## Shrinelines

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## Prospect High School Footballers Achieve \$100,000 Mark in Giving



We're proud to report that Prospect High School (IL) football team achieved the \$100,000 mark in giving to the Alyssa Potratz Memorial Fund here at SHC - Chicago in 2016. Through a program begun in 2009 to memorialize fellow student, Alyssa Potratz, the football team, along with faculty, and Parent Association, annually raises money to help children who receive care in our hospital. In 2016, 45 guests from Prospect High visited SHC - Chicago for tour, lunch, and check presentation. In the photos left, Alyssa's parents, Dan and Maria, and her twin brother Jeremy pose for a family portrait with Alyssa's plague. We're honored to keep her memory alive and engaged for others.

Head Coach Mike Sebestyen stresses the educational value of this enterprise: he and his staff want team members to have an awareness of the needs of others and an understanding of organizations within our society which provide, regardless of patient's ability to pay, care, treatment, rehab, and guidance for children with special needs. SHC - Chicago is pleased to be the training site of this noble endeavor in public education. We thank, not only Coach Mike, his

staff, and the parents, but the school administration, which provides time and means for the students to experience, through their visit, awareness of the needs of others and contact

with our staff.

This year's visit was special, for it brought Prospect High's giving total to more

than \$100,000--a remarkable achievement! To celebrate this milestone, three Chicago media groups--ABC7, NBC5, and WGN--were on hand to record and make public this special program. In the photo above, right, Coach Sebestyen is interviewed. In the photo below, our guests gather to present to Yours Truly this year's gift of \$15,000.

A footnote: Prospect High graduate, Bobby Jarosz (photo below, right), played in the 2016 Illinois High School Shrine Game in Bloomington. He is a now a freshman running back at Augustana College. SHC - Chicago is engaged in remarkable ways with children and youth across Illinois and the Midwest.



