



TOMMY DALE VINES

SCI SURVIVOR | EAGLE BUTTE, SOUTH DAKOTA

Tommy is back in the saddle after suffering a spinal cord injury June 15, 2016. The South Dakotan was roping cattle when his horse lost his footing and rolled end over end, taking Tommy Dale with him. Arriving at Madonna's Lincoln Campus a few weeks later, Tommy Dale was in a neck brace and had little movement in his legs. Slowly, with hard work and perseverance, he gained back mobility, strength and the ability to walk unassisted several hundred feet by the time he left for home. Two years later, Tommy Dale is thankful to be back riding horses, working as a silversmith and racing cars on the weekends. "Madonna staff taught me that no matter how hard it is going to be, you can't give up. You got to keep going," said Tommy Dale. "There are times it's been hard, but I'm not one to give up."