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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Steel Valley Students Make Fellow Student's Christmas Wish Come True!**

*Munhall, PA* – Steel Valley High School student Vinny Haddad is going to have a great Christmas this year thanks to the kindness and generosity of his fellow students!

“A group of our students sit at lunch with Vinny who spoke quite often about his parents not being able to afford Christmas this year, and all he really wanted was an Xbox,” said Steel Valley High School Principal Lisa Duval.

Those students orchestrated a plan to get Haddad an XBOX gaming system and accessories. Headed by Tanner Cannon, Brendan Zuger, and Chris Swenglish; students donated money to make his wish come true. Cannon had the idea and he tweeted out Vinny's story that caught the interest of many of his peers. Through the power of social media, students began a collection of money that exceeded \$500. With those funds, Cannon, Zuger and Swenglish were able to purchase the XBOX gaming system, games, accessories and a few of Haddad's favorite things!

On Dec. 15, Haddad was surrounded by his friends and sister when he received the gifts.

Haddad and his family were very appreciative and at a loss for words.

“This story goes to show that you can never underestimate the power of one act of kindness,” said Steel Valley Teacher Ryan Dunmire-Kuftic.

According to Haddad's sister, Marissa, “We are so humbled to have this happen to Vinny. The words ‘thank you’ will never be enough!”

