## **Statement from Carmen Blandin Tarleton:**

"I have such great appreciation for my donor and donor family for this life-changing gift. Their ability to make such a decision in the most difficult of times is a true offering of love to their family member and me, a stranger they did not know. When meeting them, I was so happy for the opportunity to let them know how much they impacted my life for the better. Many years have passed since my original injury, and I have found ways to move forward and enjoy life even more, thanks to this gift from them, my first donor, and the help of so many others who have contributed to the improvement of my life. A new chapter has started, and I am excited to see what life has in store for me now!"