
A game yet to be played is a wonder to behold

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Earlier this week, Eric and I ventured East – out of our suburban utopia into the innards of downtown Chicago. We braved crummy weather, rush-hour traffic, the beginning of Illinois road construction (if something never ends, does it really have a beginning?) and experienced the full-on adventure of downtown street parking; all in order to deliver 10 games donated by [The Spiel Foundation](#) to [Children's Memorial Hospital](#).



There could not have been a better start to our day.

We were introduced to the people at Children's Memorial by the Patton family who started [Be The Cure](#). Casey Patton was originally treated at Children's, and it seemed natural for us to try and do a little bit more for them in general by rounding up some games for the patients and their families to entertain themselves while at the hospital. I contacted Stephen from The Spiel (and also co-host of [The Spiel](#) podcast) and asked if they would be willing to supply a game bundle.

Stephen quickly answered by saying – “how about **two** bundles?”.

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After contacting the charming and enthusiastic Traci Bruce at the Children's Memorial, we quickly agreed upon a day and time for Eric and I to come down. So last Wednesday, May 18th, we sallied forth early in

Children's Memorial now owns 10 new games. Ten games may not seem like much to those of us who have huge collections of these things sitting at home (or cluttering up a game store's demo shelf), but to a child and their family, it will likely mean quite a bit. Even a few minutes of diversion from the worrying and concern is priceless; and of course, a game is a great way to meet new families.

Games are so much more than the sum of their parts. Even when not being played a game can bring people together and remarkable things begin happen.

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That's great you guys! Way to give back in a meaningful way. I love stories on how gaming makes a difference.

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