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Homeless Children from Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Pratt House Receive Special Gift for Birthday Celebration

Thoroughbredz Motorcycle Club Donates Bicycles to Children in Need

Baltimore, Md – (May 15, 2011) – Children from Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Pratt House, a safe and supportive residential environment for homeless families with two or more children, received a generous birthday donation from a unique donor. Shawn and Christebian, who celebrated their 9th and 6th birthdays respectively this past month, received brand new bicycles donated by The Thoroughbredz Motorcycle Club in honor of their special days and to fulfill their birthday wish.

The Baltimore-based Thoroughbredz Motorcycle Club was founded in 2007 with a mission to give back to its neighborhood and promote community. The club voted unanimously to donate the two bicycles, valued at \$150 a piece, to the boys as birthday gifts.

“We thought it would be a great idea to give these boys bikes and all of the guys in our club were all for it,” said Rodney Ferebee, the club's founder, “anytime you give back – it feels good – it is a good thing to do.”

Located in Baltimore City, Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Pratt House is a 35-apartment transitional housing community complete with an outdoor playground, activities room and learning center. The community provides a safe and supportive residential environment for homeless families with two or more children, as well as case management, mental health counseling and referrals to needed services, such as health care, substance abuse treatment, adult education and job training.

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