke his (_____) neck in four places in a traffic (_____) accident. Doctors thought he (_____) would be dead within 72 hours. They (_____) did not know about his fighting spirit.

4. PAT RUMMERFIELD: "A week later, there was another meeting (_____) with my (_____) father and they said (_____) that I (_____) had beaten a billion to one odds. That they were pretty positive that I was going to live (_____), but the prognosis was still grim."

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5. He (_____) spent one year in a (_____) physical rehabilitation center. Then, he (_____) and his (_____) father decided to direct his recovery on their own.

6. PAT RUMMERFIELD: "It was very intense, five hours (_____) a day. Whatever moved, I'd lift a weight with (_____) it. You know, very slowly, very, very slowly (_____) things started coming back. It took (_____) about three and one-half years, but I could drag my right side for about 100 feet. Then I'd have to sit down and (_____) rest or take a nap."

7. After (_____) 17 years of work, Rummerfield is considered (_____) a fully functional quadriplegic. Many people call (_____) him a "walking miracle." Then, he (_____) decided to set some records.

8. PAT RUMMERFIELD: "When I got to that point where I could run, I immediately (_____) started doing small, little (_____) races as ways of raising money, of raising funds for spinal cord research, and I've never (_____) stopped."

9. He did more than just run (_____). He completed a triathlon sporting event, drives (_____) race cars and holds the land speed record for electric cars. Doctors (_____) have trouble explaining Rummerfield's recovery. But Dr. John McDonald notes his mental strength.

10. JOHN McDONALD: "He's got the determination of (_____) a warrior. He fights (_____) through pain. He'll fight through any … he will never (_____) give up."

11. The National Spinal Cord Injury Association says (_____) less than one percent of patients with (_____) spinal cord injuries fully recover. Ann Choe is a medical researcher (_____).

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12. ANN CHOE: “By studying his (_____) case both, you (_____) know, structurally in the brain and spinal cord, functionally, we (_____) hope to see what made him … what made it possible for him to recover. And those findings, hopefully (_____), we can and will be able to eventually apply to other patients.”

13. Rummerfield works (_____) with patients like Erin. Her (_____) spinal cord was damaged when she and her conjoined twin were separated. Melissa Buckles is her mother.

14. MELISSA BUCKLES: “It means a lot to us that Patrick has taken such an interest in Erin. And it tells us that he has the belief that she’s going to walk (_____) someday, too (_____). We look at Pat as a miracle (_____), but something that is attainable.”

15. RUMMERFIELD: “At the end of the day, I really (_____) don’t think, you know, of myself as a hero or a celebrity (_____) or anything like that. I just think that I’m just a guy trying to help as many people along the way as I can. My goal is to someday be a part of helping everyone getting out of a wheelchair(_____).”

16. The road (_____) to recovery can be long, and nothing is guaranteed (_____). But patients at Kennedy Krieger know Pat Rummerfield will be cheering for them, every step (_____) of the way.

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