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News of
Shriners Hospitals for Children® —Twin Cities
and of
WGA 4 Kids®

October 2017

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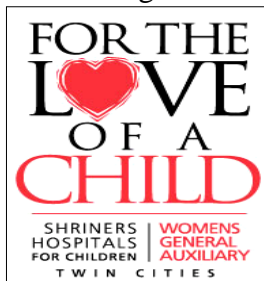
"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor,
summer an oil painting
and autumn a mosaic of them all."
- Stanley Horowitz

WGA Continuing Business

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

Gifts, Memorials and Honoraria for the months of
September and October will be posted in the
November newsletter. 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
WGA 4 Kids**



The tab donations remain very
strong. We will go to recycling
sometime in November. Every tab
counts, so encourage everyone you
know to collect tabs FOR THE
LOVE OF A CHILD.

DONATED ITEMS

Please remember to insert your name or your group's name and address on all bags or boxes containing your donated items. That will help us sending our thank you notes.



PLEASE NOTE: A new hospital policy requests 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.]

Although we can always use fleece blankets that the children love, these items listed below are especially needed now.

Fleece blankets

- Blanket patterns for young girls and boys are very popular. Blankets should be approximately 50 x 60

Hospital Gowns

- Small, Medium, Large & X-Large are needed for use in the new EOS Imaging Machine. (Large and X-Large are needed now.)
- The staff is requesting solid color gowns (no sheers) in bright colors (pinks, blues, oranges, etc.)
- Shoulders should be machine stitched
- **No metal at all please**

Socks

- Knee high and tube socks (all ages) in bright colors and patterns

Ice Bag Covers

- Use two snaps or a drawstring closure so ice does not fall out. 9"x12" size. Fabric should be cotton or flannel, (no fleece as it does not stay cold)

Continue to check *Thru the Window* for further needs.

We have another very important request: Please make sure that all donations of clothing, blankets, afghans, etc. are **CLEAN and **SMOKE FREE**. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.**

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

We will be needing more hats and mittens for our mitten tree. Winter will be soon be here.

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 supply of toys is extremely low. We need toys for all ages. 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**
- 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 of September:

October:

CyberGrants/Travelers – Misc./Rita Oliver
Your Cause, LLC – Misc. AT&T/Peggy Sundet
Wisconsin Valley Aux. – Kohl’s Grant – Wheelchair Fund
HO HO Area Shrine Classic Car Club – Misc. – Zuhrah
Wava Grinde – Zor Auxiliary
Cybergrants/Xcel Energy – Misc. – Gary Kulkay
Cash – Misc. – MSA Basket Raffle – Wheelchair Fd.
Sandra Parnell – Misc. – MSA Basket Raffle – Wheelchair Fund
Ron Breberg – Misc. – MSA Quilt Raffle – Wheelchair Fund
Sarah Kipp – Misc. – MSA Quilt Raffle – Wheelchair Fund
Cash – Misc. – MSA Quilt Raffle – Wheelchair Fund
Zuhrah Funsters – Misc. – Zuhrah – Bike Raffle – Wheelchair Fund
Northern Metal Recycling – Misc. – Pop Tabs – Wheelchair Fund
Wisconsin Valley Aux. – Noodles Fundraiser – Wheelchair Fund
Benevity – Misc. – Cargill/Marce-Spies Johnson; United Health/Sara Isbell
Benevity – Misc. – Ameriprise/Anonymous
Wisconsin Valley Aux. – Toys
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Zuhrah Antique Car Unit – Misc. – Zuhrah
Cybergrants, LLC- Misc. – JC Penny / Anonymous
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Zor Auxiliary: Diane Ward, Anne Becker, Elizabeth Glaaser, Mary Krinke, Debra Thorstad, Martha Buehler, Margaret Jones, Phyllis Winter, Phyllis Komplin – Misc.
MGM Resorts Foundation – Misc. – Suzanne Dutt
Cybergrants/Aetna – El Zagal Hosp. Aux.
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Pay Pal – Osman Women’s Aux. – Anonymous
Benevity – Misc. - Unknown

Thank you. Your donations help us continue our mission.

Wheelchair Funding

There has been a significant increase in Wheelchairs funded by our organization this year. During the period of January to August 2017, we have provided 41 wheelchairs for patients at Shriners Hospitals for Children—Twin Cities. During the same time period in 2016, we provided 27 wheelchairs. This represents an increase of 41%.

As the mission of the WGA 4 Kids Shriners Hospitals for Children—Twin Cities is to provide mobility equipment for the children, we will continue to provide wheelchairs even though we have exceeded the \$250,000 amount budgeted for 2017, we still have 4 months left in 2017. We appreciate the continued support from all the auxiliaries working very hard to raise donations for the Wheelchair Fund. Without your help the children we serve at Shriners Hospitals for Children—Twin Cities would not experience the quality of everyday living with the independence provided by these wheelchairs.

All your time and effort is greatly appreciated!

You can donate to the WGA 4 Kids through your employer’s 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 763-535-501

Auxiliary News

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.

WGA 4 Kids News

The 2018 WGA 4 Kids Annual Meeting dates have been set for April 23 & 24. We look forward to seeing you then.

WGA 4 Kids does have shirts in various sizes with the new logo. I have listed the information on the last page. We also have shirts with For the Love of the Child. Please contact Diane Johnson, Clothing Chairman, at:

651-688-8903
612-267-9982 (C)

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

For news and updates from Shriners Hospitals for Children—Twin Cities, visit their website at twincitiesshrinershospital.org and follow them on social media:

facebook.com/ShrinersTWI

twitter.com/shrines

youtube.com/shrinershospitals

instagram.com/shrinershospitaltwincities

Internet Access to WGA

Our WGA 4 Kids website is getting A lot of attention. 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.

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.

Womens General Auxiliary on Facebook

There are more pictures and stories posted on our Facebook page. Go to:
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.

If you would prefer to view TTW online rather than receive it in the mail, we will send you a notification when an issue is published. To receive the notification of the current issue by e-mail, we must have your correct e-mail address. Please send me an e-mail with your name, and auxiliary/club name. That will ensure we use an accurate e-mail address.

Please send your "sign-up e-mail" to me at: cminer8727@aol.com

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WGA 4 Kids Shirts:

The shirts are all black.

Men's T-Shirts:

L - XL	\$18.00
2X & Larger	\$20.00

Polo Shirts:

L - XL	\$32.00
2X & Larger	\$35.00

Women's T-Shirts:

M - XL	\$18.00
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Polo Shirts:

L - XL	\$32.00
2X & Larger	\$35.00

These are available on our Gift Corner in the Shriners Hospital—Twin Cities lobby.

All mail orders must be prepaid plus \$6.00 postage.

