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Phylis Beck (00:00): Hi, my name is Phylis Beck and I live at 444 East Patapsco Avenue. That's my cat, Raven. She's still getting, yet. Not even a year old. A handful, aren't you baby girl?

Anthony Beck (00:21): I was walking a friend to go see her boyfriend, and an SUV struck me from behind. I flew up and hit the windshield, rolled off, caught my left leg on the guard rail all the way down to the bone, and rolled down a rock embankment. They had to fly me in by medevac because they were afraid I was going to die. My name is Anthony Beck and I live at 444 East Patapsco Avenue.

Speaker 3 (00:48): And your Phylis's son?

Anthony Beck (00:50): Yes, sir.

Phylis Beck (00:51): The hospital called me at about 9:30 in the morning. No way to get there until later on that morning, because the buses weren't running, I didn't have money for a cab. So, then when I get in there, it was just like, they told me he had two hematomas, which is why he has the memory loss.

Anthony Beck (01:08): It messed up my memory. I forget what part, I think it's the long-term memory. I have a real hard time remembering the past, but I can remember from when I was hit until now.

Speaker 3 (01:22): What's it feel like to not be able to remember anything from your own childhood?

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Anthony Beck (01:30): I hate it. At times, it makes me so upset I just want to sit there in a corner and cry. But I talk through it. I thought I was going to pretty much be wheelchair-bound. I actually even asked him would I be able to walk again, and they told me it's a big possibility I wouldn't, but I came through, because I told them I'm not going to let this stop me. And I pushed and pushed myself to start walking more and more. And I actually started walking before I should have.

Speaker 3 (02:02): In a way, it's like you became a brand new person after this happened.

Anthony Beck (02:06): Yeah, pretty much. It's taught me to just be happy that I have what I have, and don't let anybody get to you.

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