

## Their Steps Make Her Dance

"Knowing they are walking because of something Imade for them hits me in the heart," Julianne Gupta said.

Julianne Gupta works for United Prosthetics in Dorchester, Ma. She's actually a certified prosthetist-orthotist, she fits braces, such as those for the neck or back. But she works mostly as a prosthetist, with people who have had an amputation. She evaluates them for a prosthesis, makes the prosthesis and the socket, and then fits it.

Patients discover that living with a prosthesis is not much different from life before their amputation. They can return to most of the activities they did previously. Children especially amaze her. One little girl stood up on her new leg and immediately did an Irish step dance. Some patients take their first steps in a prosthesis and cry tears of happiness.

