

Patient Profile	
	Name: Jessica Larsen
	City & State: Mesa, AZ
	Website: http://www.larsensjourney.blogspot.com
	Please help me support the Larsen family as they work to recover from Jessica's injury. A portion of the profits from Wild Rose Jewelry sales will be donated to this fund. You can help by hosting a jewelry show, or purchasing any ready-made item in stock. You are also invited to make an individual contribution directly to Jessica's Catastrophic Injury Fund.
	Janelle Thrasher Owner and Designer Wild Rose Handcrafted Jewelry

Jessica Larsen
NTAF Southwest Spinal Cord Injury Fund

In November of 2008, Jessica (shown on the left) fell from her second floor bedroom window when her window screen gave way as she was looking out to see a helicopter. She broke her back and injured her spinal cord. She is now a paraplegic. During her stay at the hospital and inpatient rehab we were given no hope of any recovery as her injury was "one of the worst they have seen." To everyone's surprise Jessica was able to move a muscle in her upper thigh eight weeks after her injury. To capitalize on this gain we researched and found some of the best therapy centers and through donations we were able to take her to Kennedy Krieger in Baltimore, Maryland for intensive physical therapy that has been shown to promote recovery. Since then Jessica has continued to gain movement in her left leg.

A fundraising campaign has been set up with the Catastrophic Injury Program of the National Transplant Fund (NTAF) so we can continue this type of intensive therapy and to help with out of pocket medical expenses. NTAF is a highly regarded nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization that has been providing fundraising support to organ and tissue transplant patients for over 25 years. In 2000 they expanded their mission to assist those with spinal cord injuries.

Your contribution would be administered by NTAF exclusively for injury-related expenses. Donations are tax-deductible and are available to the patient throughout their life. Jessica will have numerous medical expenses and will need vehicle and home modifications throughout her lifetime.