A Month of Superheroes: Ryan White

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Today marks the 25th anniversary of the Ryan White CARE Act. This federal program has provided so many services to the HIV/AIDS community. Much thanks goes to Ryan White, who passed to spirit in 1990, and his mother Jeanne for their role in changing the way people viewed HIV.

Ryan White's legacy lives on to this day. I still remember the days when I was a scared kid with HIV, intensely secretive about my status. Ryan's journey was quite public from the beginning of his diagnosis, and my mother had every magazine that interviewed him and would watch his TV appearances, where he did his best to disarm fears of HIV transmission.

Here are some videos I've made about Ryan. And a POZ article I wrote a five years ago about the CARE Act.

Ryan White's bedroom is on display at the Children's Museum in Indianapolis. Here's a brief tour, a video by me followed by a video by Andrea, curator of the Museum:

I animated this video for AIDS Healthcare Foundation, which explains The Ryan White CARE Act and a little bit of Ryan's history:

Positively Yours,
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