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Hobart football player Zackary Robak plays with some of the Happiness House preschool children during a recent visit to the Geneva facility.

Touchdowns, tackles for a cause

Hobart football players raise money for Happiness House

It is with deepest gratitude and humblest hearts that Happiness House acknowledges the amazing Hobart College Statesmen football team for their dedication to our mission of supporting people with disabilities. Players, along with the Hobart College Athletic Department, commit their time, effort, and contributions in support of our Foundation Endowment Fund through their "Tackles and Touchdowns" fundraiser.

We want to especially thank players Patrick O'Connell and Austin Gallegos for leading the charge for the second year in a row. Donors either gave a direct gift or made a pledge to give based on the number of "tackles" and "touchdowns" the



Cheryl L. Coppola

Guest Appearance

Statesmen recorded in their game against St. Lawrence, which Hobart won 19-17. Pledges are still coming in for this year's fundraiser, but since 2010, Tackles and Touchdowns has raised over \$30,000 for our agency.

We also were very pleased that Holly Miller, a preschooler at Happiness House, was on hand to help with the coin toss at the big game.

As a precursor to the game, Patrick and Austin were joined by teammates James Hedger, Brad Burns, and Zackary Robak in the preschool classrooms at Happiness House's Geneva site. The players witnessed firsthand how our agency changes lives every

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Hobart football player Patrick O'Connell hams it up with a young Happiness House preschool student during the team's recent visit to the school.

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day. The children had a blast with the Statesmen, playing a gentle version of football with them and experiencing true caring and compassion from these wonderful young men.

All schools compete to receive high rankings in official college reports. However, to the

staff, individuals, and families of Happiness House, Hobart will always rank No. 1. Thank you, Hobart Statesmen, for all that you do to support the mission of Happiness House!

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