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## **ALBY**

A chance accident changed the course of Alby's life forever. At 17, Alby had his whole life in front of him. He was about to be a senior in high school and had plans to join the Coast Guard. All of that changed in an instant when Alby was hit by a drunk driver.

The accident caused Alby's truck to flip violently, severing his arm and ultimately landing on his head and causing a traumatic brain injury. Alby spent the next year in a coma, and the prognosis was dim.

His mom, Pattie, never gave up hope.

For nearly 20 years, Pattie has provided his care at home. She's tried a few group homes along the way, but nothing came close to the loving care she could provide until two years ago when she found Bridges and their residential group home, Springwood. And it couldn't have come at a better time as Pattie is battling lung cancer.

Through the support of Bridges' Adult Day training program, Alby has grown into an active participant in classroom activities. In fact, with help, Alby is now able to feed himself, fold towels and even move his wheelchair with his feet.

According to Alby's mom, "Bridges has helped me too. They have taught me how to step back and encourage Alby to become more independent. I never thought he would be able to do so much."

By supporting United Way of Brevard, you help to improve Alby's quality of life. Each day brings new hope that he will continue to gain independence. It also ensures that Alby will always be cared for and have a place to call home.

