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Football player transferred to San Jose hospital

By [Jim Schultz](#) ([Contact](#))
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MOUNT SHASTA — A Mount Shasta High School football player who suffered traumatic neck and spinal cord injuries during a practice scrimmage last month has been transferred to a San Jose hospital that specializes in treating such injuries.

Corben Brooks, 17, the son of Kevin and Ronna Brooks of Mount Shasta, was seriously hurt Aug. 22 while making a tackle during a preseason scrimmage on the school's football field.

The high school senior, who is paralyzed from the chest down, recently was transported from Mercy Medical Center in Redding to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center.

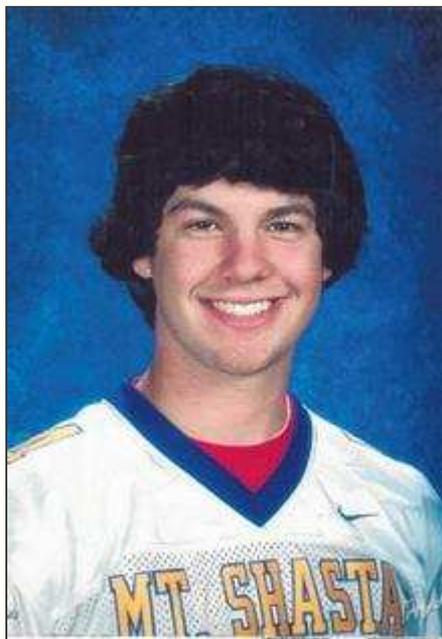
His friends and family are hoping for a full recovery, although they concede that it may take many months.

Annarae Baldi, secretary of the Mount Shasta Athletic Booster Club, said Monday that a recent fundraiser for Brooks and his family raised about \$45,000.

"It was awesome," she said, noting that about 2,000 people attended the event at the school's football field. "It was an outpouring of love and support."

Another fundraiser is planned for Oct. 18 at the Mount Shasta National Guard Armory.

That event, which is being put on by friends of Brooks and his family, features a silent and live



Corben Brooks

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auction and a dinner.

Tickets are \$20 and only 500 will be sold.

They can be obtained at a number of Mount Shasta businesses, as well as at Mount Shasta City Hall.

Participating businesses are Ron's Furniture, Brooks' Complete Auto Repair, My Favorite Things and Mount Shasta Super Market.

Those interested in donating items for the auction should contact Traci Oreck at Coldwell Banker, 426 N. Mt. Shasta Blvd., or at 926-6524.

Cash donations, which are tax-deductible, may be mailed or hand-delivered to Rhonda Monaghan, c/o Mount Shasta City Hall, 305 N. Mt. Shasta Blvd., Mount Shasta, CA, 96067. Checks should be made payable to MSPDA-Corben Brooks Benefit.

Those wanting to donate money to the family may also do so at any Scott Valley Bank branch.

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Posted by 4544TEX on September 9, 2008 at 7:24 a.m.

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be positive if there is a chance then you can beat it

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Posted by Texas_Ranger on September 9, 2008 at 8:23 a.m.

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This is every parents nightmare.
Treatment is more advanced and hope there is full recovery.
Best of luck on fund raising.

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Posted by gottarodeo on September 9, 2008 at 8:36 a.m.

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Our thoughts and prayers go out to Corbin and his family. Best of luck to you all with the fundraising! It takes a wonderful group of people to put together fundraisers that are this size! Wish we lived closer to lend a helping hand with them! Is there an address where cards and cheery notes can be sent to Corbin and his family? Please let us know! Take care Corbin, we are praying for a complete recovery!!

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Posted by JOHNWILL on September 9, 2008 at 8:37 a.m.

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Yes, treatment has gotten better. And SCVMC is a pretty good place to be as far as hospitals go. Anyone know how he's doing? If he's got even a little sensation or movement in his lower extremitities, thats a very good sign at this point.

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Posted by foxpitrriver on September 9, 2008 at 8:50 a.m.

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As a parent of a player and a coach this is the very worst case nightmare...
I hope he makes a full recovery.

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Posted by SHSBS on September 9, 2008 at 10:06 a.m.

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This is heart breaking.
I will be praying for a complete recovery.

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Posted by ottopilot on September 9, 2008 at 10:47 a.m.

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I'm not sure why we offer football in high school,kind crazy when you really think about it.

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Posted by tracy on September 9, 2008 at 11:37 a.m.

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Some people may recall that Kevin Everett from the Buffalo Bills sustained a neck injury during a game. His neck was broken and he was paralyzed from the

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neck down. He is walking today! Perhaps his family should find out who treated Kevin Everett - maybe they can provide some input. In the meantime, my prayers will continue.

Posted by Pip9229 on September 9, 2008 at 11:57 a.m.

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Not crazy at all. We have sports in our schools so that kids learn how to compete, play as a team, respect, and the list can go on and on. These particular situations are always hard to deal with but it is life and we have to remember that. My thoughts and prayers go out to you, your family, and friends.

Posted by ottopilot on September 9, 2008 at 12:12 p.m.

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There are lots of activities out there where you can learn to compete, play as a team without breaking your neck. And at a lot less cost to the school financially. Think about it, you are risking serious injury to move a funny shaped ball 100 yards. How about forming community service teams?

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Posted by Pip9229 on September 9, 2008 at 12:52 p.m.

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Ottopilot it's not about moving a funny shaped ball 100 yards. These kinds of injuries can happen anytime, anywhere. Cheerleading, Balance Beam, Car, Falling off a ladder just to name a few. Does that mean we stop living. Answer is NO.

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Posted by Texas_Ranger on September 9, 2008 at 1:03 p.m.

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It is always tramatic when an injury like this happens at any age. youth, HS, college and pro. When you look at how many people play FB at every age, the % of this type of injury is almost null. This does not take away from the pain it causes or the reminder that this is a contact sport, but does not justify comments like otto's.

Posted by razor on September 9, 2008 at 1:11 p.m.

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What are you intrested in?

Posted by tracy on September 9, 2008 at 1:15 p.m.

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If you get no response, I would guess that ottopilot might be into planes. Just a hunch.

Posted by ottopilot on September 9, 2008 at 3:36 p.m.

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I'm not changing anyone's mind. Are you ready for some football????

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Posted by universitygal on September 9, 2008 at 4:40 p.m.

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Corbin I don't know you but you're definitely in my prayers!! Healing takes time, just ask Kassie Comings (they won't let me spell her name right on here). She was a Simpson student in that bad crash last year. They told her family (while she was in a coma) that there was a 1% chance that she wouldn't be a vegetable for the rest of her life and on Friday she came to school for chapel; a walking, talking, texting, myspace-ing miracle! Stay positive, and don't lose hope. Things will work out for you no matter what!

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Posted by ontime211 on September 9, 2008 at 5:22 p.m.

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Another reason why my son doesn't play football. With that said, it can happen in any sport that you do. My thoughts are with you and your family..

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