SAM’S STORY

Sam contacted Limbs for Life in July, desperate for help to receive a prosthetic limb. He had a severe fracture to his right leg which did not heal and resulted in loss of his limb. While he works as a professor in field geology at the college level, his insurance did not include prosthetic coverage. A number of other circumstances placed Sam in an overwhelming situation, in a wheelchair for six months, having to move from his home, and unable to work, with few options.

Sam (39) is the father of two active children. Limbs for Life was able to process his application quickly, connect him to a local prosthetic clinic and fund his first limb. Sam wrote:

"Thank you very much. I want you to know how much I really do appreciate everything y'all do there. You, along with the folks at my clinic, have changed my life. Even during these first few days of (carefully!) practicing on the new prosthesis, I’ve been able to get out and do things I’ve been chomping-at-the-bit to do for many months.

Most importantly, you’ve helped me to better understand that no matter what hardships life might throw at us, it’s very important to do the best you can with the gifts you’ve been given. Y’all have given me a big gift!

My daughter who is 12 and son, 7, are both as excited as I am. Their first request was to customize it. I was so happy I even let my daughter paint my “toenails”. We love hiking, skiing, snowboarding, mountain biking, walking the dog, playing music, and many other activities and are ready to get out there!

Thank you again,
- Sam
Aida (47) is from Florida and now lives and worked as a secretary in an emergency room in Texas. A blood clot in her leg led to extensive surgery and ultimately loss of her limb. She wrote:

I want to walk. I want my life back! I want to help my customers and I need better mobility so I can do my job. I want to be independent again.

Aida received her limb at Hanger Clinic in Austin, TX in August. She is pictured switching places with her brother, who helped and supported her during her recovery. Now the roles are reversed and she is walking! She called, in tears, to say thanks and is so grateful. Aida’s life has turned around with her new limb and she is anxious to tell her story and help others.

See more client stories and meet Jeff on our website at: http://limbsforlife.org/success-stories/

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~Kristen

These two scriptures are now on my new prosthesis-
“I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.”
“The Joy of the Lord is my Strength.”
Thank you!

~Lindsay

SPONSORED EVENTS
Across the country, volunteers host special events to fund new limbs. Join the fun! From color runs to fun runs, disc golf and dodgeball, restaurant nights or auctions, contact us for ideas and info to get started.

Bridgecreek High School in Oklahoma is holding a DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT this month with proceeds to Limbs for Life. Thanks to the Robotics Club and Marisa Jackson, who is working on her Girl Scout Gold Award, for planning this event.

Clarks Shoes returns with their “Get People Walking” Campaign through Dec. 31. Donations at Clarks locations across the U.S. support Limbs for Life. Last year, Clarks doubled their prior year’s effort raising over $62,000 to fund prosthetic limbs. We appreciate their outstanding partnership and your generous donations to the campaign. Find a store near you-clarksusa.com/us/store-locator SHOP. DONATE. WALK. CELEBRATE.

Golf Tournament
Golfers enjoyed beautiful weather and an amazing day of golf at the 17th Annual Limbs for Life Golf Tournament. We were honored to welcome, Lee Sabolich Gordon, one of our founders, and the Ellis Family "Sister Squad" to speak with those attending. Thanks to our tremendous sponsors, golfers, guests and volunteers for another successful event!

MEET OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS:

We are excited to welcome Josh and Carol to the Limbs for Life Team.

Josh Thornton is a senior at Southern Nazarene University. He plans to continue his education to become a certified prosthetist after graduation. This hard-working, personable young man brings his awesome attitude and great work ethic to our team. Josh works in the Holly & Doug Brooks Family Foundation LEGacy Room sorting donated parts and components, preparing orders for shipment to clinic partners, and further organizing and streamlining our inventory processes. He is a wonderful addition to the LFL Team.

Welcome Josh!

Carol Schwabe joins Limbs for Life with a varied skill set steeped in service to others. Her background in marketing, ministry and nonprofit work are a great fit. Carol helps with client services, answering the phone, and sharing resources. She also assists with development projects, fundraising events and donor support. Her strong communication skills, pleasant and always cheerful demeanor, and willingness to help wherever needed are a bright spot in each day.

Josh and Carol both work part-time. Stop in and say hello!
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Anna from Mississippi celebrated her 30th birthday with a new limb.

Edward – Jet engine mechanic in Texas

Janet (45) married mother of 3 daughters, 2 granddaughters, and first grandson on the way. She has maintained an upbeat attitude through 12 surgeries and is grateful to be able to return to her active lifestyle and play with her grandchildren.

Randall (63) from Oklahoma lost his leg in 2017 which kept him from enjoying activities he loved. He has resumed an active lifestyle working with his horses.

We feel strongly about helping amputees in every way and truly believe in the vision you are carrying out.
~ Lee, Donor

There isn’t anything she thinks she can’t do with her prosthetic leg. It just opens so many opportunities. Thank you.
~ Staci, Client’s mother

It’s really nice when special people do special things. Thank you Limbs for Life!
~ Don, Client

Thank you with all my heart. After two years, I am walking again!
~ Alex, Client

A train accident at age 5 left Gerald a bi-lateral amputee. Now 58, he and his wife live in Houston where he is grateful to be able to care for his family and assist with shopping and daily chores.

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