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Eighteen year old Alex Fraser sustained a critical neck injury while swimming in Mexico leaving him with permanent mobility loss.

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On March 17th while the Fraser family was on vacation in Mexico, their eighteen year old son, Alex, was tragically hurt in a wave on the beach. He sustained a critical life threatening C5 neck injury, rendering him at least for now, paralyzed below the chest. Alex had emergency surgery in Cancun to stabilize his neck and relieve the compression of his spinal cord, allowing him to be life-flighted to the United States. He faces a 2nd critical surgery and many, many months of rehabilitation in an out of state spinal cord rehabilitation inpatient facility. While the full extent of the impact of his injury will be unclear for some time as he recovers, and the family has great hope and faith in the rehabilitation process, but the seriousness of the spinal cord injury will certainly leave Alex with permanent paralysis at some level. This tragedy has been overwhelmingly difficult for Alex's parents, Chris (Wagner) and Mike, and his brothers, Andrew and Austin, but fortunately they have incredible emotional support of family, many friends and the broader community.

While Alex and his family face a long road ahead, he is a focused and determined young man. As an example, he obtained his Eagle Scout rank just before he turned 16. He is due to graduate from high school in May with an excellent record of achievement in school. He has been on the drum line in the school band for 4 years, co-captain of the swim team, recently making it to state championships for the 4th year in a row, where they placed 8th in 6A this year and previously took first in state 5A his first two years on the team. He beat the high school 100 yard breast stroke record this year; a goal he set for himself 2 years ago, never having swam competitively before his freshman year of high school. He had been accepted to the University of Arkansas to begin classes in the fall 2014, with plans to play on the drum line there and pursue a degree in kinesiology with advanced degree work in exercise science and interest in a career in professional sports team training. Alex is a rigorous and disciplined trainer, but we're certain that those skills that he has developed for himself will serve him well during his rehabilitation and afterwards.

While the family is fortunate to have good insurance, the extent or limits of coverage longer term, especially as Alex reaches adulthood in the eyes of the insurance companies, is unclear at this time. More immediately, the ongoing costs for the family not covered by insurance will be extensive include among other things, accommodations for one of the parents and travel expenses to an out of state rehabilitation hospital, finding and moving to a house which can be modified for Alex's condition and hopefully allowing them to keep their youngest son Austin in the same school district, handicap equipped transportation, and much more.

If you feel compelled and are able to contribute to help the family and particularly Alex, with the longer term costs, it would be greatly appreciated. If you are unable to contribute then prayers are encouraged and welcome. Extended family and friends of the Fraser family started this website after requests from friends and family were made as to how they could contribute financially. We are certain through your generosity we will exceed our goal of \$50,000.

Please continue to keep Alex, Chris, Mike, Andrew and Austin in your prayers.