

Scott Chesney Earns Appointment

Motivational speaker and "life coach" Scott Chesney of Verona has been appointed to the Children's Specialized Hospital Board of Trustees. Chesney also serves as Peer Coach at Children's, the largest pediatric rehabilitation hospital in the U.S.

Nearly 20 years ago, Chesney was a star athlete at Verona High School, playing basketball, football and baseball. Then one day the 15-year-old high school student awoke with a tingling sensation in his toes and within 48 hours his life would change dramatically. He was the victim of a rare spinal cord stroke, one of only 12 documented cases at the time, and became paralyzed from the waist down.

Over the last two decades, Chesney has turned tragedy into triumph by serving as an inspiration to others with traumatic, life-altering injuries and illnesses.

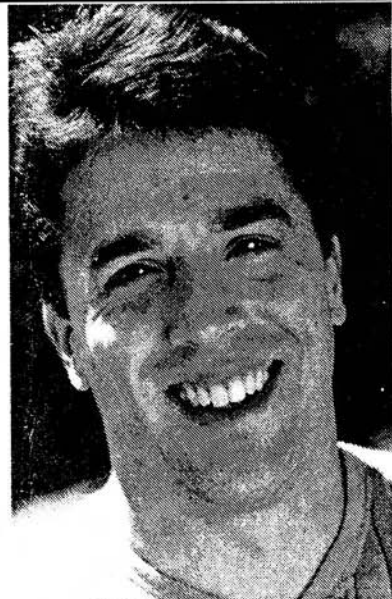
"Scott truly brings a unique perspective to our board and we look forward to his insights and counsel," said John R. Blasi, Esq., Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

At Children's, Chesney provides coping and coaching techniques for patients and their families on a one-on-one basis or in the Teen Communications Group. He can relate to patients and help them break through their personal tragedies because he has been in their shoes. Chesney also helps

patients become reintegrated in their schools through disability awareness and sensitivity programs to patients' peers, parents and faculty at their school. He has created Children's newly formed, "Surviving and Thriving" spinal cord injury support program and is involved with the Community Integration Group, Body Awareness and Sensitivity Program and Treatment Philosophy Task Force.

As a motivational speaker, Chesney teaches a philosophy of "making a positive difference in the life of at least one person every day." He brings these same skills and experiences to patients, families and the staff at Children's.

With a resume of transformational experiences, lessons, and inspiring stories from two world-wide journeys and living life with paralysis since the age of 15, Chesney has become a nationally and internationally recognized workshop and keynote presenter. In addition to maintaining a rewarding speaking career, he is a "life coach" for individuals, couples and families through his own business, Devotion to Motion, LLC. He is a Seton Hall University graduate. Chesney is co-chairman of the New Jersey Chapter of the Buoniconti Fund to Cure Paralysis and an advisory board member of the Northern New Jersey Spinal Cord Injury Association and the State of New



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Children's Specialized Hospital, an affiliate member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System, provides specialized care for children with chronic illnesses as well as evaluation and treatment for common childhood developmental concerns. Children's treats infants, children, and young adults at 10 sites throughout New Jersey including inpatient hospitals in Mountainside and Toms River.