

Letter from Nursing Student

Hi Woody,

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My name is Jane Wilson, I am a senior nursing student at Salem State University in Salem, MA. I have worked with Dr. Mary Harris on different research projects and she gave me a copy of your book *Game On* because of my interest in pediatrics. I am currently an ER tech in a pediatric ER in Salem. I began reading it that night and was immediately transported into the hospital room where the narrative takes place, and experience the feelings of joy and wonder that "Jack" and his family describe in the text.

The concepts you utilize in the *Game On* program are unparalleled by anything I have ever seen in my hospital,, or anywhere else for that matter. Engaging children with illness in activities that promote independence and self-efficacy are critical during childhood and the *Game On* program "nailed it." I, myself, forgot that Jack had cancer as I was reading..the woodworking projects and other aspects of the program fostered Jack's identity as a child and not a patient. The *Game On* program is an amazing testament to the necessity of a positive attitude to defeat fear and thus illness.

Additionally, I payed if forward and gave a coworker in the ED a copy of the book as well. She was mesmerized and read the entire book in one sitting! I hope to pull concepts you describe in the text and utilize them in my practice to make hospital stays as comfortable as possible. You really showed me the balance of the body, mind and spirit and how to use all three to combat illness and promote wellness.

Thank you for writing a text to share your experiences with the world, and I will certainly continue to recommend *Game On* to others.

All the best and thank you again,

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