

# Blakefield students swim for their brothers

I received a really nice item from Loyola Blakefield's Robert Robinson.

As students eyed clocks Dec. 22 to countdown to their Christmas vacation, members of the school's swim team completed a 100-mile relay during nearly 30 hours. They did so in honor of fellow Dons and freshmen Joseph Gorman and Matthew Costello. Gorman has had leukemia for more than two years and has recently undergone a bone marrow transplant, while Matthew was diagnosed with a malignant tumor in 2009. Robinson said they raised more than \$9,300. Proceeds will be donated to the Johns Hopkins Pediatric Oncology Center on behalf of the Gorman and Costello families.

The swim was originally conceived in 1997 as a means to raise funds to establish the school's Water Polo team, but has since morphed into a charitable endeavor with several local nonprofits as recipients of the funds raised.

Congrats to the young men over at Loyola Blakefield for this noble effort!