

# The Westbrook Crisis



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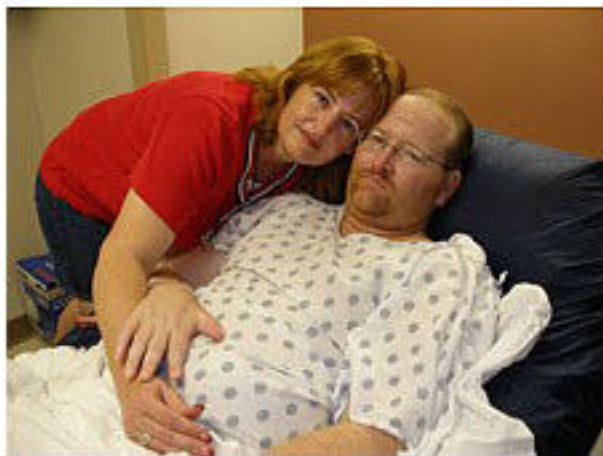
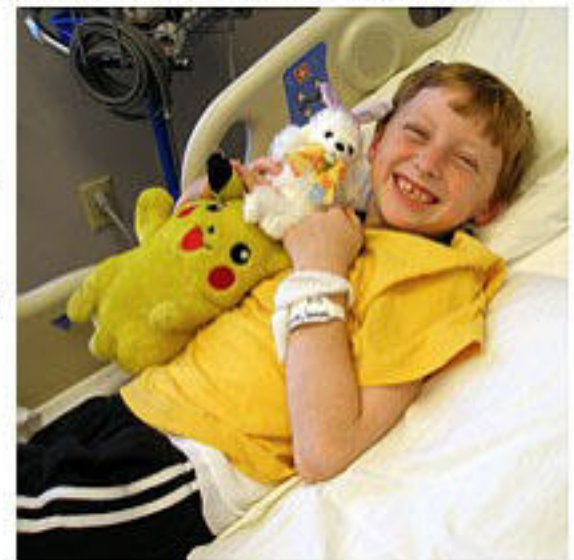
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**Gene, Peggy & James Westbrook** - We are creating a team to meet the new needs of the Gene & Peggy Westbrook family in Lawton, OK. Retired Sgt. Gene Westbrook is a triplegic injured from a mortar round in Iraq in 2004. On June 10th, 2006 they had an automobile accident where the left front wheel of their new handicapped van fell off, sideswiping an oncoming car, then careening the van over a bridge culvert with a 20 foot drop off, throwing Gene through the windshield, injuring his wife and daughter, and leaving his 9-year-old son, James, paralyzed from the waist down and needing a colostomy.



Currently, Peggy has recovered fully. Daughter, Katie, had a kidney removed and is back home in Lawton, OK. Gene is now out of the ICU unit at the Oklahoma University Medical Center and has been transferred to the Oklahoma City VA. However, Gene was just diagnosed with pneumonia to complicate matters. And James is across town in The Children's Center in Bethany, OK, where he is getting the best of attention and care. Peggy dashes daily between the two hospitals caring for her son and husband.



Now the Westbrooks will need a new van for two wheel chairs, adding on and remodeling of their house, which would include two handicapped accessible bathrooms (they currently have none), and much more help.

***If you would like to help the Westbrooks in their time of immediate need, send your tax-deductible donation (by check) to: American War Heroes, 182 Lakeside Dr., Dillon, Co 80435 (Note "Westbrook Benefit" on bottom of check) or by credit card through our website: [www.AmericanWarHeroes.org](http://www.AmericanWarHeroes.org) Contact Dan Goodale @ [dgoodale@americanwarheroes.org](mailto:dgoodale@americanwarheroes.org) or 970-389-0211***

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