

JR's Story

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When JR came to Volunteers of America Chesapeake 2 years ago, he was very ill. He was constantly being seen by several physicians for several different medical issues. He had to undergo painful treatments every week to help him recover from injuries.

“He needed our love and caring” said Belinda Tiller, Vice President of Intellectual Disabilities Services.

With great care and patience from his entire care team at VOA Chesapeake, JR started to turn a corner. He was looking and feeling stronger and he was spending more time awake and alert and less time sleeping. He was tolerating longer periods of time out of bed and in his wheelchair, enabling him to experience life.

We are happy to report that he is now stable and doing much better, his days are now filled with fresh, outside air, community outings and time with his housemates, instead of hospitalizations and doctor's appointments.

In the past 6 months, he has been to the Cherry Blossom Festival, the opening of the Chuck Brown monument, the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, and even enjoyed a movie or two.

When he is not out and about JR can be found singing and dancing. Due to his improvements in health and quality of life, **Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF) received special recognition for excellent care by the District of Columbia Department of Disabilities Services.**

Learn more about Volunteers of America's Intellectual Disabilities Services online at www.voachesapeake.org

