

Jacob
Age 12
Palmetto, FL



Jacob was born with Tetralogy of Fallot, a heart defect that includes a large hole in the heart and narrowing of a valve that partially blocks blood flow to the lungs.

Jacob underwent his first heart surgery when he was just three days old. He has had a total of three surgeries with many more to come in his adolescent and adult life. Two of the surgeries have been open heart with the most recent one being in June 2008 at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg. Prior to his most recent surgery Jacob had been looking forward to a summer of skateboarding. "If I can't ride 'em, then I'll design 'em," he told his parents. Well he did just that and started up a skateboarding company called "Broken Hart Bords" selling skateboard decks and t-shirts with profits going to the American Heart Association.

Funds raised for the American Heart Association through *Jump Rope For Heart* & *Hoops For Heart* helps to fund research on congenital heart defects.



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