

Game Knights Make First Donation

\$500 made During Last Year's Doughnut Fundraiser Goes Toward iPad

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A few years ago a close friend of mine spent a week in an upstate New York hospital recovering from a sports injury received at camp. When he was there, he was restless and bored. His parents brought him his video game console and games from home so he could pass the time. When he went home, he left the console and games for other children. With the help of his parents, he started Game Knights as a continuation of the



idea of donating games to distract kids during long hospital stays. My brother Ben and I were inspired by his

idea to form the Game Knights Hamptons chapter last Spring. Game Knights Hamptons is now comprised of 10 Pierson students and is part of a larger not-for-profit organization dedicated to engaging children who may be sad, bored, and lonely while hospitalized. We collect new and used video game devices, video games, DVD movies, and encourage financial donations to purchase new devices and movies. Game Knights has a long term goal at Pierson, specifically, for children to help children and to raise an awareness of caring and sensitivity to others who are our peers. All donations benefit the Stony Brook Medical Center Child Life Program.

Last Spring, the Pierson chapter of Game Knights raised \$500 dollars during a Dunkin' Donuts fundraiser in the cafeteria. The proceeds of the fundraiser along with generous gifts from community members will go toward the pur-

chase an IPAD 2 for children who are patients at the hospital. In addition, Pierson students have donated new and gently used video games and dvd movies that will also be delivered to the hospital. Our group will be traveling to Stony Brook Medical Center on November 10, 2011 to make our first donation.

New Members are always welcome, and all members can receive community service for their participation. You can deposit gaming devices, video games, and DVDs, in our donation box at the Pierson School Entrance. Look out for coming fundraisers.

We are having discussions with the school administration to host another doughnut sale. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by Stony Brook Medical Center and its patients. For more information visit <http://www.gameknights.org>.