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HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

SADEQ



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SADEQ'S STORY

When the car he rode in was hit by a construction truck, Sadeq sustained a traumatic injury to his pelvis and urethra. After two failed surgeries to hopefully enable urination he was released from the Iraqi hospital with an external catheter and seemingly no options. While his urethra was beyond reconstruction an Atlanta pediatric urology surgeon successfully inserted an indwelling catheter. As well, advanced options were defined for Sadeq's consideration in the future.

Uninhibited by his situation, Sadeq took full advantage of many activities viewed as the norm in the United States, yet embraced them with a fresh perspective. For the first time this Iraqi 14-year-old navigated the self-checkout line at the grocery store, rode in a convertible enjoying fast food, mounded toppings on frozen yogurt, and enjoyed a fresh haircut among other experiences. Yet in the end he rejoiced upon reuniting with his siblings as "There's no place like home!"



Sadeq with a new hair cut



Sadeq with his siblings after returning home



Sadeq getting into convertible and grocery shopping



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