

Family Fun Day at Goryeb Children's Hospital

On Veterans Day, MORT participated in the Family Fun Day event hosted by the Goryeb Children's Hospital located at the Hanover Recreation Center. The Family Fun day event was an effort to raise money for the Children's Hospital and an interactive day for families to meet new people, and participate in exciting games.

At the event, some of our members taught children how to make slime, while other members talked with children's' parents about the FIRST program and what it has to offer. When the students were done making slime, they were able to interact with our robot and were free to ask as many questions as they liked! Prachi, one of our members, made slime with the children.

"The way their eyes lit up as they saw the slime form, really touched me because it reminded me of how I looked when I was at my first robotics competition," she said. Prachi later reflected on the importance of MORT leading interactivities and robot demonstrations at events such as this, "I now understand that kids need this in order to become involved the STEAM program. Their excitement, passion and energy is what every student needs in order to advance in the STEAM field."



After the event, Event Coordinator Geraldine Kling said the number of children who came to our station to make slime amazed her, adding that she was very impressed with how joyful the children were while holding their slime before leaving the recreational

center. She also said she was thrilled that we made the event both educational and inspirational, and that our team was so interactive with the children. She invited us to return next year, saying, "I look forward to meeting you all."

With 15 members participating in this event, MORT attained 55 outreach hours. Each student did not only participate in the event, but also donated \$10, so MORT was able to raise \$150 for the hospital. Overall, the event was a great opportunity for MORT members to spread the idea of FIRST and STEAM with the community and have fun interacting with children and their parents.