

Injured Worker Award

Kayla Frederick

On Aug. 18, 2015, Kayla Frederick was performing her delivery specialist duties. She was driving down a back road outside of Vandalia, MO, when an oncoming vehicle crossed the center line, hitting Kayla's delivery truck head on. The impact of the accident caused Kayla's truck to roll. Kayla's injuries were life threatening and included a traumatic brain injury and massive internal injuries. The doctors painted a very grim picture for Kayla and her loved ones were told that if she survived, she would have a very low quality of life, including being mostly blind, unable to understand conversation, and possibly never walk or talk again. Kayla continues to attend grueling physical therapy and works hard to make improvements at each session. Defying the odds, she is now able to stand and walk on her own.

She frequently sports a shirt that reads, "STRONG, FIERCE, DON'T QUIT" -- her personal motto. Kayla's hard work, dedication, and win-win attitude, along with the teamwork of all involved, have helped to give Kayla the strength to overcome improbable odds.

