

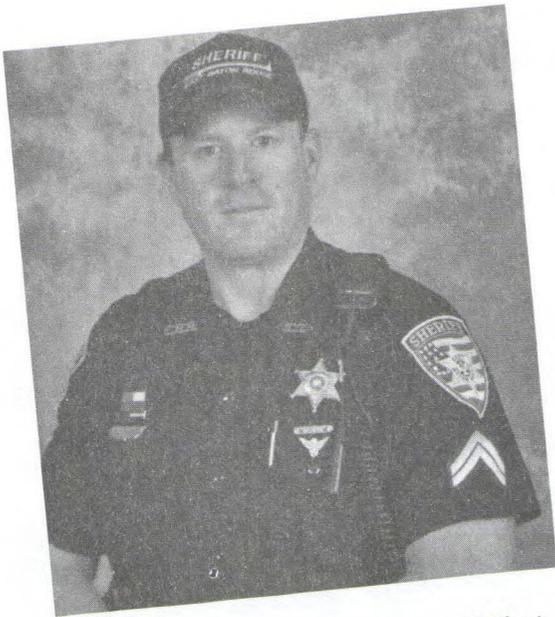
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Nick Tullier

A Miracle in Progress

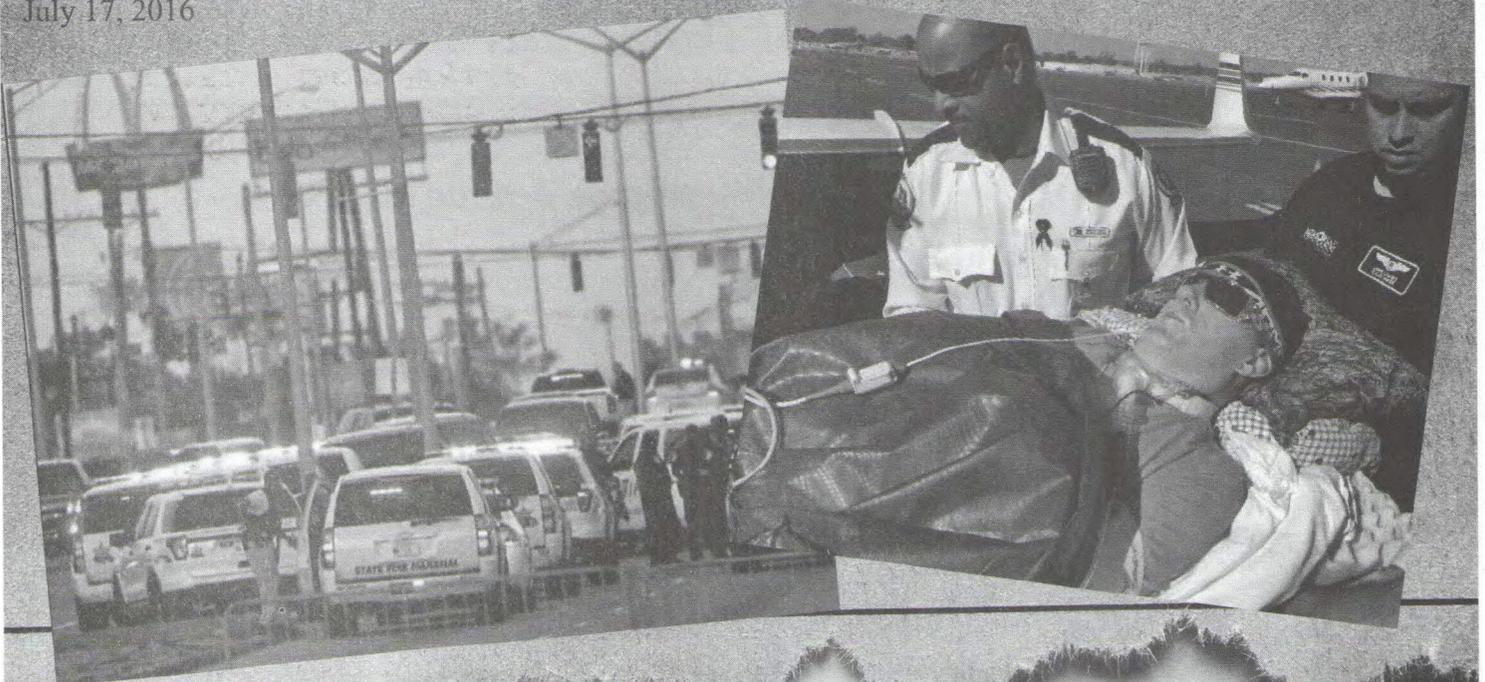


Nick and his fiancée Danielle prior to the ambush.

The Washington Post

Police: Officers in Baton Rouge were 'targeted and assassinated'

July 17, 2016

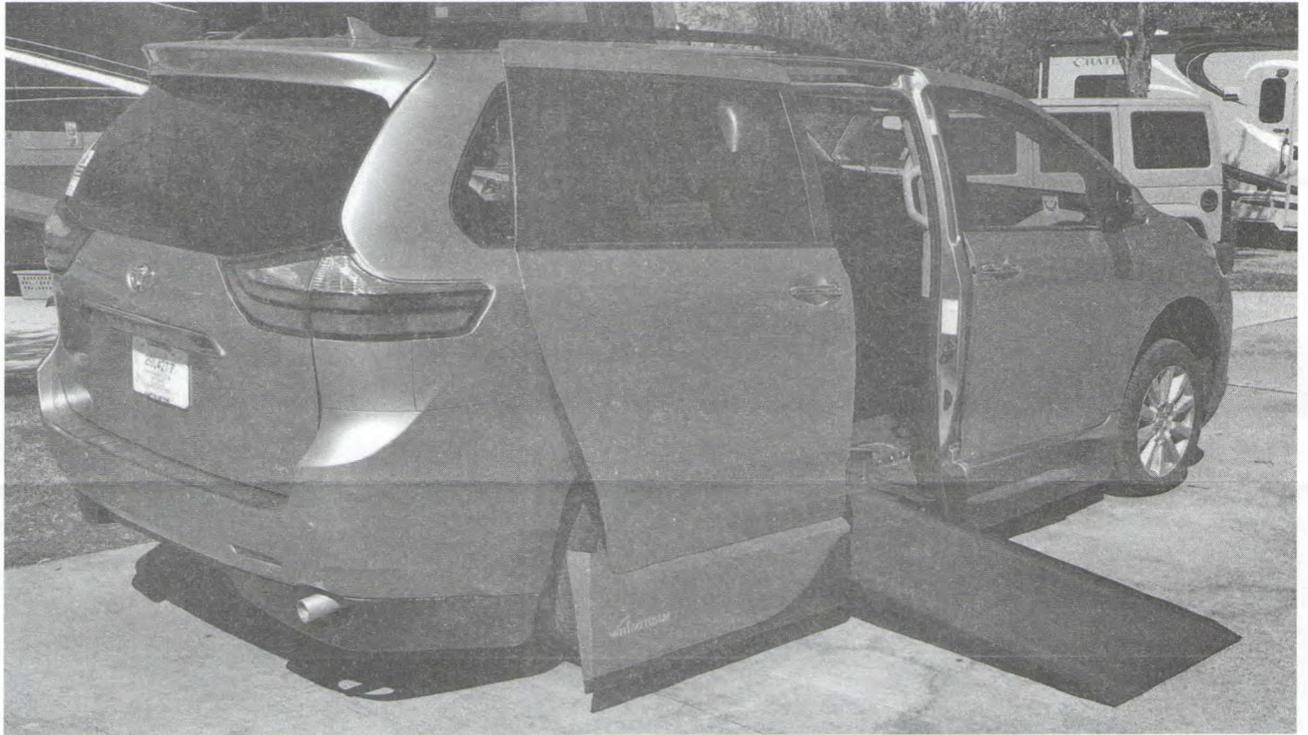


“We simply couldn’t function without this van.”

Transporting Nick between doctors and rehab facilities has proven to be more challenging than you might think.

Nick needed a van equipped with a side entrance for wheelchairs. The problem was that this special type of van is very expensive. Obtaining one seemed impossible for the Tullier family.

Thanks to the support of caring Americans, Team BlueLine was able to help purchase this specialized van for Nick Tullier.



“Behind every statistic are real lives. Real struggles. And real needs.

Nick is not the only one fighting this battle. Insurance only does so much. Some of the most vital needs are not being met.

This is why groups like Team BlueLine are so important.

They truly are doing fantastic things!”

-James Tullier
Father of Sheriff Deputy Nick Tullier

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Dear Friend,

This is a picture of my son, Nick.

He was always a fighter. From the earliest age, once Nick set his mind to achieving something, he gave it everything he had.

But today Nick is facing his biggest challenge yet.

He's fighting for his very survival.

In July of 2016, six Baton Rouge law enforcement officers were shot in an ambush attack. Three officers were killed.

Nick's injuries were severe. He received gunshot wounds to his stomach, head, and shoulder.

The doctors attending to Nick in the ER were great people. And looking back, I know they were just trying to prepare my wife, Mary, Nick's fiancée Danielle, and myself for the worst.

But being told bluntly that Nick wouldn't survive beyond a day wasn't easy for any of us. Those were the longest 24 hours of our lives.

That first day did pass -- and thank God -- Nick was still with us.

Then the medical team warned us that it was very likely Nick wouldn't survive 48 hours. But Nick kept fighting.

Then we were told to expect the end to come in 5 days. After 5 days had gone by, doctors went into more detail about the medical complications Nick faced. They then told us to expect Nick to slowly pass away after 21 days.

Each deadline came and went, and Nick remained with us, fighting desperately.

Don't let anyone ever tell you that the power of prayer

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doesn't work.

Nick is living proof that it does.

When we finally left the hospital after countless surgeries, the lead doctor was in tears.

His surgeon told us that Nick's survival wasn't in their hands. There was a greater power at work.

* **My friend, every day Nick is with us is a miracle.**



But he has a very long road ahead.

Every day consists of two to three hours of therapy. He's working on swallowing and using his jaw muscles.

The hope is that once Nick's breathing tube is removed, he can eat solid foods, and maybe one day speak again.

Nick is also working on math and communicating. He uses a laser to spell out sentences and even paragraphs.

Here's the frustrating part. My son's mind is sharp. He is fully aware of everything.

But his mind is having difficulty connecting with the rest of his body. It's almost as if his brain is locked in a box.

Nick is fighting every day to unlock that box.

To help in Nick's long recovery, our family has had to move several times. We're currently in Houston.

Nick is confined to a wheelchair, so transporting him between doctors and rehab facilities has proven to be more challenging than you might think.

The type of handicapped accessible van we needed for Nick was expensive. Very expensive.

Our budget is limited, so we had no choice but to rent one.

The cost was \$2,500 a month. And keep in mind, this wasn't a short-term expense. This was a \$2,500 rental fee every single month... forever.

But that wasn't the only problem.

The van has a rear entrance for Nick's wheelchair. Once he

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was in the van, he had to be locked in, over the back wheels.

Unfortunately, that's the part of the van that absorbs most of the bumps from the road. And this was making Nick sick.

It just wasn't working.

Between the unsustainable costs, and Nick's constant car sickness, we needed to find an alternative quickly.

We did a ton of research and soon realized that Nick needed a van equipped with a side entrance for wheelchairs. Once in the van, Nick could be moved to the front passenger side.

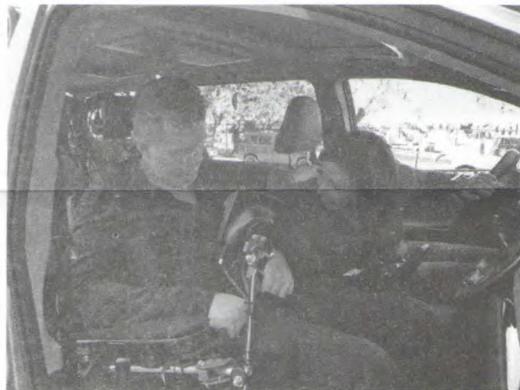
The problem was that this special type of van was even more expensive. Renting one simply wasn't an option. But buying one outright, seemed impossible.

That's when another miracle happened.

Two incredible groups stepped forward and offered to buy Nick the exact van he needed!

And one of those groups is called **Team BlueLine (TBL)**.

When law enforcement officers die or get severely wounded in the line of duty, TBL is there to help provide the support families need.



Chad Wallace is a current law enforcement officer. He's also the founder, director, and CEO of TBL.

And he has an incredible heart for people like Nick.

I've told Chad how grateful we are for TBL's support. Our entire family is truly humbled and thankful for their support.

Above is a picture of Nick and Danielle inside our new van. We simply couldn't function without it.

So when I asked Chad how I could possibly repay him, he asked only one favor.

Chad asked me to write YOU.

My son's story may be powerful, but it isn't unique. I wish I could tell you there weren't numerous other stories much like Nick's. But I can't.

Any of us can look up statistics...

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118 law enforcement officers were killed in the line-of-duty last year. 150 law enforcement officers will be assaulted today. Tomorrow, another 150 will be assaulted.

But statistics never tell the whole story.

Behind every number are real lives. Real struggles. And real needs.

While nothing is more powerful than prayer, please know that financial support is needed as well.



* **Today I'm asking that you please consider supporting Team BlueLine with a tax-deductible contribution of at least \$35.**

TBL helped our family with a van.

But they were also there to help an officer in New Mexico with a specialized leg brace that allows him to walk better and play with his child.

They were in Maryland paying for school tuition for a child of an officer who suffered a traumatic brain injury and a broken vertebrae while on duty.

And now TBL is in the process of paying for a backyard playground in Georgia. This playground will cater to a special needs child -- the oldest son of a law enforcement officer who was recently killed in the line of duty.

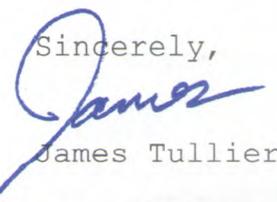
Many assume that insurance is there to meet the needs of families like ours. But insurance only does so much.

This is why charities like Team BlueLine are so vital.

If you can help with as much as \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 or more, please know that the more support TBL receives, the more families they can help!

Thank you for taking the time to read about my son's long journey. But Nick isn't the only one fighting for his survival. There are many more, and they need your urgent help.

Sincerely,



James Tullier

P.S. Please consider helping Team BlueLine. It's a wonderful group and your tax-deductible contribution of \$35 or more will really help them provide crucial support to other families in great need. Thank you!