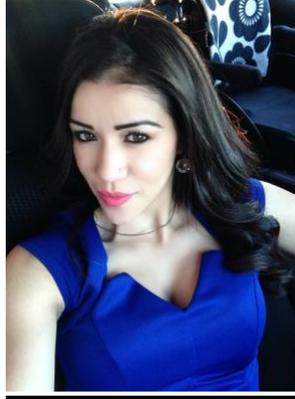


**Leesylee Huerta – a Grateful Heart**  
**Metea Valley High School Prom Night**



I was injured and paralyzed from the waist down in a drunk driving crash in 2007. Because of my injuries, I couldn't attend my senior prom. A group of students from Metea Valley High School (where I was a student) decided that they would invite me to their prom and they did it in the nicest way. I said, "Yes", and they provided everything my boyfriend and I needed. It was a dream come true. We had an amazing time and one night that I will never forget.

On our way to the prom (Jonathan and I) the limo driver was very nice and made us feel very comfortable. When we arrived at Metea, Dr. Joy Ross, Assistant Principal, greeted us with hugs and a big smile. Students approached us and commented on how beautiful I looked and said they hoped we would have a great time. Dr. Joy Ross then took us over to the photographer who took pictures of us - all for free. The photographer said he would mail me the pictures.

After we were seated some students asked if they could sit with us. We talked, took pictures and had a wonderful time. Other students kept stopping by to say hi. It really made us feel good. Jonathan was happy to be there because we finally got to go to prom. Dr. Joy Ross asked us to crown the king and queen. While we were waiting for the winners' names to be called, I was crowned queen! That was very special for me. I couldn't believe it, I was so happy and so was Jonathan. I felt like crying. Then the mock DUI group also came up, we took pictures and I crowned the king and queen. We then thanked everyone and said goodbye. Dr. Joy and other Metea Valley staff came to say goodbye and give us hugs. We had an amazing time and it is a night I will never forget. They will always have a place deep in our hearts. Thank you Dr. Joy Ross and everyone that made this dream come true.

Forever grateful,

Leesylee Huerta

