



TYLER WOODARD

After driving a friend to a job interview, Tyler Woodard was t-boned leaving the parking lot. His mother, Juliette Woodard, received the call no parent wants. They were taking her son to UF Health Jacksonville, the trauma hospital, not the closest hospital. An MRI showed the accident caused a severe brain injury.

There was not much change in his condition for 18 days until Tyler's nurse randomly asked him to give her a thumbs up. And he did. A week later, Tyler was transferred to the Disorders of Consciousness (DoC) Program at Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital. There weren't drastic changes at first, but Tyler was slowly coming back.

After a month, Tyler spoke for the first time and then made steady progress from that point forward. When Tyler was admitted, he couldn't have any food by mouth. He was eating double portions by the time he discharged. In addition to his cognitive challenges, Tyler also broke his pelvis in the accident and wasn't able to put any weight on his right side. But three months after his accident, Tyler was discharged home and was able to walk through his front door.