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SXU football players visit with pediatric patients at Advocate Children's Hospital

Chicago (Oct. 2, 2015) – Saint Xavier University (SXU) football players and head coach Mike Feminis took time off the field to visit with pediatric patients from Advocate Children's Hospital on Wednesday, September 30. During the visit, players presented patients with presents and a smiling face to help brighten their day. Coach Feminis mentioned the importance of helping one another on and off the field.

""It's always great to give back to the community and especially when it comes to children who are sick," said Coach Feminis. "Seeing these kids really makes you take a step back and realize how fortunate we all are because it's so easy to take things for granted."

In attendance for the event were (photo 1 attached from rows and L to R) back row – Sophomore #22 Jackson Shanklin, Junior #9 Mike Sheehy, Freshman #53 Dmitri Joe, Sophomore #57 Ronald Luce, Senior #16 Randall Wells, Sophomore #58 Bryon Bell, Redshirt Freshman #23 Jack Ladd, Sophomore #3 Mark Strbjak, Sophomore #11 Glen Smith III, and Coach Mike Feminis; front row – Freshman #56 Kevin Leifker, Sophomore #17 Maurice Sutton, Junior #7 Dan Ladd, Junior #29 Stephen Simms, Sophomore #4 Mike Ivlow, and Junior #25 Dennis Vilimek.

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