

Scouts Honor: Thomas R., Troop 101 Northborough

Eagle Scout project garnered 300 new LEGO sets for Boston Children's Hospital

Recently, children at Boston Children's Hospital received almost 300 new LEGO sets from a former patient turned Mayflower Council Eagle Scout – Thomas R.

Thomas, a sophomore at Willow Hill School and a Scout in Troop 101 Northborough, learned those little blocks' true value while fighting through illness several years ago.

"During my stay, there was not much I could do because of all the wires attached to me," he told the Community Advocate last August of his stay at Boston Children's. "I remember the Child Life Specialist bringing me a new Lego set to build, and that was a lot of fun."

The Eagle Scout service project, "The LEGO Drive," was announced in April 2021 via YouTube.

BTW: Shout out to whoever played the LEGO Minifig in the video.

In the video, Thomas explained that he was a patient at Boston Children's Hospital in 2015; he talked about the cords and equipment and how the distraction of LEGOs was integral to his morale.

"I built [that] set and many more throughout my stay at Boston Children's Hospital," explained Thomas. "To bring that excitement to Children's Hospital, I am hosting a LEGO drive."

The Advocate elaborated on Thomas' plan:

Lego sets were collected using an Amazon Wishlist, which shipped directly to Thomas. He also had donation bins set up at his school and house. In addition, a drive-up collection was held at Assabet Park on April 11.

Of course, like many things during 2021, COVID-19 made things difficult for Thomas and his fellow LEGO drivers.

“I delivered 60 sets and will deliver the rest as soon as BCH has lifted their donation restrictions due to COVID,” said Thomas last summer

Although tenacity is not an official part of the Scout Law, it is implied. Despite obstacles, Thomas was definitely HELPFUL to each of the kids at Boston Children’s Hospital who received the LEGOs.

“I am grateful to everyone who contributed to help make this project a success,” he said to the Community Advocate. “I hope the Legos will put a smile on the faces of the patients at Boston Children’s Hospital like it did for me.”

BTW: If you know of a Mayflower Scout who deserves some recognition, email John@MayflowerBSA.com.

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