



# VIP Family Success Spotlight

Valley Interfaith Promise is greatly needed in the Chattahoochee area because we are willing to accept qualified homeless families who have teenagers, especially male teens.



Trey

Raven

We would like to highlight a special brother and sister, Trey and Raven McKinney. Despite the hurdles life gives them, they show resilience and continue to press toward their goals.

Trey and Raven's family entered VIP during the 2009 Christmas season. They enjoyed opening gifts from their wish lists. Thanks to all the VIP donors who gave money and gift cards to the VIP Christmas Fund.



A new year brought a new start to the track & field season. Both Trey and Raven wanted to run for their school's team. They made the team despite needing new pairs of track shoes. Monetary donations to VIP allowed the two athletes to purchase the shoes.

They worked hard to balance school, field practice, and track meets, along with the "slight from normal" challenges living in a sheltering program brings.

While staying in the VIP program, Trey and Raven willingly joined a team for the annual VIP Bed Race. They had a great time pushing a bed that featured Bear O'Brien, of Kissin' 99.3 FM, as the team's rider.



The family successfully moved into permanent housing about a week before the area track finals.

Trey reached the Alabama state finals! He finished 10th in the state in the 200-meter dash. That was just his sophomore year. Trey was named on the Ledger-Enquirer's All Bi-City track team.



As for Raven, she enjoyed her season on track team. However, she looked forward to moving into her new home. Once settled, she got her wish to be involved in a dance class. She was invited by a VIP volunteer.

In 2011, Trey went on to become Alabama state champion and the national champion in Indianapolis.

VIP is honored to have been a part of the lives of these two teens. Thanks to all our donors and volunteers who made this possible.