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Helping Kids Defy the Odds



Patient Safety is Everyone's Business

[**Kathryn Fournier**] Patient safety is paramount at the Shriners Hospital for Children. There are many programs and practices in place that strive to promote and ensure the safety of our patients, their families and staff in all areas of the Hospital.

The most simple and standard safety procedure is the patient identification bracelet, which must be worn by all inpatients and day surgery patients. The bracelet clearly identifies the patient, and is used by all staff to assure the right patient gets the right treatment or test.

The Hospital Accreditation Program is completed every three years; all hospital areas are involved in an evaluation of their services to ensure they meet national standards of safe quality care or service. An external body of qualified healthcare professionals then conducts the accreditation survey. If areas are found to be lacking, a plan of action is put in place to improve the situation.

Best practices are implemented Hospital-wide. The most telling example is hand washing to prevent cross-contamination and the spread of communicable diseases. Liquid soap and at least 15 seconds of scrubbing followed by a thorough rinsing provide optimal results. The use of alcohol-based cleansers is acceptable for staff, but is not recommended for children.

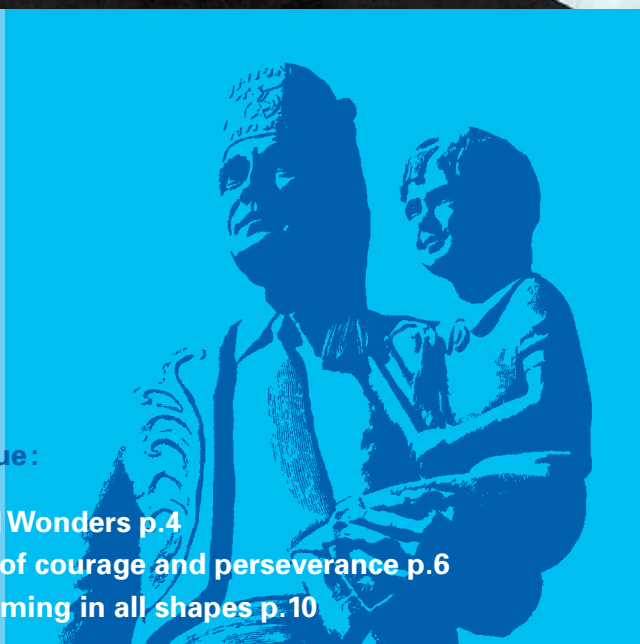
The Alerts, Recalls and Warnings Program provides department heads with timely information regarding equipment, supplies and products that need to be modified or removed from the environment. On average, 250 notices are reviewed each month. [continued on page 9]

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Standing Up for Michael – An Update



[Emmanuelle Rondeau] In the spring of 2007 we brought you the story of Michael Campbell as seen through the eyes of his sponsor family, the Stenssons of Sheridan Nurseries in Ontario. At that time, Michael was undergoing rehabilitation after extensive surgery to correct a 79-degree curve in his spine. Altogether, Michael came to the Shriners four times a week for 16 months. He and his volunteer driver, Mr. Doug Foster, became fast friends. When Michael went home to Jamaica in the summer of 2007, Mr. Foster dearly missed the youngster's morning serenades. According to Mr. Foster, "Michael knew all the songs on the radio and sometimes, we would even catch his mom Margaret singing along". Driver and patient were happily reunited this fall when Michael returned to SHC-Canada for some follow-up tests. "To see Michael's progression over that time was extremely moving. To find out how much more he has been able to do at home, like go to school, is pure joy," concludes Mr. Foster. His feelings are echoed by the staff and volunteers who know Michael and who warmly welcomed him back. |

Administrator's Message

At Shriners Hospitals for Children – Canada, we help children defy the odds thanks to the outstanding support of Shriners and of donors from across Canada and the North Eastern United-States. Last October, we had the opportunity to recognize the exceptional contributions of individuals who bequeathed more than \$7 million to the Hospital. But generosity doesn't stop there, in large and small communities, individuals of all

ages and groups who have been touched by the work of the Shriners get together to raise funds. We are thankful for these efforts as we believe that each dollar counts when it comes to the health and well-being of a child.

In this special edition of the Orthopedik, you will be inspired by testimonials of patients and former patients of all ages who have defied the odds. Young patients

who have been given a second chance at a brighter future as well as former patients who have gone on to be healthy, productive individuals in their adult life thanks to Shriners.

I take this opportunity to wish our readers all the best for 2009.

Enjoy your reading.

Céline Doray

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Leaving Lasting Legacies



[Emmanuelle Rondeau] A special ceremony was held at Shriners Hospital for children in Montreal on Thursday, October 16, 2008. Members of the Board of Governors, staff and representatives of the donors acknowledged the generous individuals who donated an incredible \$7,085,569 via bequests.

When unveiling the recognition plaques, Chairman of the Board Gary Morrison reflected that “the donations come from people across the country, some were Shriners, some weren’t, and children and children’s health was the common thread of their generosity.”

Shriners Hospitals for Children – Canada paid tribute to the following Estates:

- **Beth Donalda Wilson Little** of Chilliwack, British Columbia - a bequest in the amount of \$1,035,077

- Shriner **Thomas Edward Young & Florence Eve Young** of Camrose, Alberta - a bequest in the amount of \$661,650
- **Susan Wild** of Edmonton, Alberta - a bequest in the amount of \$268,413
- Shriner **Frank Hopkins** of Oakville, Ontario - a bequest in the amount of \$1,010,000
- **Andrew James Phillips** of Brockville, Ontario - a bequest in the amount of \$289,284
- **Mary Rachel Lebano** of Montreal, Québec - a bequest in the amount of \$3,821,145

More than two thirds of funds donated to the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children originate from wills and bequests. These funds make it possible to ensure long-term quality of care and innovation in all the Hospitals. Some 90% of all the funds given annually are used for care, research and teaching.

According to Hospital Administrator Céline Doray, “Leaving a bequest is a timeless gift. Donors have the satisfaction of knowing that their values will be expressed in perpetuity by providing ongoing support to Shriners Hospitals for Children.” Such a gift can be directed to a special charitable endowment fund where only the earnings from the gift are used each year and the principal will grow or it can be specified to a program or area of the Hospital.

For more information on planned gifts or bequests, visit www.shrinershospitals.org.

Giving Bradley a Second Chance

[Dr. Reggie Hamdy] After attending the Edmonton Shrine Circus, Bradley's parents reached out to the Al Shamal Shrine for help. Bradley was born with club feet, and although he had been through surgery at six months of age, his condition had continued to worsen as he grew. Bradley was losing function in his legs and had trouble keeping up with his friends; he often stumbled and fell when he tried to run.

In October 2006, Bradley and his family met with Dr. Reggie Hamdy, assistant Chief of Staff and orthopedic surgeon at Shriners Hospital for Children in Montreal for an evaluation. "Dr. Hamdy said he could help Bradley. He proposed a treatment plan that was much more



Bradley with Ilizarov in May 2008

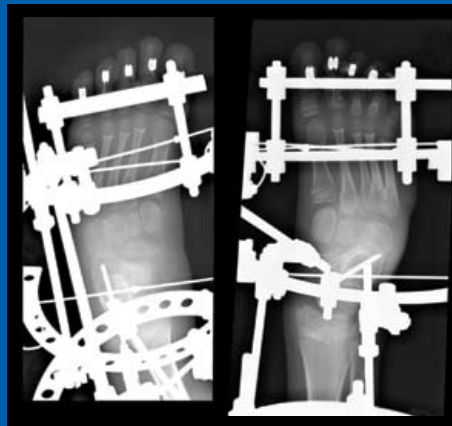
intensive and complex than anything we had been offered in the past," remembers a very relieved Kim, Bradley's mom.

According to Dr. Hamdy, "With children over two years of age, we have to use different corrective measures than in babies. Bradley was 7 years old when he first came to us, and both club feet

Pre-operative



Operative



Post-operative



needed to be corrected which posed a challenge. Our strategy was to work on Bradley's right leg first since it was most affected. We performed a tendon transfer and installed an Ilizarov apparatus. The tendon transfer helps to keep the foot in the correct position while keeping its flexibility and mobility while the Ilizarov helped to straighten the leg," explains Dr. Hamdy.

Learning to walk again

In October 2007, Bradley and his family returned to Montreal from the Northwest Territories for the surgery on his right leg. Bradley had the Ilizarov apparatus for 12 weeks. "When the Ilizarov came off, it was hard for Bradley to go back to square one, to learn to walk on his leg all over again", remembers Kim. She goes on to say "but the results of the surgery were so good that we decided that, even if it was hard, we would proceed with the left leg".

Bradley returned to the Shriners Hospital in April 2008 so that Dr. Hamdy could begin the corrective work on his left leg - but first, he competed in, and won, a snowmobile race!

"By August 2008, Bradley had completed the correction phase. So far, Bradley and his parents seem to be very satisfied with the surgery. However, recurrence of the deformity may occur and therefore a continuous follow-up is necessary", underlined Dr. Hamdy.

Kim, who is a nurse herself, sums up her family's experience: "We have been in lots of hospitals all over the country and there is a very different environment at the Shriners. The nurses have time to spend with the children and teaching the families. We are so grateful to everyone in Montreal for the superior surgical care and for all the extra care from the driver that greeted us at the airport to the wonderful child life specialists and school teachers." |

Guillaume, Both Strong and Fragile

[**Emmanuelle Rondeau**] Guillaume is 16 years old. He is passionate about music and three years ago he created his own DJing Company with a small group of friends. Guillaume also hosted a web radio show, which led him to being recruited by UQAM student radio. He is preparing for a great future.

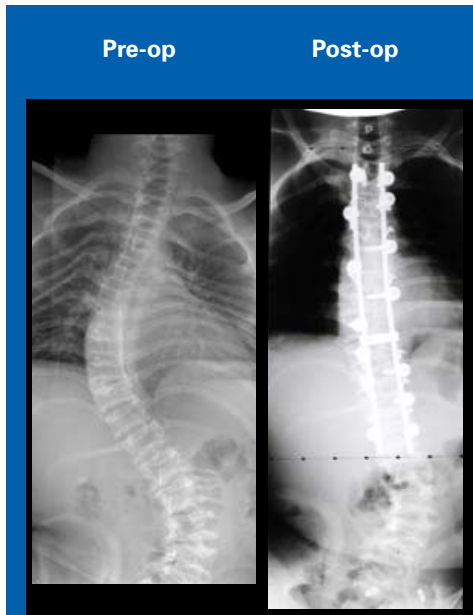
But this autumn, all these activities stopped. Instead of starting Secondary 4, Guillaume entered the Shriners Hospital to correct scoliosis (curvature of the spine) greater than 68 degrees. This surgery had been planned and painstakingly prepared for over two years, because Guillaume is living with Type III osteogenesis imperfecta (brittle bone disease).

Approximately 40% of children with osteogenesis imperfecta also suffer from scoliosis. Doctors Glorieux and Ouellet are currently participating in a multicentric research project on the natural history of scoliosis and its treatment in patients suffering from osteogenesis.

Therapy to strengthen his fragile bones

Guillaume met Dr. Francis Glorieux, Director of Research and a physician at the Shriners Hospital for the first time in 1995 when he was three years old. To increase his bone density and prevent fractures, he received biphosphonate therapy for eight years, a therapy developed by Dr. Glorieux and his team.

During an examination in 2006, Guillaume's mother mentioned that he sometimes had respiratory difficulties. These difficulties were caused by scoliosis and orthopedic surgeon Dr. Jean Ouellet was called in for consultation. He first prescribed a body brace, because



Guillaume with Dr. Jean Ouellet

this non-invasive solution is sometimes successful in slowing down and stopping the progression of the scoliosis.

“Given his bone fragility, we considered that it was better to resume therapy before considering corrective surgery. Guillaume received therapy from May 2006 to August 2008. It will be restarted in a few months when we are satisfied with the healing of the operative sites,” Dr. Glorieux explains.

Specialized surgery

For Guillaume it was time to have this surgery. “My back was hurting me more and more and the brace wasn't having an effect,” Guillaume recalls. To date, only about twenty scoliosis surgeries have been completed in the past few years for patients who have osteogenesis imperfecta in Montreal.

“We had to adjust the spine before we even went into the operating room to avoid manipulating the spine and risking fractures,” Dr. Ouellet explains. Guillaume spent three weeks in traction, wearing a halo on his head to which a weight was attached. The weight was increased gradually to 19 pounds (8.6 kilos) in order to gently align and lengthen his spine.

On the day of the surgery, Guillaume was transferred to the Montreal Children's Hospital because he needed to recover in intensive care. The operation lasted 7 hours. “We adapted classical techniques and equipment to compensate for the fragility of the bones,” Dr. Ouellet describes.

After therapy, traction and surgery, the curvature of the column was reduced from 68 to 15 degrees.

It will now take 6 to 12 months for Guillaume's spine to heal.

“Surgery allowed me to grow a few centimeters and I have no more back pain, but most of all, I've regained the energy to get back into DJing!” Guillaume concludes. |

The Heart of a Dragon

[Emmanuelle Rondeau] By all accounts, 32-year-old Ryan Ortizo should not have ever been a body builder, never mind a world champion. As a child, Ryan was told he could not run or jump. From grades 1 to 3, he wasn't even allowed to join his friends on the playground. Today, he works with his coach, business partner and mentor Peter Panopolis, as a

my doctor that I could go home once I was able to move around on crutches. Since my leg was in a cast, I realized that I had to strengthen my upper body in order to use the crutches. Whenever the nurses would leave the room, I would come up with new exercises to do in my bed to build up my arms and shoulders," remembers Ryan.

Dealing with the pain and the fear

For Ryan and his parents, each surgery was a big one, but Ryan pulled through like a champion with a little help from his family and care givers. "I remember one nurse comforting me one night before surgery. I was out of bed looking out the window at the mountain. She sensed that I was afraid and reassured me by saying that there would be pain, but that it would go away. And she was right," says Ryan. He also had the support of his uncle who spun the tale of magical dragons which Ryan adored, and reminded the boy that as big as dragons are, Ryan's heart is bigger.

According to Ryan, some of his fondest childhood memories are at the Hospital. He feels that the Shriners themselves and the people who support the Hospital make it possible for the staff and volunteers to guide children and families through the healing process every step of the way. He goes on to say: "The Shriners was my home away from home. Things like arts and crafts, toys, games and even school, made having surgery OK." |



Ryan, 6 years old

certified personal trainer working with amateur and professional athletes across North America.

Strangely enough, Ryan's fitness career began when he was a patient at the Shriners Hospital for Children in Montreal. Ryan was in and out of hospitals throughout his childhood to treat congenital malformations. He remembers his stays at the Shriners as they often involved extensive recovery and physiotherapy dealing with his malformed right leg which was shorter and weaker than the left. "When I was recovering from surgery on my leg, I was told by



"I do not live my life on ifs and maybes. I believe that I will reach whatever goal I have in mind."

Ryan during his world championship routine in the Bantam category at Musclemania 2004

"They said I could not run; now I do full sprints, go rock climbing, dance hip hop, practice martial arts, wrestle... without the Shriners and Illizarov lengthening, I couldn't do any of this and I wouldn't be where I am today."



Ryan working out at Gym Zone

Standing Up to Those Who Said it Was Impossible

[Angela Jackson] Last fall I graduated from Brock University with a double major in Biology and Science. To most, this is nothing extraordinary. I gave it my all because I couldn't disappoint those who have helped me since my first visit to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Montreal, those who have become and remain my family even though I am 31 years old. This diploma is as much theirs as mine!

I was a premature baby and diagnosed with cerebral palsy early on. At first, doctors didn't know whether I was ever going to walk. I had my first surgery at the age of 2 1/2, and many more after that. I was even the first patient to receive Botox treatments to help me walk. Growing up, Shriners Hospital was always there, smoothing the way with teachers, helping to get a wheelchair and adapted material. Today, I walk with crutches and use a wheelchair for long distances and at school.

The physical challenges

Because of the cerebral palsy I can't move as fast as others. I need more time to get things done because my body doesn't respond the way it should. This has been a major battle at all school levels. Teachers thought I wrote slowly to

buy time to complete exams and assignments. In grade 9, one of my teachers suggested that use carbon copy paper to copy the notes of a classmate. From then on, I performed well in school. In Junior High School, the Philae Temple Shriners bought me a computer equipped with voice recognition. This helped me tremendously.

For me, it was never an issue as to whether I would go to university... it was a given.

At first, I registered at Université de Moncton in New Brunswick, majoring in French which I chose because I was good at it, and people around me felt that this was a realistic goal.

Not a traditional field

It didn't take long for me to realize that this was not my place. I always thought studying sciences was fun. But, could I physically do it? It is not a traditional field for someone with disabilities. Most people around me felt I couldn't.

In order to pay for university, I got scholarships and I worked summer jobs. I even received the Terry Fox Humanitarian Award which was a four year scholarship.



Graduation day

When I got to Brock University, although the university is adapted, the biology laboratory had not yet been updated and I couldn't reach the work space. Today, there is an adapted work bench in that laboratory. The first two years were brutally hard, I was alone and I had not learned to stand up for myself. However, when I changed my attitude and began to reach out, people realized I was not going to quit and things got easier.

Just prior to get my University Degree, I became very ill and was hospitalized. I was discouraged and my advisor reminded me that "the people who cause trouble are the people who change the world".

It has been a long journey and in my own way I am proud to have helped pave the way for others with disabilities who will follow in the sciences. The next important step for me was to graduate from University which I did. Now, I want to enter the work force and I promise that I will not let anything stand in my way. |

Congratulations from your Shriners Hospital family !



30 Years Ago a Shriner Changed my Life

[**Debbie Caissie**] I was in a mall recently and spotted a “Shriners Fez”, and it brought back so many memories. To understand the impact that the Shriners have had on my life, let me start from the beginning.

I was born with spina bifida. This happens when the spine does not form properly and at birth there is an opening on



Debbie, 13 years old

the back. It can affect the bowels, bladder, and leg nerves and sometimes lead to paralysis. The doctor told my parents that I would need surgery to repair my spine at six months of age, if I survived that long.

Time came for my operation. Everything went well, and I was on my way to recovery. However, my legs were also affected and I was referred to an orthopedic surgeon in Fredericton. At 4 1/2 years old, I had another surgery so that I could walk flat on my feet. Until this time, I could only stand on the tips of my toes, which was painful, so I crawled most of the time. Over the next 7 years I was in and out of the hospital for more surgery, leg braces and therapy.

During my final appointment with the surgeon in Fredericton my mother told the doctor that she thought something was wrong with my back. The doctor replied “there is nothing more I can do for her, see a Shriner”.

At that time, my parents had not heard about the Shriners. Our family doctor helped us to find a Shriner and we were on our way to the Hospital in Montreal.

Getting some answers!

The first doctor I saw explained that I had severe scoliosis, probably caused by the spina bifida and the way I was walking. I had 2 curves in my spine each one over 100 degrees.

The doctors agreed that my left leg had to be corrected first. When the cast came off, I couldn’t believe the difference. I still walked with a limp, but I was able to walk on the bottom of my foot. It was amazing!

I then had two back surgeries 6 weeks apart. I went into a body cast for 9 months and finally a brace until I had finished growing.

Life in the hospital

Like many patients, my first visits were lengthy, but somehow time went by fast. In the mornings we got up, ate, washed and got dressed. Then we went to school, some walked, some in wheelchairs and some were wheeled in their beds. The hospital had an recreation department and I met celebrities like Daryl Sittler, Steve Rogers, Ray Charles and Big Bird from Sesame Street.

A little while ago, my father and I went to visit my brother in Ontario. On our way home, we decided to stop at the Shriners Hospital. A lot has changed in 30 years but there is still that same caring staff and a wonderful group of Shriners behind the scenes.

Here I am 30 years later, married with 2 healthy children aged 23 and 20 years old, and a career. I am so thankful that we found a Shriner and the Hospital. I owe them so much, not just for the health care, but for the compassion and caring they showed me and my family, as they do for each and every patient. |



Richard, daughter Amanda and son Matthew with Debbie Caissie.

Patient Safety Recognition Awards – 2008

Recognition for actions / initiatives



- **Physiotherapy:** For the implementation of several projects such as carpeting the hallway to avoid slips in winter and stair-well signage.



- **Out-patient clinic:** For the implementation of a triage system.

[continued from page 1] **The Patient Safety Recognition Program** was put in place in October 2007 to acknowledge staff members who go beyond the call of duty to promote safety in the care or services provided to patients and their families. This year, of the twenty-five nominations, 10 received special recognition at a ceremony held on October 27, 2008. The large number of nominations clearly indicates the significance that staff place on patient safety. In addition, to promote awareness of the safety practices carried out

throughout the hospital, a “Room of Horrors” was set up as a fun and interactive way for staff to find the safety errors in an assortment of make-believe scenarios.

Patient safety is everyone’s business. Placing signs on a wet floor to avoid a fall is just as important as giving the right medication. Each area in the hospital has specific safety strategies and all are important. Safety is never taken for granted. |

Safety Champions



- **Gayla Dionne - Infection Control / Staff Health:** For her rigour, determination and consistency in the application of safety vis-à-vis infection control.
- **Barb Small - Research Laboratory:** For her organisational talents and exemplary daily input regarding safety in the laboratory.
- **Maria Caruso - Department of Adolescence and Child Life Development:** For her initiative in maintaining a safe classroom environment.
- **Danielle Cousineau - Clinical / Research Laboratory:** For her vigilance, her highly developed sense of safety and her sustained and constant efforts in the laboratory.

Honourable Mentions



- **André Côté - Transport:** For his exemplary driving record over the past 5 years transporting patients and staff.
- **Juvenal Eleuterio - Housekeeping:** For his attention to safety in his daily housekeeping duties.
- **Elise Landry - Clinical Nutrition:** For her corrective and preventative actions related to the listeriosis crisis.
- **Claude Dalpé - Maintenance:** For his ability to remain calm and successfully rescue a colleague from injury at work.

Gifts come in all shapes and sizes



A piggy bank that speaks volumes

Kaylee Parkin was filled with pride as she brought the piggy bank to Dr. François Fassier, Chief of Staff of the Shriners Hospital for Children, during her follow-up visit in April 2008. Moved hearing about Kaylee's experience at the Shriners Hospital, students of Glen Orchard public school in Muskoka, Ontario made it possible for Kaylee to make the donation.

A tree of life for Shriners Hospital

Thanks to the generosity of customers and employees of the Pharmaprix store at 5038 Sherbrooke St. West in Montreal, over \$4,000 was raised on behalf of Shriners Hospital for Children as part of the 2008 Tree of Life™ campaign.

The owner pharmacist Léonardo Panunto, accompanied by his 16-year-old niece, Christine Laurin, a Shriners Hospital patient, delivered the donation to the hospital's Administrator Céline Doray.



Another big step for the 22nd Shrine Bowl

It was under sunny skies that Université Laval's Le Rouge et Or beat Montreal's Concordia University Stingers 36 to 13.

According to Montreal Shrine Bowl 2008 president Norton Paish, the activities for the 2008 edition of the Shrine Bowl raised \$46,000, bringing the total amount raised over 22 years to \$700,000.

Norton Paish with players from the two teams and the King and Queen of the Shrine Bowl, seven-year-old Jason Debiassi and 20-year-old Kathryn Cashin.



Kids helping kids

For over 10 years, Courtland Park School in Saint-Bruno, Quebec has been teaching students how to help others. One of the ways it does this is to organize fundraising activities for the Shriners Hospital for Children. Since its beginnings, the school has raised between

\$800 and \$1000 per year. Over 60 young people came to sing at and visit the hospital in April, to the great pleasure of patients such as Jésus Garcia (pictured). In addition to a large bag filled with change, Alex, Bianca, Kyra, Cassandra, Francesca, Kyra and Maya-Jade were pleased to present the Administrator Céline Doray the amount of \$801.

A role model

The Saint-Laurent zone of the Model Aeronautics Association of Canada took the Shriners Hospital under its wings this year by donating a cheque for \$340.

Céline Doray, Administrator, receives the donation from Assistant Zone Director Paul Burrage and Saint-Laurent Zone Director Steve Woloz in front of a scale model carefully assembled by its owner, Mr. Burrage.



The Spirit of Giving

[Guylaine Ouellet] Gifts to Shriners Hospitals for Children provide critical services through patient care, research and education programs that change the lives of children every day.

There are many ways to support the mission of Shriners Hospitals for Children every dollar counts. Here are a few examples.

Making an annual gift through our mail campaigns

Many donors have an ongoing annual commitment to help us to continually provide expert medical care to children, conduct innovative research and teach future generations of caregivers. In honor of this commitment, we will send you an Annual Gift Society pin that shows you are helping us make a difference in the lives of children every day.

Giving in honour or memory of someone special

Making a tribute gift is one of the most meaningful ways you can recognize someone or remember someone dear. Each gift is acknowledged to the donor and the person being honoured or remembered (or to his/her family).

Donations of gifts-in-kind

Our Child Life and School Services Department receives many donations in kind every year. They have built a wish list in order to meet the needs of their activities for patients. Basic guidelines for such gifts include: no latex, no peanuts, no used toys and no toys with small pieces.

Many donors send or drop off a cheque or money order directly at the Hospital on Cedar Avenue or donate online. More information can be found at www.shrinershospitals.org or by calling 800.361.7256. |



A Shriner's Daughter

[Terrance Martin] On November 8, 1996 a Shriner was born. He did not know it at the time, and in fact had little or no knowledge of freemasonry, though the soul of a freemason shaped his character.

With a family of five children, in early 1996 he was surprised with the news that Mom was again pregnant only five months after the birth of their first daughter.

Nevertheless, preparations were made, all seemed in good order and the blessed day came. Happy optimism quickly turned to dark dread as the day progressed, with grave concern reflected in the faces of the medical team as a lump was noticed on Mom's neck and ultrasound images showed baby's head to be abnormally large.

Mikaela's entry into the world that day in all likelihood saved her mom's life, as the previously unnoticed lump was



Noble Terrance Martin, Gizeh Temple, BC, and his daughter Mikaela

diagnosed as a malignant cancer of the thyroid. Ironically, it was subsequently cited as a known factor in the development of prenatal brain abnormalities.

Mikaela was afflicted with cerebral palsy, with the initial prognosis that she was unlikely to develop the capacity to return a smile.

In 2001 Mikaela introduced her Dad to the Shriners Gait Lab at Sunnyhill Children's Hospital as she went on to defy the odds and mystify the experts, and with the assistance of the medical team the terrible progression of the affliction has been significantly reversed.

There is a lesson in humility to be learned when an otherwise self sufficient man begins to glimpse the awful realization that he is for all practical purposes helpless and penniless in the face of the monumental challenges that lie ahead. He found that lesson repeated as he was prepared as a candidate to take the first regular step in freemasonry, and later became a Shriner to help others as he was helped by his brothers.

The Shriner born that day is me, and Mikaela is my little girl. Please accept our thanks. |

Mocha Temple, Bruce Shrine Club

[John McLaughlin] A special Shrine Service was held at the Christ Anglican Church in the village of Invermay, Ontario, a joint service of three area congregations. The service was dedicated

to recognize and say thank you for the contribution of the local Shriners, the Bruce Shrine Club, a unit of Mocha, and Shriners Hospitals for Children, especially recognizing the assistance given local children who are our patients.

The three congregations pledged to collect aluminum cans for the Shriners, one of many local fund raising ventures. The Bruce Shrine Club has been a strong supporter of the Canadian hospital for almost thirty years and has established solid local support.



Noble Gary Maycock, Mocha Noble Jack Cuming, Rev. Linda Nixon, Pastor, Christ Anglican Church, Noble Jim Hudvagner, President, Bruce Shrine Club

Pastor Reverend Linda Nixon co-officiated with Canon Noble Michael Farr, chaplain of Mocha, assisted by Noble Alex Cameron. Following the service a presentation was made during lunch by Board of Governors member III. Sir John McLaughlin about the Canadian hospital in Montreal.

In large part this event was a result of a positive message spread by members of the club who told of how well they were treated while visiting the Canadian hospital, and the quality of the work being done at Shriners hospitals. |

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