

*My accident happened on July.22.2005. I was 15 years old. I was riding my bike in the safety zone of the street made for a bicycle. Before I could turn the corner a car hit me. I then flew in the air came down hit the windshield of the car and then hit the pavement. I was bleeding on my brain. I was told that I was in and out of consciousness. I finally loss consciousness and was revived. I can remember opening my eyes somehow I knew that they were cutting my clothes off. I passed out again and, the next time I woke up I was in the hospital. I felt something in my throat and in my nose. I was semi conscious through it all. At some point, I became alert and start noticing that I could not see out of my left eye which was wrapped and fractured. My left leg was broke at the knee and ankle. I thought I was no longer going to walk like I use to. I was Pontiac Hospital for 2 days then I was transferred to Beaumont for 5 days. I had physical therapy teaching me how to walk with crutches. On the 5<sup>th</sup> day after being in the hospital I was sent home with crutches, a wheel chair, a complete toilet, a tub chair, and a hospital bed. I physically got better but had difficulty learning, how to problem solve, and developing into maturity. For these reasons I have participated in multiple rehabs. In the past year I have been able to receive services through a semi independent program.*

*Not only did no fault save my life from my initial accident but it also giving me the opportunity for a real life. I am now able to focus on finishing school, taking care of my daughter, getting the therapies need to help me become a better person/mother, and working in the community with others around my age. I never knew what a TBI was before my accident but, thanks to no fault insurance I am surviving one. It is so sad that insurance companies want to change the no fault law. If I lose the help I have now I might as well give my life away as well as my goals as a mother. No Fault has helped me get to where I am now. Now that I have made it this far I do not plan on stopping any time soon.*

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