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CHoR Patient Honored Posthumously

Paralyzed following a car accident in 2005 that also left him dependent on a ventilator and feeding tube, Jerziah Moore was a resident of Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU's (CHoR)

Transitional Care Unit for eight years. During that time, Jerziah developed talents in music, art and drama, learned to paint using a specially-designed mouth guard to hold his brush, was recognized multiple times for his paintings and completed his high school studies.



Jerziah Moore (pictured above, top), was featured in the Fall 2012 issue of *Young at Heart* after his baseball painting was selected for the Richmond Flying Squirrels art contest and displayed at The Diamond the previous spring. Jerziah, who passed away in December 2016, was honored this spring in a ceremony attended by (pictured l-r) Dennis Moore, Jerziah's father; Cioni Moore, Jerziah's younger brother; Judy Moore, Jerziah's mom; Trisha Mills, Special Education - Instructional Supervisor, Newport News Public Schools; and Marianne Moore, Specialist - Secondary Transition, Virginia Department of Education. (Top photo by Doug Buerlein)

Jerziah, who passed away in December 2016, was honored at a ceremony at CHoR's Brook Road Campus in March. His family accepted his high school diploma from representatives of Newport News Public Schools, Jerziah's home school district. The Moores, along with Jerziah's teacher, Ruth Sanguiliano, M.Ed., also accepted the Spotlight Virginia award, which highlights students, teachers, administrators and parents who demonstrate innovative initiatives in transition for young adults with disabilities. Sponsored by the Center for Transition Innovations at Virginia Commonwealth University, the award recognized Jerziah's interest in broadcast communications and his use of a communication device to "DJ" for CHoR patients and hospital staff. Prior to his death, he also participated in an assessment with a local radio station where he had hoped to work as a DJ for an hour a week.

Bowl-A-Thon Breaks Records

The 23rd annual Bowl-A-Thon and 10th annual Battle of the Banks were held on Feb. 18 at AMF Hanover Lanes. The event broke records for teams, bowlers and funds raised with 48 teams, 240 bowlers and more than \$24,000 collected for Children's Hospital Foundation.

Hillphoenix, the Paralyzed Veterans of America – Mid Atlantic Chapter and Park Sterling Bank were event Strike Sponsors, and nearly 50 area businesses donated items for raffle and event prizes. For the eighth year, Hillphoenix was the top fundraising team with \$2,612 in donations. Union Bank & Trust earned top fundraising honors for a bank team for the eighth year with \$2,023 collected. (Photos by Michael Hahn)



The Steel City Connection, a group of Pittsburgh sports fans, sponsored six teams and was the event's largest group.



Towne Bank had three teams and collectively raised \$2,350.



The Facilities Department team from Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU's Brook Road Campus was the top scoring team.