

## AN UPDATE FROM OUR TEAM

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Hello Friends of Tommy Strong,

We hope you and your families are coping as best you can during this health crisis. We understand that this is a difficult time for everyone and that the effects of the virus are far reaching. Our hearts are with you all and especially with our healthcare heroes and cancer warriors. We want you to know that the Tommy Strong Foundation is still working hard to support pediatric cancer patients and their families now more than ever.

Due to the protective isolation restrictions at the hospitals, pediatric patients are not able to receive any visitors - this includes their family members. In order to help these children connect and communicate with their family and friends, **Tommy Strong has purchased 10 iPads and donated them directly to the children** at the Joseph M. Sanzari Children's Hospital in Hackensack, New Jersey. The iPads allow the children to keep up with safe social interaction, which is critical to everyone's mental health right now. Immuno-compromised pediatric cancer patients, who are home but still undergoing active treatment, will also use iPads for tele-health services so they can have safe, at-home access to their doctors and nurses.

We also identified a need to help critically ill children whose parents are in need of emergency assistance because they have either lost their job or experienced a reduction in wages. Due to an outpouring of support we were **able to provide grocery gift cards for many of these families**, with more on the way! We will continue to address the immediate needs of the pediatric cancer community during the COVID-19 health crisis.

Please know that we could not support these courageous children and their families without your generosity. Watch the news feature below to learn just how impactful your contributions are to these children. **We are so grateful for YOU.**

Thank you!

Christine FitzPatrick

Tommy's Mom and Co-Founder of Tommy Strong Foundation Inc.

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