

HELP JOHN EDWARDS RECOVER AFTER A DEVASTATING MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT

On Monday, October 5, 2026, I received the kind of phone call no sister ever wants to get. My brother, John, had been in a devastating motorcycle accident on his way to work. His injuries were so severe that he had to be airlifted by helicopter to the hospital.

What made those first hours even more frightening was how little John could remember. He recalls hearing tires squeal, and then everything went blank. He has no memory of speaking with anyone at the accident scene, being airlifted to the hospital, or much of what happened afterward. It wasn't until the following day that he began to understand where he was and what had happened.

For our family, those first hours were filled with fear, unanswered questions, and prayers as we waited to learn just how badly John had been hurt.

John's injuries were extensive:

- A concussion
- A shattered shoulder blade (scapula)
- Seven broken ribs
- A severely punctured lung
- A lacerated liver
- A head wound requiring 21 staples

Despite the severity of his injuries, John showed the determination and stubborn strength our family knows so well. During his hospitalization, he pushed himself to complete his breathing exercises, worked hard to regain his strength, and walked farther than the medical staff asked

of him. He was determined to get better and get home.

Our brothers, family, and friends rallied around him throughout his hospital stay. John is now home, and I, his younger sister, Carla, am helping care for him as he continues his recovery. Although we're incredibly thankful he's home, he still has a long road ahead.

If you know John, you know he's one of a kind. He's funny, incredibly blunt (sometimes whether you want his opinion or not!), and quite possibly incapable of sitting still. He's always working, fixing something, or finding another project that needs to be done. If something's broken, John's probably already figuring out how to repair it. And if someone needs help, he's usually the first to show up.

That's just who he is. Hardworking, independent, generous, and stubborn enough to think he can handle just about anything himself.

Which makes this next part especially difficult for him.

For the past 10 harvest seasons, John has worked on a potato farm. It's long hours and physically demanding work, and he's never been one to shy away from hard labor.

Doctors have explained that his broken ribs alone will need at least six to eight weeks for initial healing. But with seven broken ribs, a shattered shoulder blade, a punctured lung, and his other serious injuries, there is no way to know yet when his body will be strong enough to return to the demanding physical work he does. His recovery could take considerably longer.

For a man who's spent his life working with his hands, being forced to slow down may be one of the hardest parts of all.

And while his body is healing, the bills don't stop.

Without his regular income, John now faces the added stress of medical expenses and everyday living costs at a time when he needs to focus on getting well.

Family means everything to John. He's a proud father of two grown sons and a brother who means the world to his siblings. Seeing someone who has always been so strong and self-sufficient suddenly need help with even the simplest everyday tasks has been difficult. But we're also incredibly grateful that he's still here with us.

Now it's our turn to show up for John, just as he has shown up for so many others.
We've started this HelpVy fundraiser to help ease the financial burden while John recovers. Every donation will go toward his medical expenses and essential living costs while he's unable to work.

No amount is too small, and if you're unable to donate, simply sharing his story means more than you know.

Most importantly, please keep John in your thoughts and prayers as he continues healing.
From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your kindness, generosity, and support. We're so thankful John survived this accident, and we want to give him every opportunity to recover without the added worry of how he'll make ends meet.

With love and gratitude,
Carla Fixen

John's younger sister, on behalf of the Edwards family □□

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