

HELP BRADEN REBUILD HIS LIFE AFTER LOSING HIS RIGHT ARM IN AN ACCIDENT

My name is **Bryanna Whitecotton**, and I am organizing this HelpVy campaign for my husband, **Braden**, after a devastating accident on September 18, 2026 changed our family's life forever.

Braden had been spending time with friends that night and was on his way home. I woke up around 2:05 in the morning and immediately realized he was not home. After reaching out to one of his friends, I learned that Braden had been in a serious accident and was being taken to the hospital.

I woke up our eight year old son, Matthew, dropped him off with a friend, and rushed to the hospital without knowing what I was about to face.

Braden suffered catastrophic, life changing injuries. His right arm had to be amputated at the elbow and later required an additional revision above the elbow. He also suffered an open fracture of his right tibial plateau near the knee, injuries to his left knee and tibia, and extensive facial trauma.

His facial injuries included fractures involving his maxillary sinus, nasal bone, right orbital floor, maxilla, and both sides of his jaw, along with a serious lip laceration. Doctors performed multiple procedures to stabilize his right arm and leg injuries, repair his jaw and facial fractures, and treat the injuries to his left knee and tibia. His jaw also had to be stabilized while his facial injuries began healing.

Braden spent approximately three weeks in the hospital before finally coming home.

Our recovery is only beginning. Braden still cannot use his right leg and has been told it may be another seven or eight months before he can. Every day now is about adjusting, healing, and

learning how to move forward after injuries that have permanently changed his life.

Before the accident, Braden worked as an HVAC technician. He is hardworking, loving, and the kind of person who is always willing to help someone else. Most importantly to me, he is an incredibly involved father. Matthew adores his dad, and Braden has always made being there for our son a priority.

Braden is also part of a motorcycle club, and his brothers and the brotherhood they share mean a great deal to him.

We have been together for about five years and married since May 2025. I never imagined that so early in our marriage we would be facing something this overwhelming.

Funds raised through HelpVy will help with Braden’s medical and everyday living expenses as he continues recovering, adapts to the loss of his right arm, and works toward regaining as much independence as possible.

If you are able to donate, pray and/or share Braden’s story, our family would be deeply grateful. Every donation and every share will help give Braden the support he needs as he rebuilds his life and continues being the husband and father we love so much.

Bryanna Whitecotton, for Braden and our family □□

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