



The Eugene Zitwer Foundation
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- Game Station Fun: Play Station 4 for KidZone Therapeutic Playspace Program

Dear Members of the Zitwer Foundation,

Thank you for the generous grant funding support, received in January 2017. These funds were used to bring an enhanced and updated gaming system to The Zone, our therapeutic play space. Patients, siblings and family members of all ages are able to engage in important social play, as well as keeping up to date on the latest video game trends while in the hospital.

The funding received to purchase a Play Station 4 and game set has been an incredible addition. Our inpatient adolescent and school-age populations have enjoyed socializing and bonding through games they love. A 17-year-old patient described the 2K16 game as, "A chance to be one of the players. I can pick my favorite team and I can be a part of it." Many patients have expressed a similar sentiment to other games such as Minecraft, in which patients have the ability to design their own world and tap into a creative outlet through video games. Patients frequently enter the Zone asking to play on the Play Station 4 and exhilaration moves throughout the space. A 10-year-old patient expressed that, "Play station 4 is my favorite game system and now that it's in the Zone it makes me feel more at home." With this new extension to the Zone, patients are able to enjoy games they know and love and are able to cope more comfortably in a space that feels like their own. These games support patients to demonstrate their excitement and to construct their own vision and the Play Station 4 helps them to achieve this goal.

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. With this thoughtful support we have been able to fill specific needs for children and families, and meet our ongoing goal to provide a multitude of opportunities for creativity and play during the stressful time in the hospital.

Sincerely,

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