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## **Blythedale Children's Hospital Receives \$12,000 Grant from the TD Charitable Foundation**

*Support will benefit Child Life Program, children facing medical challenges*

VALHALLA, NY (August 2011) –TD Bank, through the TD Charitable Foundation, recently donated \$12,000 to Blythedale Children's Hospital in Valhalla, Westchester County as part of the bank's commitment to giving back to the community. The grant was awarded in support of the Hospital's Child Life Program. Paul DeMarco, Thornwood Store Manager, and Adam Kintish, Retail Market Manager, from TD Bank visited the Hospital on Tuesday, August 2, to personally deliver the grant award and tour the Hospital.

The Child Life Program plays an important role in Blythedale's multidisciplinary medical and therapeutic approach to rehabilitation and recovery. Child Life promotes patients' optimal development and minimizes stress by fostering a supportive environment in which children can participate in creative outlets, play, learn coping strategies and express themselves through verbal and non-verbal activities. These interventions help children master their medical experiences. For many children, their healthcare encounter becomes a positive growth experience through this type of comprehensive care.

"We are so grateful to the TD Charitable Foundation for its support of the Child Life Program at Blythedale," said Lisa Levinson, Child Life

Coordinator at Blythedale Children's Hospital. "We rely on the support of generous foundations and individuals for our program, which helps children cope with hospitalization and become active participants in their rehabilitation and recovery. This grant will impact the healthcare experience of many children and their families."

"Blythedale has benefited from TD Bank's generosity over the years and we are delighted to continue our relationship," said Jane MacDonald, Chief Development Officer at Blythedale. "They have exhibited a remarkable commitment to the Westchester community and especially, to the children of Blythedale."

A staunch commitment to active involvement in the local community is a vital element of the TD Bank philosophy. TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank<sup>®</sup> and the TD Charitable Foundation provide financial and other support



Blythedale's Child Life Coordinator Lisa Levinson (center) accepts the grant award from TD Bank's Paul DeMarco (left), Thornwood Store Manager, and Adam Kintish, Retail Market Manager.

to affordable housing initiatives, financial literacy and education and the environment, many of which focus on improving the welfare of children and families.

The Child Life Program is essential to Blythedale's outstanding continuum of care and Child Life professionals play an important role in the Hospital's multidisciplinary medical and therapeutic approach. For more information about Child Life, please visit [www.blythedale.org](http://www.blythedale.org) or contact Blythedale's Child Life Coordinator Lisa Levinson, BA, CCLS, at [LisaAL@blythedale.org](mailto:LisaAL@blythedale.org) or 914-831-2476.

#### **About Blythedale Children's Hospital**

As New York's only freestanding, specialty children's hospital, Blythedale Children's Hospital is dedicated to improving the health status and quality of life of children with complex medical illnesses and disabling conditions through superb multi-disciplinary patient care, teaching, research, and advocacy programs. Blythedale's board-certified physicians, nurses, clinical staff (social workers, respiratory therapists, clinical pharmacists, Child Life specialists, etc.) and New York State's largest hospital-based pediatric therapy department (PT, OT and Speech) work together to provide intensive and innovative multi-disciplinary clinical and therapeutic care to help children achieve their medical and rehabilitative goals for independent living, and return to their communities. Blythedale is also the only Hospital in New York State with its own on-site public school district, the Mount Pleasant-Blythedale Union Free School District. For more information about Blythedale Children's Hospital, visit [www.blythedale.org](http://www.blythedale.org)

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