

# KPTC Starts New Distracted Driver Program

The KPTC Foundation at Cohen Children's Medical Center was named a Million Dollar Donor after it donated \$32,000 to support the Hospital's Distracted Driving program.

This most recent donation follows a \$100,000 donation which celebrated Kiwanis International's 100th anniversary.

For over its 20 years, the KPTC Foundation has financially supported the Pediatric Trauma Center at the hospital which began as North Shore Hospital, became North Shore-LIJ and now operates as Cohen Children's Medical Center under the umbrella of Northwell.

In the early years the focus of the hospital was to improve treatment. Our funds supported the purchase of medical equipment and the training of first responders and hospital personal on the specific needs of pediatric trauma patients. In the later years, the hospital's focus has shifted towards prevention.

The refocusing on prevention led to the creation of the KPTC Service Leadership Committee. The committee's members became trainers for the Safe Kids program

under the supervision of the hospital's health educators. The committee has expanded the Safe Kids program through the use of a bike riding robot and a working traffic light and a second robot that teaches swim safety. These teaching materials were provided by the generosity of the Joey Foundation.

To date, the KPTC Service Leadership Committee has trained nearly 100 Key Clubbers and Circle Kers to present the Safe Kids curriculum and presented the program to more than 1,000 elementary school students.

The KPTC Foundation's newest partnership with Cohen Children's Medical Center targets high school students and distracted driving.

Distracted driving is the number one cause of trauma for high school and college aged students. Six US teens die each day from motor vehicle accidents.

Therefore, when the hospital asked for the KPTC Foundation's help with implementing a distracted driving program, the foundation went all in.

The foundation committed \$32,000 to fund the program, and made a commitment to replace that money within five years.

The KPTC Foundation will provide the funds for three distracted driving simulators and the required software. We will also buy containers for safe storage and transport. The KPTC Service Leadership Committee will fundraise for a fourth simulator which will be used by the committee.

Once the simulators arrive, the hospital's health educator will train the KPTC Service Leadership Committee members on their use. Educational research has shown the power of peer to peer teaching. Having teens (Key Clubbers and Circle Kers) teach teens about the dangers of distracted driving not only gives the hospital's health educator a cadre of assistant teachers, it also adds the power of peer to peer instruction.



**Foundation President Joe Corace presents \$32,000 check to Cohen Children's Medical Center to support Distracted Driving Program.**

Once a fourth simulator is purchased, the plan calls for the hospital and KPTC Service Leadership Committee to share the simulators so that four simulators can be brought to a high school to allow greater flow of students through the simulator station and on to other distracted driving learning stations.

You will see several new KPTC fundraisers plus a series of fundraisers from the KPTC Service Leadership Committee:

- Letters seeking donations have been mailed to club presidents and lieutenant governors. Limited Edition pins will be provided for every \$20 in donations.

- Oct. 29 Joey Foundation Family Halloween Party Levittown Hall 2-6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per youth and \$30 per adult. For tickets contact Torcivia, (516) 822-5966.

- Nov. 6 KPTC Service Leadership Committee's Pancake Breakfast at Westbury Applebees. For Tickets and details contact Santer at rs2wdld@aol.com.



**Student using distracted driving simulator.**

## Five Towns Presents \$18,000 in Scholarships

The Kiwanis Club of the Five Towns proudly announces \$18,000 in scholarships presented to three local high schools this year.

The Club awards scholarships for: community service, music, academics & financial need.

This year we increased our awards to include scholarships presented to students recommended by our Key Club Advisers and the HS Principals, in an attempt to increase participation by the school's administration.

Here is a list of our award winners:

### **Lawrence High School**

- Key Club Scholarship, Taylor Luck and Tamara Gonzalez; Principal's Award, Harris Feldman and Marcel Frederic; Dale Sarro Music Award, Serge Byakov; Elaine Essex Education Award, Jazia Wray; Community Service Award, Arthur Chen; Giacomo Campanile Award, Stefany Diaz; Joseph Mandelbaum Holocaust Awareness Award, Gabrielle Levey; Zimmy Nathanson Athletic Award, Nick Ramirez.

### **Hewlett High School**

- FTK Community Service Scholarship, Ashley Ruta; FTK Shore Shore Foundation Scholarship, Evelyn Gitsin; FTK Gia-

como Campanile Scholarship, Gianni Preziosi

### **Lynbrook High School**

- Key Club Community Service Award, Michell Cantanno, Stephanie Milillo, Kaela Rothstein, Samantha Woll.

- Key Club Adviser's Award, Libby Berman, Carly Tansky

- Principal's Award, Ivley Marshall
- Giacomo Campanile Scholarship Award, Michelle Cantanno