



Dreams Come True!

Name: **Aaron Coates**

Disability: Severe hand and arm injuries

Dream: To ride a mountain bike

Dream realized: Christmas Eve

Story:

Aaron served in the 173d Airborne in Iraq. The fuel truck he was driving was hit by three rocket-propelled grenades. Aaron suffered severe burns on his face, upper torso, and arms. He lost full use of his right hand, and can only extend one of the fingers on his left hand.

Last summer, Aaron was walking past Formula Sports with a local Vietnam Veteran. Aaron commented how much he used to love to mountain bike, but thought he would no longer be able to do so because of his injuries.

Bob Gordon, owner of Formula Sports, met Aaron that day. Three days later, the store modified the shift and brake levers of a mountain bike, so Aaron could ride around Sun Valley.

On Christmas Eve, Aaron's doorbell rang. He opened the door to find a UPS driver holding a large box. He was told it was a bike, but responded "I didn't order a bike!" Aaron's father stepped up from behind and told him that a Sun Valley Adaptive Sports donor had purchased a brand new adaptive mountain bike from Formula Sports as a Christmas gift.

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