

JODI

RECIPIENT OF: TENDON ALLOGRAFT

DONATED TISSUE HELPS WOMAN AFTER DECADES OF SURGERIES

Jodi's life changed in an instant when she was struck and pinned between two cars in 1983. She endured many surgeries in an attempt to correct the damage done to her ankle.

"For many years I have suffered through pain, numerous casts, braces and pain pills," Jodi said. "I was restricted on activities that I normally enjoyed. I was limited to what type of shoes I wore, and always had to walk on even ground."

In 2013, Jodi's doctor was confident he could stabilize her ankle using a donor tendon. Jodi was honored to receive donor tissue in the life-enhancing procedure. Following her surgery, she wore two different casts for ten weeks and attended physical therapy for two months.

"I am grateful to the deceased's family. I want them to know that because of them and their kind generosity, my life has improved more than I could ever have imagined," she said. "I often think of the person that has changed my life for the better and I am proud to have that part of them with me as I enjoy life again."

Since her surgery, Jodi is happy and healthy. She reduced the amount of pain medication she takes, she has confidence when she walks, and her ankle feels better than it has felt in over 20 years.

Jodi understands that her recovery would not be possible without the generous gift of donor tissue. After enduring decades of pain, Jodi is finally able to return to a normal life.

"I would tell my donor that my life and health have improved immensely. I am proud to have that piece of them with me while I enjoy life again. I will always be thankful to them and their families."

