



MEET JOHN! TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

**HELP!
JOHN'S BIKE
HAS BEEN
STOLEN!**

My name is John Hayes and I was the annual recipient of an adult adaptive bike from Project Mobility in 2021 at the Hops For Hope 5K. After graduating college for Illustration in 2004 I was disabled in a bike crash in which I lost the front wheel of my 21 speed. This resulted in acquiring a Traumatic Brain Injury. I was unable to draw, do a lot of physical things, or even ride a normal bike for 17 years until Project Mobility donated a 3 wheel bicycle to me.

Cycling has always been one of my favorite things in the world, and Project Mobility has really helped me over the last couple years to gain the freedom and confidence to go out on my own. It's been really nice getting exercise and exploring new places. I have even been inspired to feel more confident about myself and started to draw again.

One of my favorite things to do is go on a early morning ride to the park when all the birds are just waking up and the world is still quiet and sketch. I recently got up for my morning ride and discovered that my bike had been taken from my back porch in the night despite being locked up. I tried police and fliers and word of mouth to attempt to recover my bike, but it's now been months without my bike. I cant really walk very far so I find myself stuck at home indoors way too often, which is really tough on me.

Project Mobility has been very kind after hearing of what happened, by offering help raising funds for a new replacement bike. If enough money is raised it will be presented to me at this years 2023 Everybody Rides event. Biking is such a big part of my life, I will be grateful for any and all donations we can get towards making this goal a reality. Also, please, support me as an Illustrator and follow me @Cuchuland on Instagram. I would love to turn Illustration into the career I always intended so I can be able to make money and I can one day pay it forward. Thank you.