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Maloofs Go Polar to Warm Some Young Hearts

To kick off the new year, sixteen year old David L. Maloof II of Darien, CT, decided to “go polar” for a good cause. David, along with Peter Sweeney of New York City, his uncle, dressed as Batman and Robin and plunged into the frigid waters of Newport, RI along with over a thousand other intrepid souls.

David took the “polar bear plunge” for a good cause. He took donations and raised enough funds to donate a ping pong table to the Dbayeh Refugee Camp in Beirut, Lebanon, a camp he visited a few summers ago. Dbayeh is the only all-Christian camp for Palestinian and Lebanese refugees, and the refugee families are cared for by the Little Sisters of Nazareth. Helping to administer the camp is the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), a papal agency of the Catholic Church. The camp has many teenagers and younger children and they requested the donation of a ping pong table for Christmas. The camp has very limited recreational facilities—up until a year ago there was only a dirt field for soccer games.

David and his sister, Julia, age 18, a senior at Suffield Academy, had previously held a tag sale of their old sporting good items and clothes and raised funds to donate a basketball hoop to the camp, which now gets great use. Julia taught English at the refugee camp and painted houses. She was amazed to see

that the teenagers, despite coming from modest backgrounds, all spoke four languages!

“Others may need money, but I am particularly excited to give them something to break the boredom of the camp that is lasting,” said Maloof. David is a *summa cum laude* member of the junior class at Fairfield Preparatory School in Fairfield, CT, where he is also a member of the varsity wrestling team and the mock trial team and founded the speech team. He and his father are hoping to visit the camp again this summer and to play both ping pong and basketball with some of the kids. They also hope to jump into the Mediterranean Sea in Beirut, which should be a lot warmer than the ocean in Newport on New Year’s Day!

David’s grandfather, David L. Maloof, was a world-renowned maritime lawyer and one of the founders of Maloofs International.

It’s Not Too Late! You Can Still make it to Austin January 27-29!

Austin is just around the corner and the Registration Form is attached. There will be a great Maloof Turnout in Austin; you do not want to miss this!

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