

ROBERT WOO
Alan T Brown Foundation
2017 Standing Tall Award

Robert Woo is a renowned Architect with extensive experience including three years on the World Trade Center clean up, serving as Project Manager to the World Financial Center re-build, and the Architect for the interiors of one of the largest airports in the world. In 2007, Robert's life drastically changed when he was injured on-site after seven tons of steel fell 25 floors from a crane onto his trailer, making him a paraplegic (T4 complete ASIA A).

Following his injury, Robert continued his work as an Architect and also dedicated his time to improving his quality of life with a spinal cord injury (SCI). He was one of the first to try exoskeleton technology in 2011, which enabled him to stand and walk for the first time in over three years. Robert then spent the next six years training in various exoskeletons and research studies between Mount Sinai Hospital and the Bronx VA Medical Center, eventually succeeding in completing marathons and milestone events with his wife and three sons.

One of the things that Robert learned through his years of re-discovering himself is the importance of giving back, which is why he helped to create the Handcycling Spin Program and the Bionics Program at Mount Sinai Hospital. These programs are core to many SCI individuals' lives. He is proud to be a motivational speaker, an athlete and a peer mentor. Robert is an honorary member of several SCI and charitable organizations as well as the recipient of the 2010 New York City Spinal Cord Injury Association Humanitarian Award.