



KID INNOVATORS

Young entrepreneurs Will Dadouris and Samantha Wolfe have caught the attention of the lacrosse industry

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High school seniors Will Dadouris (Gill St. Bernard's, N.J.) and Samatha Wolfe (Chappaqua, N.Y.) started their own lacrosse companies to meet different needs.

Dadouris, founder of the non-profit ReLax Collections, found joy in bringing the sport to an impoverished community in Jamaica during a Fields of Growth mission. What started as a driveway full of pads and sticks has turned into nearly \$200,000 in lacrosse equipment Dadouris has collected and redistributed in five countries.

"Seeing how everyone can unite around a lacrosse stick, that's why we do it," said Dadouris, who started the venture when he was 13.

Wolfe, who invented a heated women's lacrosse stick, wanted to warm up freezing hands across the country. She came up with the idea when she was 11, made her father a business partner and earlier this year launched a prototype of the FingerFire. It features a USB port in the butt of the shaft that allows players to warm it up to 70 degrees, lasting up to two hours.

"I like a handle that can warm your hands in the cold," said Syracuse coach Gary Gait, to whom Wolfe hand-delivered a prototype. "If the right product is developed, it could catch on." ❧

