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News of
Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Twin Cities
and of
WGA 4 Kidssm

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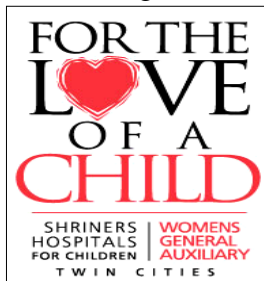
May the spring of your love be tender & sweet,
The summer be rich and fulfilling,
The Autumn be warm
Let there be love always in your life.
Happy Spring Season

WGA Continuing Business

**MEMORIALS [Elizabeth Ekholm, Memorial Chairman,
1703 Lilac Lane, Mendota Heights, MN 55118 Phone:
651-454-5277 or e-mail pekholm@a.com.]**

Memorials and Honorariums for the months of February and March totaled \$2,765. Thank you for your continued support.

Your donations of Gifts, Memorials and Honoraria are given and used



Reminder - Checks for the auxiliary should be made payable to the WOMENS GENERAL AUXILIARY

DISTRIBUTION [Mary Bagwell, Receiving and Distribution Chairman, 12552 Marion Court Rogers, MN 55374 Phone: 702-219-3970 or e-mail mlk002@aol.com;

Audrey Braiedy, Co-Chair, 10465 Yorktown Ln N., Maple Grove, MN 55369 Phone: 763-424-9876 or albraiedy@comcast.net;

Jen Agan, Co-Chair, 9789 208th St. W, Lakeville, MN 55044 Phone: 224-814-9114, aganjen@gmail.com
Pat Jansen, Pop Tab Associate

Nineteen acknowledgments were sent during the month of March in response to various items received and questions asked.

We do need hair brushes and combs. Thank you for all your donations to keep our mission going. The hospital has mandated new policies on acceptable donation items.



We do have containers available for tab collections. Let us know if you can use one. They are made to be used in offices, bars, office spaces, etc. Every tab counts, so encourage everyone you know to collect tabs

FOR THE LOVE OF A CHILD.

DONATED ITEMS

PLEASE NOTE: Due to infection control regulation, and for the safety, allergy and immunity concerns of our patients, we are only able to accept **New** toys and items for patients at the hospital and clinic. Please do not send used items. We cannot accept toys, books, games, stuffed animals or other items that have been previously played with or are from private collections, never played with, but have been in storage.



We also request that no identification stickers or group names be placed on any donated items (i.e. toys, blankets, quilts, etc.). Your cooperation with this new request is greatly appreciated.

Also, we request that you do not send cash inside packages of toys, clothing, knitting, etc. Please send all cash, checks and gift cards to us by mail or in person. Thank you.



CLOTHING [Diane Johnson, Clothing Chairman, 4886 Safari Court S, Eagan, MN 55122, Phone: 651-688-8903 or e-mail djay@msn.com. Laurie Miller, Clothing Associate.]

Clothing items that are needed:

- Pillow cases (standard size)
- Socks for young kids ages 3 – 10 (male and female)
- Travel pillows
- T-shirts for boys and girls (all sizes, especially small children)
- Fleece blankets, approximately 50”x60” preferred, for boys and girls of all ages

We have another very important request: Please make sure that all donations of clothing, blankets, etc. are

CLEAN and SMOKE FREE . Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

KNITTING [Dolly Reynolds, Knitting Chairman, 723 Cartway Rd., Champlin, MN 55316 Phone: 763-421-3499 or e-mail mreyn83217@aol.com. Cindy Tohm, Knitting Associate.]

Afghans have been eliminated from our list of knitted items. The hospital mandate states the afghans get caught in the spokes of the wheelchairs and become a hazard for the child.

We still accept winter items: Hats, mittens, scarves.

We thank all of you dedicated knitters.

TOYS [Kathleen Flicek, Toy Chairman, 2493 Bridgeview Ct, Mendota Heights, MN 55120 Phone: 651-454-7868 or e-mail kflicek@comcast.net. Cathy Sportelli, Toys Associate.]

Our most critical needs are:

- **Baby dolls**
- **Games for pre-teen and teens:**
- **remote controlled cars and trucks,** (ear buds, Frisbees, Frisbee gold, Manga books (comic books), Magic sets, Advanced board games, hand held games, arts and craft sets, footballs, basketballs)

Other items for all ages are:

- Any size activity books
- **Coloring books**
- Barbies (with the real Barbie logo)
- Reading books for teenagers

The WGA **still needs** gift cards (preferably **Target** and **Walmart**) that can be used to purchase items currently needed for the children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Donations

FINANCIALS [Linda Metzger, 5510 Sycamore Ln N, Plymouth, MN 55447 Phone: 612-839-4285 or Linda.metzger@comcast.net]]

Donations for the month March:

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Pay Pal – Misc. – Chuck Sohm

Fidelity Charitable – Tripoli – Dr. James & Suzanne Gallai Family Fund

Anonymous – Misc.

Bright Funds Foundation – Misc. - VMware Foundation

Byrl Johnson – Misc.

Cybergrants, LLC – Misc. – J.C. Penny/ Anonymous

National Philanthropic Trust – Misc. – Jerry E. Payne Legacy Foundation

Benevity – Misc. – Ameriprise/Anonymous

Benevity – Misc. – Cargill/Marce-Spies Johnson;

Benevity – Misc. – United Health/Sara Isbell

Good Done Great – Msc. – Ecolab/Morgan Wanless

Thank you. Your donations help us continue our mission.

You can donate to the WGA 4 Kids through your employers giving programs. Some of you have already donated through The United Way. You will need our 501(c) 3 Federal ID # to do this, which you can obtain by calling Linda Lattimore at 763-545-5770 or Carol Miner at 763-535-5011

Auxiliary News

Please send us news on your current auxiliary activities. Bring your camera to your events and snap a picture to send to us.

WGA 4 Kids News

The Annual Meeting held at the Ramada Hotel in Minneapolis on May 1 & 2 was well attended. The auxiliaries shared many stories of their activities throughout this past year.

Many auxiliaries reported increases in their memberships. That is a very encouraging sign. We hope to keep the momentum going.



[General Chairman, Carol Miner, calling meeting to order.]



[Betty Porter, Recording Secretary; Linda Lattimore, Treasurer; Linda Metzger, Financial Chairman; Elizabeth Ekholm, Gifts, Memorials, Honoraria Chairman.]

Our guest was Joe K., a 16 year old boy from North Dakota. Joe came with a power point presentation that he had put

together on his many uses of his power wheelchair provided by WGA 4 Kids. His presentation was very informative as we saw how the versatility of his chair allows him to play an active role in many school activities.



[Joe K. our special guest at the 94th Annual Meeting of WGA 4 Kids.]



[Joe explaining a picture of him on an athletic track at school.]

[See more pictures of Joe and auxiliary members on the back page of newsletter.]

Internet Access to WGA 4 Kids

Our WGA 4 Kids website is getting a lot of attention. We have had many good comments about how nice it looks. Please go to:

www.wga4kids.org/

Q? If you have questions about us, please call 612-596-6233 (auxiliary office).

Reminders

Auxiliary Bylaws should be kept up to date and a copy filed with WGA. Contact the WGA if you have any questions.

OUTREACH

If you would like a visit by a Board member at one of your auxiliary meetings, please contact Carol Miner, WGA Chairman, with your request.

Volunteer Hours

Please send your volunteer hours to Carol Miner. We have not received any recently, and I know you have been working with your auxiliary.

Hospital Tours

If you have a group or know of a group that would like a tour of the Hospital and Parent Accommodation Center, please call Lauren Elm at lelm@shrinenet.org or at 612-596-6119 to prearrange the tour.

News from the Hospital

Other current news from Shriners Hospitals for Children—Twin Cities can be obtained by going to our website at www.wga4kids.org

The 2nd Annual GALA, a fundraiser for the hospital, will be held on June 2nd. You can contact Jennifer Sutch regarding this event (612-596-6201).



Shriners Hospitals for Children - Twin Cities
15 hrs · 🌐

Join us for our Hospital Day Open House on Saturday May 20 from 9am-1pm. Visit locations around the hospital and hear presentations from departments including the orthotics and prosthetics lab, surgical area, clinic and more. The front lawn will be filled with fun activities such as a trout fishing pond and games. See you there!
https://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/.../TWI_Hospital...

Hospital Day Open House
Presentations will be stationed in hospital departments. You will be given a map upon arrival and can travel around on your own.
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WGA 4 Kids will also be at Hospital Day. Visit our table in front of the hospital. We will be selling our T-shirts, mugs, pins, etc. Tours will be given of WGA Building.

WGA 4 Kids on Facebook

There are more pictures and stories posted on our Facebook page. Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/wga4kids>. You do not have to be a member of Facebook to visit us. Let us know what you think.

Thru the Window on Line

You can also view the newsletter in color on our Website (www.wga4kids.org.) Just click on the tab “News & Events.” Let us know your thoughts.

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Please send your “sign-up-e-mail” to me at: Cminer8727@aol.com

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[Dan Filipovich, Rehabilitation Designs Inc. (RDI); Joe K, Michael Hannula, RDI; Joe’s father, Gerald, and sister, Kayla. WGA 4 Kids gave him a Minnesota WILD t-shirt and an iTunes gift card.]



[Annual Meeting delegates; Joe's mother (lower left corner of picture) WGA 4 Kids Board of Directors members, Jen Agan, Chairman Pop Tabs; Audrey Braiedy and Mary Bagwell, Co-Chairmen Receiving & Distribution; and Pat Jansen, Associate in Receiving & Distribution.]



[Cindy Thom, Associate in Knitting; Dolly Reynolds, Knitting Chairman; with knitted items for sale at Annual Meeting.]