

A lasting impression

You may recall reading about Patrick Moppin, a Madonna spinal cord patient, in the Jan. 25 issue of *The Independent*. On March 28, his hometown of Weston, Mo., had a fund-raiser for Patrick and raised almost \$25,000, which enabled him to return to Madonna's four-plex and complete the outpatient program.

Patrick has amazed everyone with his progress. In February, he was in a wheelchair, progressed to a cane and now walks unassisted. To show his gratitude to Madonna, he got a local tattoo artist to emblazon the Madonna logo on his left arm. "I got a tattoo to signify what I've been through and how much everyone at Madonna has done for me," said Patrick. He inked a single word underneath the tattoo—strength. Patrick said his Madonna experience bolstered his physical and spiritual strength to get him back to living life independently...and for that, he'll be eternally grateful.

