



Martin Omes of Georgetown was in Michigan late last month to help organize a gaming marathon fundraiser for children's hospitals in the U.S. that generated more than \$172,000 for a charity Omes helped start up.

Submitted photo

Local resident hosts competitive gaming tournament in Michigan

Local resident Martin Omes was one of the lead organizers for a massive competitive gaming tournament marathon in Michigan held recently that raised \$172,500, far surpassing the group's goal of \$100,000 and tripled last year's total.

Gamers Outreach, an organization that Omes helped found about a decade ago, supports 16 children's hospitals in the U.S. by supplying Go Kart gaming systems for kids to help them pass the time during their medical stay.

The event was held at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center.

Omes, an environmental studies grad at Mount Allison University, is also involved in organizing the Canada Gaming Expo at Mississauga's International Centre April 29-May 1 and volunteers are needed.

High school students looking to accumulate volunteer hours who are familiar with the Halo and Call of Duty games can contact Omes at momes@gamersoutreach.org

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