



Video Game 'Telethon' Raised Funds for LI Charities

The Michael Magro Foundation, based in Hicksville, and the Spencer Foundation, based in Huntington, got the idea to tap game players in January from Molloy College business students assigned to assist the charities.

The money will be used to donate PlayStation 4 consoles for hospitalized children, the organizers said.

An online video game "telethon" staged by two Long Island foundations has raised more than \$8,000, a nonprofit official said Wednesday.

The "Operation Playcation" benefit, proposed by Molloy College business students, was staged on Twitch.tv, a website owned by Amazon.com Inc. where viewers can watch live streams of skilled video game players. A link to the PayPal payments system on the site let almost 170 viewers contribute to the drive to donate Sony PlayStation 4 consoles, software and peripheral hardware for hospitalized children. ■



Molloy College students Nick DaSilva, left, and Ryan Cerrati worked on the telethon with nonprofit executives Jeanine Spencer, left, and Terrie Magro. Photo Credit: Danielle Silverman