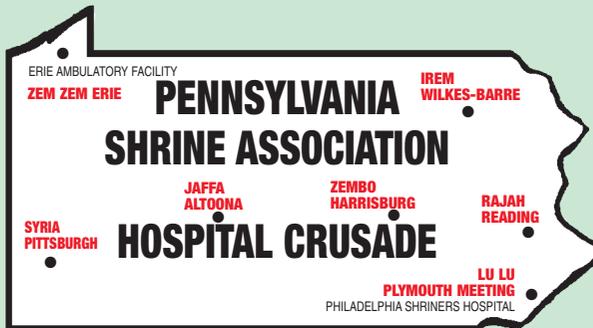




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Since 1922, when the first Shriners Hospital opened in Shreveport, Louisiana, providing advanced pediatric specialty care has been a keystone of our mission to improve the lives of children. Today, Shriners Hospitals for Children® is a premier health care system with 22 locations in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

Our staff is dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, conducting innovative research, and offering outstanding teaching programs for medical professionals. Children with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care in a family-centered environment, regardless of the families' ability to pay for services. Within these broad service lines, many types of care are provided. For example, some locations offer reconstructive plastic surgery, treatment for craniofacial abnormalities or care for sports injuries.

Our pediatric health care system has cared for more than 1.3 million children since the first Shriners Hospital opened its doors. Shriners Hospitals for Children was established as the official philanthropy of the Shriners North America (now known as Shriners International), a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. For more than 90 years, the fraternity has continued to support this unique health care system

Expertise in Orthopaedic Care

Most of our locations provide care for essentially an orthopaedic condition, other than acute trauma. Commonly treated conditions include: club-foot, limb deficiencies and discrepancies, scoliosis and osteogenesis imperfecta (OI), as well as the orthopaedic difficulties associated with neuromuscular conditions, such as cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy. We provide each child with customized care, based their overall health and medical conditions.

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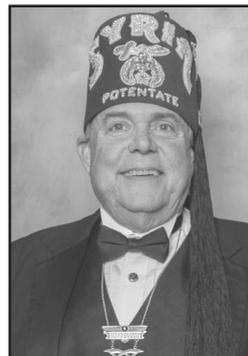
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Syria Shriners New Transportation Vans



Driver Jim Everard is holding the 2018 Shriners National Patient Ambassador Emily and she is from Erie. Another patient, Leland is also from Pittsburgh and has had many rides in this van, to both Erie and Philly Shriners hospitals. This picture is in front of the Erie Shriners Hospital for Children.



Josiah's sister McKenah is also a Shriner patient and has many trips to Philly Shriners hospital too. She was excited to see her picture in this uniform. This picture was taken in front of Shriners Hospital for Children Philadelphia, as the family was checking into the hospital.

by Al Douglas

Syria Shrine continues to upgrade their patient transportation vans. The first van to get a wrap was the white Chrysler wheel chair van, in 2016. The pictures are of the two Shriner patients and the bear, they are in the fire truck.

Last year two white Honda Odyssey's, were purchased and they also were wrapped to help advertise the Shriners mission.

Josiah is another Pittsburgh Shrine patient that takes many trips to Philly in this van. He is six years old and has been going to Shriners in Philly every year of his life for surgeries and full body casts to help straighten his spine.

Shriner Roadrunners transport Shriner patients, from all over south western Pa., to Shriners Hospitals for Children, in Erie, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, and UPMC Children's Pittsburgh.



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Roadrunner Charlie Zurcher is helping family in front of the Philadelphia hotel. They all had to get up early for their 8:00 AM appointments. Josiah is pointing at his picture on the van. All of the family was excited to ride in this van. Josiah and McKenah, both had appointments, Marisah, Mom, & Meme were needed to help.

News from Rajah Shrine

Pretzel Bowl Queen — Jaylin

Jaylin came into the world in 1999 earlier than expected. Arriving premature at only twenty-nine weeks and just weighing just two pounds, she remained in the hospital neonatal unit and was on a breathing machine for six weeks.

Further problems developed with her not being able to walk. Frustrated and unable to get a complete

diagnosis from local orthopedic physicians, Jaylin's mother turned to Shriners Hospital for Children - Philadelphia for help.

Her initial test results revealed that she had paralytic scoliosis and cerebral palsy. Paralytic scoliosis is a lateral curvature of the spine due to paralysis of the spinal muscles and CP as it is commonly called, is a neurological disorder



Jaylin

caused by a brain injury or abnormal development of the child's brain while developing before birth, during birth, or immediately after birth.

Jaylin had major surgery on both of her legs and was placed in a pietrie cast for a period of six weeks. In 2016 she had another surgery performed on her hips and ankles which afforded her more mobility.

Today, because of the treatment and care that she has received and Shriners Hospital for Children - Philadelphia, she is able to walk freely without having to depend on crutches. Her interests include listening to music and she begins her senior year in high school she looks forward to her favorite subjects, art and math.

Pretzel Bowl King — Isaiah

Isaiah was born in 2011 and by his first birthday, there was noticeable changes to his posture. Even without seeing and X-ray, it was suspected that Isaiah had developed scoliosis because there were changes in the symmetry and appearance in his back, shoulders and rib cage. Initially Isaiah was evaluated by a local pediatrician and an orthope-

dic specialists. Both doctors wanted to "wait and see" if the curve in his spine would resolve on its own.

Isaiah's parents chose not to wait and decided to contact Shriners Hospital for Children - Philadelphia for further evaluation and treatment. He was diagnosed with Progressive Infantile Scoliosis. Scoliosis is the most common spinal deformity



Isaiah

in school age children. The total number of scoliosis cases in the United States is estimated to be greater than four million.

Initially he was fitted with a full-torso Mehta cast and over the past four years, Isaiah has had nine Mehta casts, four back braces, and countless X-rays. Today he continues to wear a Boston brace 23 hours per day and his spinal

curve has been reduced from 53 degrees originally down to 27 degrees.

Isaiah is a very energetic, smart and caring young man. He enjoys playing both soccer and baseball, loves singing, reading and playing video games. Isaiah's parents and family are thankful for the care, support and dedication of the staff of the Shriners Hospital of Philadelphia.

More News Philadelphia

Ruth-Ann's Grip Improves After Cleft Hand Surgery

Four-year old Ruth Ann was born with cleft hands and feet due to a genetic-trait abnormality. Complications were minor and several doctors advised her mother, Njeri, to wait until Ruth Ann reached a certain weight and height to correct her hands and feet.

"Although Ruth Ann's condition was not painful and only had some minor effects, I wanted to explore all our options, especially since she would be starting

kindergarten the next year," said Njeri.

Njeri took Ruth Ann to see several doctors in the New York City area. "I went from Brooklyn to the Bronx and back to Brooklyn looking for the best doctors and the best doctor I could find at NYU (New York University) referred me to Dr. Kozin (Scott Kozin, M.D., lead orthopaedic surgeon and chief of staff at the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital)." After their first visit,



Ruth Ann

a care plan was created and Ruth Ann was sched-

uled for surgery with Dr. Kozin. Ruth Ann underwent a right hand reconstruction surgery to remove her duplicate thumb and separate the other fingers that were fused together.

Njeri was impressed with the care at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia. "Everything was so clean. The hospital, the people, the care were all superb. It surpasses all the places I've ever been and I have been to a lot of

places," said Njeri. "It's different, the nurses are not just nice when the doctors are there. Someone even called to update me about the progress of my daughter's surgery, and that meant a lot to me."

Now, just weeks after surgery, Ruth Ann already has a better grip and can count better on her hands. Because surgery went so well, options are being explored for her left hand and her feet.

News from Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie

Shriners Hospitals for Children - Erie

EOS Imaging System Reduces Radiation Exposure



The new EOS imaging offered at the Erie Shriners Medical Center offers up to 85% less radiation so it's safer for kids with spine, hip or lower limb conditions who receive multiple scans.

Scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine that most often shows up during childhood growth spurts. An estimated 6-9 million people in the U.S. and millions more worldwide have scoliosis. Children who have scoliosis often receive 2-3 x-rays each year to monitor their condition. Those repeated x-rays come with additional risk. The cumulative radiation exposure can mean a higher risk of cancer. Associate Medical Director at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Erie, Ozgur Dede, M.D., says that “recently reported data on patients who were treated for idiopathic scoliosis in the past shows that the cancer risk is increased almost ten-fold. This increase is likely related to radiation over the course of the years as

the risks of radiation increase cumulatively.”

The clinicians at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Erie treat many patients with scoliosis, kyphosis and other conditions that require repeated radiology imaging over their years of treatment. To help monitor these patients while reducing their radiation exposure, the Erie Medical Center recently upgraded their radiology suite to include one of the world's most advanced imaging systems. The EOS imaging system will allow clinicians to provide patients with the most accurate diagnoses, while also limiting their exposure to harmful radiation. “Having an EOS Imaging System in our practice will decrease the radiation dose our patients are

receiving and this will change the cumulative dose they will receive over the years during their scoliosis treatment,” says Dr. Dede.

The EOS Imaging System is a 3-D imaging system that can scan a child standing up. Unlike a traditional x-ray that captures one small area of the body, EOS provides a life-size picture of the full skeleton to capture natural, weight-bearing posture and allows us to see the interaction between joints, muscles and bones. This enables radiologists to view all areas of the body from multiple angles with one image. The system captures a head to toe image that is very detailed and higher quality than conventional x-rays. This gives doctors precise measurements without the need for taking more than one image.

In addition to producing such a high quality image, the EOS imaging system uses micro dose radiation, which is the lowest dose of radiation possible to produce an image. The EOS uses nine times less radiation than a conventional x-ray and up to 20 times less than a CT scan. This lower radiation is particularly important for the patients who will be monitored throughout their lifetimes.

The Erie Shriners Medical Center is the first to offer this kind of state-of-the-art imaging in the Erie area. “We believe the EOS technology will have a large, positive impact in patient care and safety,” says Dr. Dede.

Timmy's Day Out Offers Summer Fun for Children with Disabilities

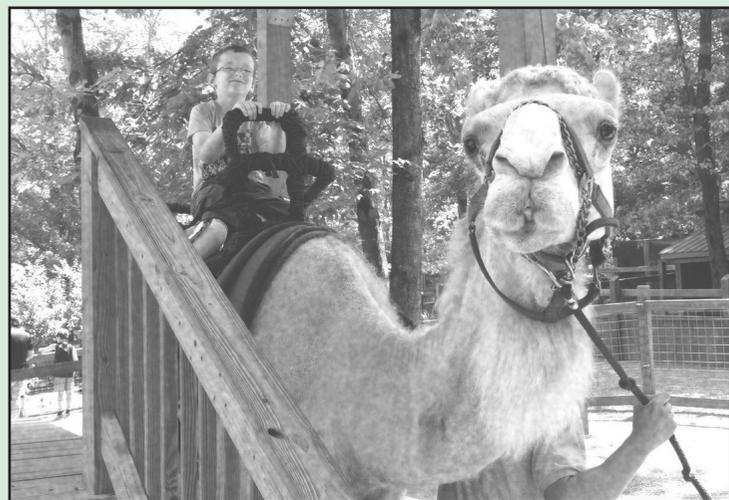
The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 helped make communities more accessible for people with disabilities. Prior to 1990, people with disabilities were often limited in where they could go within a community and what activities they could do. Candy Bollin's son, Timmy, was born with spina bifida in 1965, well before the ADA was implemented. She was determined and had to work harder to keep him active and independent at a time when the need for accessibility for those with disabilities was far less understood than today.

In 2004, while serving as Grand High Priestess of the Dendarah Court of the Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America, Bollin raised funds for a program to benefit children with spina bifida who were patients at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Erie. The hospital's spina bifida specialty care team created “Timmy's Day Out,” named in memory of Bollin's son. It helps introduce children with spina bifida to experiences within the community such as riding public transportation, making healthy food choices and participating in other activities.

Since 2004, through continued donations and fundraising initiatives, the Timmy's Day Out program has provided many children with opportunities to participate in local and regional recreational events throughout the summer. The emphasis of the program is on promoting independence, problem solving, fostering friendships, social skills and opportunities, and improving awareness of leisure opportunities within the communities, along with having fun! The program includes something for the parents as well. They are able to participate in educational support groups allowing them to network and share information with other parents facing similar challenges.

Children who participated in the program this past

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Lucas has fun riding a camel at the Wagon Trails Animal Park.

News from Philadelphia Shriners Hospital

PHILADELPHIA ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL - 3551 North Broad St., Phila, PA 19140 - (215) 430-4000

Patient Shows Gratitude for Scoliosis Care and Support Sells Awareness Bracelets and Donates Proceeds



Brandon Presenting Check

Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia is committed to offering our patients the best specialized care and multiple treatment options for scoliosis. From common idiopathic adolescent scoliosis to the most complex young spine deformities, we believe each child deserves an individualized treatment plan utilizing the

most advanced and innovative techniques. Our focus is early detection and fusionless treatments for the growing spine, as well as minimally invasive (non-fusion)-to-advanced surgical techniques for children who require spinal fusions. The spine team takes a fully integrated approach to the treatment of pediatric spine condi-

tions.

Meet Brandon

Brandon was diagnosed with progressive scoliosis. Upon learning of his condition, Brandon's mother, Stephanie, did extensive research to better understand her son's options for treatment. Being more informed, she sought care from Amer Samdani, M.D., chief of surgery at the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital (since 2014).

Before Brandon had spinal fusion surgery, he decided that following surgery he would express his gratitude for the excellent care provided by Dr. Samdani and the hospital staff with more than verbal expression. And, that he would show his gratitude for the financial support he received for his operation.

Brandon decided that he

and his sister would sell bracelets and donate all proceeds to Shriners Hospitals for Children! A few days after his surgery, standing 3 inches taller since his spine straightening, he and his sister did just that — presenting a check for \$1,550.

Stephanie is grateful for the compassionate and personalized care her son received, stating, "To say we are blessed is an understatement! We have made so many visits to

Shriners Hospitals for Children over the years and when you walk the halls and meet the children, you are impacted in ways we can't describe. The cases that the hospital takes on related to neuromusculoskeletal conditions and other special health care needs, regardless of the families' ability to pay, is a Godsend for so many families."

To find out more about our scoliosis care, visit our Spine care page.



Brandons Bracelet

Shriners Hospitals for Children Grateful for the Raise Your Glass Foundation

Shriners Hospitals for Children is grateful for the Raise Your Glass Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charity organization based in New Jersey that has cumulatively donated more than \$280,000 since the foundation's inception in 2012. Due to the generous donations and sponsorships at the foundation's three galas and seven golf classics, this milestone recognition has been made possible.

They will now have a bronze plaque placed on the permanent donor wall located in the lobby of the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital.

A group of incredible volunteers from various professions in the Warren, New Jersey, community created the foundation for an extraordinary reason. Their fundraising goals focus on donating proceeds from various events to children's med-

ical institutions while saluting those who make the impossible, possible in the lives of children.

Inspired by Adam and Danielle son, Anthony John "AJ", the foundation was created when local community members witnessed the miracle of Shriners Hospitals for Children in action. In 2008, AJ was born with arthrogryposis, a congenital condition that caused AJ's hands and feet to be

severely twisted. Prior to AJ's birth, Adam and Danielle Yenish interviewed various doctors in the New York and New Jersey area and found the magic team of Harold van Bosse, M.D., and Scott Kozin, M.D., at the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital. Along with local physical therapists carrying out Drs. Van Bosse and Kozin's mission, AJ inspired the Raise Your Glass Foundation we rec-

ognize with appreciation today.

The Raise Your Glass Foundation has hosted three galas and three golf tournaments in New Jersey to support and raise awareness of arthrogryposis, Shriners Hospitals for Children, and funds for the foundation. Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia has been the beneficiary of these events. Along the way, the

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More News from Erie

Wheelchair Basketball Program Offers Hope Beyond the Hoop



Jared, age 16, has been playing basketball with the Erie Shriners Jammers since he was 4 years old.

Jared was first introduced to wheelchair basketball by one of his therapists at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Erie when he was only 4 years old. Now 16, Jared can still be found on the court, playing the game that has become an important part

of his life.

Jared was born with cerebral palsy. When a family friend and neighbor, who happened to be a member of Shriners International, learned of Jared's condition, he referred the family to Shriners Hospitals for

Children — Erie. "This was the best thing that could have happened," said Jared's mom, Karen. "Dr. William Schrantz (of the Erie medical center) is the reason that Jared can walk." Staff and patients greatly appreciated Dr. Schrantz during his time at the Erie Medical Center. Sadly, he passed away in 2012.

Joining the Jammers

At the Erie Medical Center, Jared received high-quality care and developed in other ways through his involvement with the Erie Shriners Jammers wheelchair basketball team. He became more confident and met many new friends through the program.

Since he began playing with the team 12 years ago, Jared has tried most other adapted sports and some traditional sports, as well. He has tried sledge hockey, waterskiing, baseball and soccer. At his high school, he's manager of the soccer

and traditional basketball teams, and he even shoots hoops with the players. Although he likes the other sports, nothing compares to his passion for wheelchair basketball.

"Wheelchair basketball was the first one he tried," said Karen. "It was his first introduction to sports and made him realize that he could become involved with sports."

A Future in the Sport

In addition to playing on the Erie Shriners Jammers basketball team, Jared has been attending a wheelchair basketball camp at Edinboro University since he was 12 years old. He hopes to attend the university, located in Edinboro, Pennsylvania, and play on their wheelchair basketball team upon graduating from high school in just a couple years. He plans to

study sports management or broadcasting, and hopes to become a sports journalist.

Jared will tell you his biggest motivation in life is wheelchair basketball. He really enjoys competing and he is always working hard to improve. Karen says Jared works hard at everything he does.

"Following each of his surgeries, he committed to his therapy to gain mobility," she said. "He would always push himself and work for hours. He would always try what his therapists asked of him and more." Karen says his resolute and competitive nature also applies to school.

What began as a simple introduction to wheelchair basketball has provided lessons, skills and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Timmy's Day Out Offers Summer Fun for Children with Disabilities

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summer enjoyed an Erie Seawolves baseball game and a visit to Wagon Trails Animal Park in Northeast Ohio. For Timmy's Garden, staff members helped children grow vegetables on the medical center campus. After the children harvested produce from the garden, they learned how to cook it. Finally, there was a visit to Splash Lagoon Water Park, a staple of the program and always a popular outing. The indoor park includes nine water slides, a lazy river, hot tubs and tube rides. The children had such fun playing in the water.

Although Candy Bollin, the driving force behind the creation of the program, passed away in June 2017, her legacy will live on through the patients and families who participate in Timmy's Day Out.

To learn more about our services, or to refer a patient, visit shrinershospitalsforchildren.org to locate a hospital near you. Or call -800-237-5055 in the U.S. or 800-361-7256 in Canada.

Shriners Hospitals for Children® provides specialty care to children up to age 18 with **orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate**, regardless of the families ability to pay. All care and services are delivered in a family-oriented environment



More News Philadelphia

Raise Your Glass Foundation



AJ and his family presenting check to Shriners Hospital for Children - Philadelphia

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family has become friends with Lance and Micah, sharing a similar story with their daughter Reece, who, like AJ, has arthrogryposis. Their journeys have formed a bond with two families who live over 200 miles apart, but because of the Raise Your Glass Foundation and Shriners Hospitals for Children, have become everlasting friends. AJ's family has organized four golf tournaments in Northern Virginia to increase more funds and awareness for the Raise Your Glass Foundation, arthrogryposis, and the hospital.

AJ's parents have shared their emotional journey at their events, stating, "We're blessed to have the support of so many volunteers, donors, and sponsors. We are grateful for the donations to the foundation, because they are helping someone else's AJ. The children you are helping you may never meet, but you are leaving an indelible mark on their lives.

For this, we, and the countless children treated at Shriners Hospital, thank you!"

"We're so appreciative to have such generous patient family donors, they truly understand that the money raised will help more kids, like their own children." stated Ms. Terry Diamond, director of development, Shriners Hospitals for Children "In a short five years, the [RYG] foundation has raised so much awareness and money for our hospital, we're truly thankful."

Today AJ is a vibrant 8-year-old who has been through multiple surgeries to correct his feet and allow him to not only walk, but run. The same goes for the sweet and sassy 6-year-old Reece, whose condition keeps improving.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is grateful for the Raise Your Glass Foundation, as the money that has been received has helped many kids like AJ, Reece and more!

#CutTheBull Roundtable Gives Patients Outlet for Bullying Discussion

October was National Bullying Prevention Month and our team at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia was excited to incorporate the #CutTheBull initiative into different aspects of our care.

Shriners Hospitals for Children's #CutTheBull campaign encourages young people to become anti-bullying advocates in their communities by looking beyond our difference and instead, #SeeTheAbility in everyone. The program hopes to inspire young adults to reach out to those they see being bullied and respond by offering them support and bringing the issue to an adult.

Last month, a group of inpatients were invited to participate in a roundtable discussion



Patients share experiences and ideas

about their experiences with bullying facilitated by our teacher India Simons, M.Ed.

"I saw the #cutthebull feature story in one of our Leaders in Care magazines," said Simons. "After reading the article, I was inspired to form a teen discussion group on the topic."

Heather Russell, Ph.D., licensed clinical psychologist and Dawn Sheaffer, MSW, LSW, social worker authored the article and Simons thought a roundtable discussion functioned as a great extension of their work.

The roundtable was designed as a safe place to discuss bullying with both peers and trusted adults.

"Our patients are in a unique position in terms of the bullying issue," said Simons. "Children with disabilities are more likely to experience bullying, but they

are also incredibly strong and compassionate. I wanted to create a space where our patients could talk about bullying, but I also wanted to focus on how to be an advocate for yourself and others."

Students were able to discuss their own experiences, offer support and share insights and strategies with one another.

"The roundtable was also designed as an educational extension activity during which I offered coaching about what bullying is and how we can offer Respect, Reach Out, and Respond in difficult situations," said Simons.

"Overall, I would say the event was a success. The lunch and round table were well attended and students shared their ideas. Plus, I think everyone enjoyed the pizza," said Simons.



Ways of Giving

As a 501(c)(3) organization, Shriners Hospitals for Children relies on generous donations from Shriners, corporations and the general public. Individuals can support our work in many different ways. All donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent permitted by the law.

- **Gifts of Cash:** Contributions can be made at any time to Shriners Hospitals for Children. Donors may send a check or money order payable to Shriners Hospitals for Children or make a credit card gift online at donate2shc.org. Donors can also call 800-241-GIFT to make a donation.
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- **Pooled Income Fund:** Persons contributing \$5,000 or more may participate in the Shriners Hospitals for Children Pooled Income Fund. Under this agreement, donors or their designees will receive annual payments from their contribution during their lifetime. A portion of the contribution may be deducted as a charitable donation.
- **Real Estate:** Gifts of real estate are welcomed in our mission of helping children. After approval from Shriners International Headquarters, real estate may be deeded outright to Shriners Hospital for Children, or, if it is a donor's residence or farm, may be given subject to retained life interests. The value of the interest being contributed may be used as a charitable contribution for income tax purposes.
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For more information: We welcome the opportunity to discuss the many options of giving with you today. For specific information about making a donation or planned gift, please call **800-241-4438**, visit donate2shc.org. Please consult your tax advisor or attorney before making any planned giving decisions.

-If you know a child with orthopaedic problems, severe burns, spinal cord injury, or cleft lip or palate that Shriners Hospitals might be able to help, call toll-free

1-800-237-5055

In Canada, call

1-800-361-7256

Visit our Website: www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org

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Helping a Child is Just a Phone Call Away

Determining whether a child is eligible for care at Shriners Hospitals for Children is as simple as calling **800-237-5055** (toll free in the U.S.), or **800-361-7256** (in Canada) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time Monday thru Friday.

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Additional information is available on shrinershospitalsforchildren.org, which provides an in-depth history of our health care system and scope of treatments offered. (Shriners Hospitals for Children specializes in treating orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate.

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