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ANN ARBOR, Mich. (EMUEagles.com) -- A day after the Eastern Michigan University men's basketball team defeated Western Michigan University, 56-37, the players and staff spent some time visiting with children at the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, Jan. 15.

The Eagles mingled with the kids and their parents, signed autographs, posed for photographs, and handed out EMU gift bags on Wednesday afternoon.

"It's important for our players to learn and understand the importance of giving back to others," EMU Head Coach Rob Murphy said. "We have the ability to impact others in a positive manner, including children, and it showed throughout our visit. I enjoyed interacting with the children and speaking in depth with several parents."

The visit was organized by EMU Director of Player Development and Video Coordinator, Jerome Robinson, and Mott Hospital Community Relations Specialist, Byron Meyer.

C.S. Mott Children's Hospital at the University of Michigan Health System is nationally recognized for excellence in clinical services, research and education. As one of the leading pediatric health care centers in the United States, our new state-of-the-art facility enables us to fulfill our continued commitment to providing newborns, children and
pregnant women with the best health care possible.

Just one night before heading to the hospital, EMU guards Mike Talley and Darell Combs each scored 14 points to help the Eagles defeat Western Michigan, 56-37, and improve to 10-6 overall on the season and 2-1 in the Mid-American Conference. The Eagles will take on Central Michigan on the road at 7 p.m. on Saturday, before returning home to host Akron, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m.