

## Child with double-hand transplant throws at Camden Yards

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A boy who underwent a double-hand transplant last summer has shown off his progress by throwing out the ceremonial first pitch at Camden Yards.

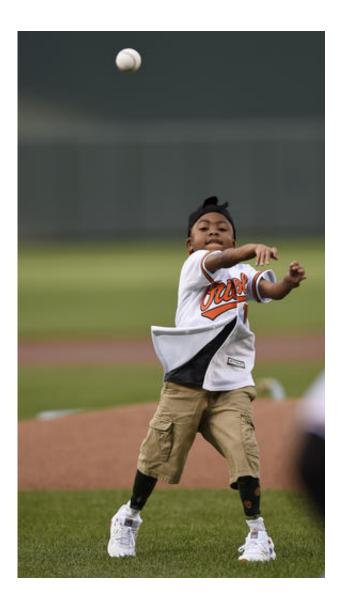
Nine-year-old Zion Harvey tossed the baseball to Orioles centerfielder Adam Jones before Baltimore hosted the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night.

Zion, who is from suburban Owings Mills, lost his hands and feet to an infection. He became the youngest patient to receive a <u>double-hand</u> <u>transplant</u> when he had the procedure done at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in July 2015.

Since then, Zion worked to regain <u>hand function</u>, including the ability to throw a baseball, through rigorous therapy sessions.

After the operation, Zion set goals of throwing a football and playing on the monkey bars. Leg prosthetics have enabled him to walk, run and jump.





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