

# Parents hope to get their son treatment in the U.S.

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He now lies in hospital in what is medically termed a semi-vegetative state.

While Torres has shown some signs of consciousness, such as moving specific fingers when asked to do so, his parents believe treatment offered in the U.S., at the International Brain Research Foundation in Flanders, New Jersey, can

help him achieve a better quality of life.

As the treatment is expensive, the Torres family turned to the community for help.

Many answered this plea including the ESL and LINC students of Thomas Merton Centre who contributed more than \$1,000 towards Torres' treatment.

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dents are recent immigrants to Canada, they already have a connection to the country,” said Judy Temporale, an instructor at Thomas Merton Centre.

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best opportunity for this recovery.”

Eager to do more, the students have decided to hold a large-scale garage sale to raise additional funds for Torres’ treatment.

One student has volunteered to hold the garage sale at 1119 Rebecca St., on Saturday from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Temporale said donations for the sale would be welcomed and accepted today (Thursday) from 3-6 p.m. at the Rebecca Street home.

A donation box will also be available on Saturday for those who would like to make a cash donation towards assisting Torres’ recovery.

For more information about Torres, visit [www.youcaring.com/medical-fundraiser/help-juan-torres/87973](http://www.youcaring.com/medical-fundraiser/help-juan-torres/87973).



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