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MEET CHARLEE FRASER

SSS Newest Scoliosis Ambassador

Charlee Fraser is an Indigenous Australian international supermodel that has scoliosis. Charlee has walked the catwalk for some of the most famous designers and graced the covers of Vogue, Harper's Bazaar, Marie Claire and many more. She has represented and starred in several major designer cosmetic, eyewear and designer clothing ad campaigns. SSS had the pleasure of interviewing Charlee about her scoliosis.

How old were you when you were diagnosed with Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis?

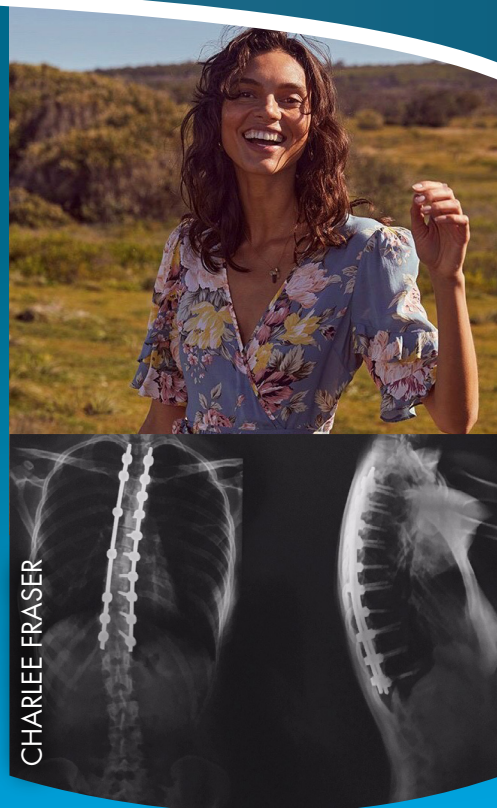
I recognized my scoliosis around the age of 14 and was diagnosed shortly after by my family doctor. At the time of diagnosis, my doctor did not suggest a brace nor surgery but rather exercise such as swimming and yoga to help as a preventative.

How did you find out about spinal fusion surgery?

I later learned about spinal fusion surgery through a fellow model during a fashion show who had also suffered from scoliosis and had successful fusion surgery.

What type of surgery did you have?

I had a 40 degree right thoracic curve with right rotation and underwent posterior spinal fusion surgery of which two rods and seventeen screws were utilized to correct my spinal deformity.



Visit our Website



To read more about Charlee Fraser

UPCOMING WEBINARS

Patient Education Course | October 8th, 2020 @ 4:00 PM PST

Our 5th annual **Power Over Scoliosis** - patient education course, will be held via Webinar. The event will be co-chaired by **Dr. Thomas Errico**, of Nicklaus Children's Hospital and, **Dr. David Clements** of Cooper Bone & Joint Institute. This FREE 1-hour webinar will include several of the nation's top orthopedic surgeons who will present vital information about spinal deformities and various innovative treatment options available. The event allows patients and families to connect with surgeons, learn more about scoliosis and, ask questions.

Patients 2 Patients | October 22th, 2020 @ 4:00 PM PST

Join us on October 22nd @ 4:00 PM (PST) for a FREE 1-hour "Patients 2 Patients" Webinar. The event will be co-chaired by Dr. Thomas Errico, of Nicklaus Children's Hospital and, Dr. David Clements of Cooper Bone & Joint Institute who will be joined by several Setting Scoliosis Straight ambassadors who will be speaking about their own experiences with scoliosis, their treatment and their emotional journey. The ambassadors will be answering questions from attendees at this live event.



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To register for these 2 webinars today!



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STRYKER TOWNHALL MEETING

On August 14th, we were invited to attend the **STRYKER** Annual Townhall lunch and learn event. Stryker is a developer and manufacturer of spinal implant products. This event was attended by the **STRYKER** employees to learn about **Setting Scoliosis Straight** and **The Harms Study Group**. We were honored to share what we do, our research and development of new treatment options for scoliosis and spinal deformity patients.

END OF YEAR DONATIONS

As the end of the year quickly approaches, we want you to keep Setting Scoliosis Straight in mind when considering an end of year donation. There are several ways that you can make a gift:



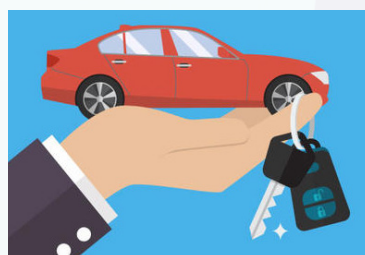
Donor Advised Fund

Donor-advised funds are the fastest-growing charitable giving vehicle in the United States because they are one of the easiest and most tax-advantageous ways to give to charity.



Matching Gifts Program

Many employers will match their employees' contributions to Setting Scoliosis Straight through their corporate Matching Gift Program, making your gift even bigger!



Donate a Vehicle

Do you have a car, boat, or recreational vehicle that you no longer use? You can convert automobiles and other types of vehicles into tax deductions simply by giving them to an IRS-qualified non-profit organization like Setting Scoliosis Straight.

Visit our Website



To learn more ways to donate!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have suffer a great loss in revenue due to the cancellation of our annual fundraiser. But our research still needs to go on and we need your support more then ever!

To help us continue our research, visit our website to make a donation or learn other ways you can support our work.

Support Spinal Deformity Research Today! Make a DONATION at
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