

The Eugene Zitwer Foundation
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- ***Playtime: Fun and Play in the Pediatric Emergency Department***
- ***Video Game Amusement for All in the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Unit***
- ***Crafts, Arts and Play for Hemo-Dialysis Pediatric Patients***

Dear Members of the Zitwer Foundation,

We want to send a very big thanks to all for the December 2015 grants. The funds were used to bring joy and laughter to children throughout the hospital in various settings. We provided ample opportunities for fun and play to the children and families here at Kravis Children's Hospital with your support.

We received funding for play items in our Pediatric Emergency Department, video games for patients admitted to our Hematology/Oncology unit and fantastic crafts, art and play items for our patients visiting our Pediatric Hemo-Dialysis clinic during their visits multiple times throughout the week. With your generous gift, our Child Life Specialist was able to provide wonderful play-based interventions to patients and families in the Pediatric Emergency Department. For families that might need to make an unexpected trip to the Emergency room with their child, having the support of a clinically trained Child Life Specialist to introduce developmentally appropriate play items can do wonders to improve coping, normalize a stressful experience and lower levels of anxiety. Introducing play during these moments of distress creates an environment of soothing emotional support and improves patient and family-centered outcomes. For those patients admitted to our Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Unit, often the admissions are lengthy and normal daily routines such as school, play and socialization with peers are interrupted. Your gift of video games for this patient population connects patients to their identities as kids, allowing them to receive their important medical treatments while engaging in social play and keeping up-to-date on the latest gaming trends with their peers outside of the hospital. The play, art and crafts items for our Pediatric Hemo-Dialysis clinic have been a wonderful addition of resources. Our art therapist was able to provide a long-term patient with a high-quality set of colored pencils for her patient who communicates primarily through his art-making. This gift enhances the patients experience as a young artist and supports his developing self-esteem while undergoing difficult medical treatments. His artwork was submitted to our most recent issue of SURGE teen literary and arts magazine and is a great source of pride for the patient and his family.



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The continued funding that the Eugene Zitwer Foundation has provided to the children and families at Kravis Children's Hospital over the last several years has been instrumental in supporting our patients and families during their most vulnerable hospital experiences. We would not have been so successful this year in meeting the needs of our various high-acuity populations without your generous and thoughtful support. Thank you for your tireless efforts in bringing joy to our children and their families.

Sincerely,

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Kravis Children's Hospital at Mount Sinai April Status Report Photos



Patient on the Hematology/Oncology Unit enjoying FIFA 2016, a new Xbox game that was able to be purchased with Zitwer funding.



Patients in the Emergency Department love the new toys they are able to play with during the hospital stay.

Patients in the Pediatric Hemodialysis Clinic utilizing arts & crafts and play items, including illustrations published in our recent issue of SURGE Teen Literary and Arts Magazine.

