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ROUTINE PHYSICAL THERAPY RESULTS IN PARALYSIS FOR ALTOONA HUSBAND

James Manley and His Wife Are Fundraising for an Accessible Van

ALTOONA, Ala.—At 51 years old, James Stacy Manley is living a very different life than he pictured. In 2011, a life-altering injury during a routine physical therapy session changed his life forever, leaving him without the use of his legs. Today, James is fundraising for an accessible van so that he and his wife, who also uses a wheelchair, can leave their home.

Active and engaged with his community, James went to seminary in New Orleans in 1996 and worked as a teacher, first in Georgia and then in Alabama in Chilton County, Tuscaloosa County, and Washington County. In 2010 and 2011, he worked to support teens recovering from addiction as a supervisor at The Bridge. James fell in love with his wife, Amy, who is living with cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair for mobility; they raise a son with disabilities. The family relocated to Altoona in 2019 following two devastating home fires.

In 2011, James pursued physical therapy to recover from an injured knee. As he was entering the room, his crutch caught on the leg of a table. James fell headfirst into the workout equipment and was knocked unconscious. When he awoke, his legs were paralyzed.

Medical professionals told him that he might be able to regain some movement in his legs over time with diligent rehabilitation. James has been pursuing that rehabilitation—and the hope of greater mobility—every day since.

“Over the years, the community has helped me in so many ways,” explained James. “Whether we’ve needed help with rent or food, they are always there for us.”

Today, because they are both dependent on wheelchairs and an accessible van to leave their home, James and Amy are in dire need of transportation: their van broke down in 2020 and is no longer usable. They must have food delivered to their door, and they cannot attend critical medical appointments until



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reliable transportation is back within their reach. James has partnered with the national nonprofit Help Hope Live to start a fundraising campaign at <https://helphopelive.org/campaign/18004/>

Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, and all funds raised will be managed by the nonprofit to cover verified medical and related expenses. Help Hope Live verifies medical and financial need for every patient. Not able to give? Call 800-642-8399 to learn how else you can get involved in James's fundraising efforts as a volunteer.

Help Hope Live is a national nonprofit that specializes in engaging communities in secure, tax-deductible fundraising campaigns for people who need a transplant or are affected by a catastrophic injury or illness. Since 1983, campaigns organized by Help Hope Live have raised over \$150 million to pay patient expenses.

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