

“OVERCOMING ADVERSITY”

A Fine Art Giclée Print by Daniel A. Moore
For the Benefit of aTeam Ministries*

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ABOVE: Daniel Moore at work on his new oil painting, *Overcoming Adversity*, to be put up for charity auction.

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(But be sure to read the complete story behind the painting below!)

* *aTeam Ministries* is a 501(c)(3) organization committed to offering spiritual, financial, and emotional support, through a variety of programs, to children and their families within the pediatric cancer community. This support is given as a way to breathe life into the scriptural mandate found in 2 Corinthians 1:3-4: *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which ourselves are comforted by God.”*

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aTeam Ministries' Annual Heart 2 HeART Program and Gala event gathers children with pediatric cancer and pairs them with professional artists. This is done to inspire and celebrate the children by aiding them in expressing themselves through art. By being given the opportunity to create art, these children are aided in expressing their journey with cancer, an important part of their healing process. The culmination of their work typically results in two pieces. One piece is created by the child, with the aid of the professional and in the professional's style, and the other is done by the professional with the inspiration being drawn from his or her interaction with the child. These original works of art are then presented and sold by both live and silent auctions at **aTeam Ministries'** Annual Heart 2 HeART Gala Event. As **aTeam's** main yearly fundraiser, this entertaining night provides over 60% (per 2012 statistics) of **aTeam Ministries'** budget. **aTeam Ministries** truly appreciates the work of the professional artists as their gracious donation of their talents and time truly has an inspirational and lasting effect on the children.

This year, **aTeam Ministries** has paired Artist Daniel A. Moore with pediatric cancer survivor Nick Bowens to create one special oil painting, titled *Overcoming Adversity*, that will be auctioned off to its highest bidder. There will also be one original canvas replica of *Overcoming Adversity* that will be signed by both Daniel Moore and Nick, to be sold to its highest bidder. In addition to the two canvases, beautiful signed and numbered limited edition Giclée prints of *Overcoming Adversity* are available through March 15, 2013. Go to newlifeart.mybigcommerce.com/oa to place your print order or proxy bid now!

The following is the story of Nick and Daniel's collaborative journey in creating *Overcoming Adversity* in the artist's own words:

"Back in July, a good friend of mine suggested that I check out **aTeam Ministries** and perhaps participate in its 'Heart 2 HeART' program. After looking into both, I knew right away that I wanted to 'join the team' but knew that it would necessitate creating a painting right in the heart of my busiest time of the year ... just after football season! At 'first, I couldn't see how this would be possible, but by faith, I simply asked the Lord to make the time possible. Little did I know at the time that Coach Saban and the Crimson Tide would be piling on the work load by providing subject matter for additional paintings on top of it all. I guess all I can say for this 'problem' is 'Praise the Lord and Roll Tide, Roll!'"



“In the first meeting at my gallery with Nick and his guardian-grandparents, Maggie and David Beard, I quickly learned that Nick was one strong dude. In overcoming his brain cancer, Nick had to battle through several brain surgeries and a subsequent series of chemo treatments to rid his body of the disease. However, due to complications involving his diabetes, the chemo treatments caused Nick to lose his eyesight. With the help of some special treatments at the Eye Foundation Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama, Nick was able to overcome his blindness. During these trying times, *aTeam Ministries* was there to provide support to Nick and his family. As we talked about things close to our hearts, it was clear that Nick was an avid Alabama Football fan. This made it easy to pick the subject matter for our painting. I decided that the best way to approach our painting was to have Nick paint an ‘out-of-focus’ crowd for the background, and that I would paint the foreground action figure of a current Alabama football player of Nick’s choosing.



Nick and Daniel Moore

Andrew Zow and Nick

Nick and his grandmother, Maggie

“To make the painting project even more meaningful and enjoyable, I thought it would be good to actually share the experience of watching an Alabama football game together.

So, Nick and his grandmother accepted my invitation to take them to an Alabama Football game at Bryant-Denny Stadium. *aTeam Ministries* saw to it that that Nick and his grandmother were dressed for the big day by providing them with some new Alabama gear. On the morning of the game, the three of us were given a 'V.I.P.' tour of the Paul W. Bryant Museum by its director, Mr. Ken Gaddy. And, thanks to a couple of very nice people who are supporters of Coach Saban's 'Nick's Kids' program, we were provided seats in a skybox for the game. We were treated like royalty as we watched Alabama 'roll' from our perch on high. And it was here that Nick was able to meet former Alabama quarterback Andrew Zow, who gave him an autographed game program.

"A couple weeks earlier, Nick had watched on TV as Alabama came from behind in the last minute to beat LSU in the hostile confines of Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge, commonly known as 'Death Valley.' Amidst this tremendous adversity and overwhelming odds, AJ McCarron led the Tide offense in the dramatic 72-yard drive that resulted in a last-minute game-winning touchdown. This would prove to be the key in preserving Alabama's hopes to play for, and successfully defend its national championship. From several key moments in the game, Nick chose AJ's celebration after he scored an earlier touchdown as the subject for our painting. Nick also came up with the title of *Overcoming Adversity* for the painting. We both agreed that this was the perfect title and visual representation for Nick's story and the adversity that he has overcome. Through the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, I arranged for AJ to autograph a wristband for Nick. And on another wristband, AJ inscribed Nick's initials (BNB) with a marker. As a tribute to Nick's faith, courage and toughness, I am portraying AJ wearing this special wristband bearing Nick's initials, just beneath AJ's 'number-one' hand gesture.

After I masked out the area for the figure of AJ McCarron, the canvas was ready for Nick to start painting.



"Nick is certainly an inspiration to me as I trust he is to all who know him. It is our prayer that his story and this painting will provide hope, strength and support through *aTeam Ministries* for other kids who are striving to overcome adversity."

— Daniel A. Moore

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