

HELP TOM REBUILD HIS LIFE AFTER A DEVASTATING ACCIDENT

My name is **Connie Elam**, and I am organizing this HelpVy campaign for one of my closest friends, **Tom Fuentes**, after a devastating accident on **September 27, 2026** changed his life forever.

Tom had been at my house that evening and left to head home. Just minutes later, he tried calling me from the scene of the accident. I work nights and had already fallen asleep, so I missed his call. When I later learned what had happened, I could hardly believe it.

Tom suffered catastrophic injuries, including the **loss of his left leg above the knee, a fracture to his right leg, and numerous scrapes and bruises**.

Those injuries would be overwhelming for anyone. Yet one of the things that has amazed all of us is Tom's attitude. While the rest of us have been worried, emotional, and trying to figure out what comes next, **Tom is still smiling**. He is the one saying, "I'm here. Let's go. What are we doing?"

That really tells you who Tom is.

I met him in 2011, and even though we realized years ago that we were better as friends, we have remained incredibly close. Tom is one of the very few people I can always count on.

He **acts from his heart, not his head**. If someone needs help, Tom does not stop to calculate what it will cost him. He just helps. He will literally give you the shirt off his back, and he is always the first person to step up and the last person who wants to ask anyone for help.

Tom is also incredibly talented. He is **self-employed in industrial maintenance and**

engineering and can fix almost anything, from machinery and cars to projects around the house. He is also an excellent teacher who has a gift for explaining complicated things in a way people can understand.

Now the person who has spent so much of his life helping others needs help himself.

Funds raised through HelpVy will help with **Tom’s medical and everyday living expenses** as he adjusts to an entirely different life and begins the long road toward rebuilding his independence.

If you are able to donate or share Tom’s story, please help us surround him with the same generosity he has shown so many other people throughout his life. Every donation and every share will make a difference as Tom faces what comes next.

Connie Elam, for Tom □□

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