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Inventor Patrick Marshall displays his Star Trach Water Trachea Prevention Kit in Merritt Island, Fla. on June 4, 2009.

Local inventor helps others

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Throughout his childhood in Louisiana and into adult life, Merritt Island resident and former career U. S. Marine Patrick Marshall, Sr. dreamed of inventions that would benefit others.

Now, because of his tenacity, the support of his wife and family, along with the guidance of Technological Research and Development Authority and a medical device development company called Concept to Commercialization (C2C), Marshall's dream is on the road to reality. C2C is an organization that focuses on innovative disposable medical devices for less invasive surgery.

"C2C, located in Melbourne, is an incubator for product developers. It helps start-up technology firms in central Florida grow into financially viable, freestanding, high-growth companies," said Marshall.

The Star Trach Water Trachea Prevention Kit, Marshall's simple medical invention, may have the potential to improve the lives of tracheotomy

patients around the world. It enables patients to shower without any intrusion of soap into the cavity.

"Star Trach provides an improved water, soap and shampoo blocking system for tracheotomy patients. With appropriate filters, the device will enable the patient to work in environments that previously were prohibited," said Marshall. "My tracheotomy tube water blocking system is disposable, hypoallergenic and can be produced to match patient skin tone."

Following his military career, Marshall achieved his educational pursuits graduating cum laude from Florida Metropolitan University, in addition to working in private industry and pursuing a patent for Star Trach.

"My main objective is helping people have a better quality of life. All the glory for my success goes to God."

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