Metta Students Honors Classical HS Sports Dept. $1,000 Grant
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Press Release -1/14/16- After learning that a fellow Classical High School student athlete was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma, and after learning that sixteen year old, James Greene, would have to undergo seventeen tough cycles of chemotherapy over ten months, along with six weeks of daily radiation, fellow students and friends decided to use their team work to #sharemetta.

Classical High School held a fundraiser during the 2015 fall sports season called "Go Green For Greene" where they sold t-shirts, had numerous bake-sales, did pledge sheets, and held raffles to raise money to go toward the family. With lots of care and hard work, they raised over six thousand dollars for the "Go Green for Greene" cause.

"I nominated my student athletes at Classical because of the way they came together as a community to support a fellow athlete in need," states Head Field Hockey Coach Colleen Loughlin. All of the fall teams organized a game to play in honor of their classmate/ teammate that is currently battling cancer. They went above and beyond my expectations. I never imagined that they could raise over $6,000. I am so proud of the people they are. This wasn't just a student that stepped up but an entire sports department. They understood the importance of helping others in need."

A ceremony will be held January 14, 2016 at 8:30 at Classical High School located at 770 Westminster St. in Providence. Members of the media are welcome. With this latest winner, the Metta Students Foundation has awarded $28,000 to students who have done acts of kindness and continue to #sharemetta.

"People start fundraisers all the time for all sorts of causes. It's encouraging to know that we've been successful in raising awareness about our fellow athlete and other students who have been diagnosed with cancer, and that the campaign has spread beyond the walls of our own high school community," states seventeen year old, Field Hockey Varsity Captain Dylan Cooper. "People have responded to the campaign with overwhelming enthusiasm and generosity, and it's a very hopeful encouragement that, with all the joint contributions of everyone who has supported it, we are making a difference in our fellow athlete's life."

Norm Kelly, founder of Software Quality Associates in Providence, created the Metta Students Foundation in October of 2012 after learning of one teen's act of kindness towards another teen."Metta means love and kindness," states Norm Kelly. "The common denominator with all of our Metta Students is their compassion, unselfishness, and dedication to others. Each is unique, but they all want to make the world a better place."

"Giving back is so important because you can really make an impact on the world around you. With all the things going on around us it can be difficult to see the good and the ways we can help make a difference, but by coming together as a community, and by each person pitching in to give back, united we can make a positive influence and reach the goals we have set. It is important to recognize the good in our lives and see the resources that we have to help others that may need the help," states sixteen year old Field Hockey Junior Varsity Captain, Maddy Wood,

It is for all of these reasons the Metta Students is proud to award one thousand dollars to the Classical High School Sports Dept. To see video of how the Metta Students foundation began or for more information about the foundation log onto www.mettastudents.org.