

# Thru the Window...<sup>sm</sup>



News of  
Shriners Hospitals for Children<sup>®</sup> —Twin Cities  
and of  
**WGA 4 Kids<sup>®</sup>**

**November 2017**

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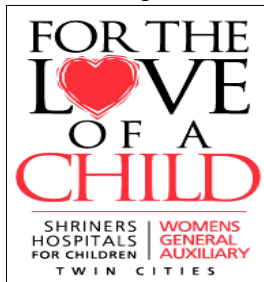
*Thank you for reminding us  
We have so much to be  
Thankful for!*

**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.]**

Gifts, Memorials and Honoraria for the month of September and October totaled \$3,505. 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**

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

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Maple Grove, MN 55369 Phone: 763-424-9876 or  
albraiedy@comcast.net;**

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

We do need hair brushes. Thank you for all your donations to keep our mission going. Donations have been coming in at a steady pace. Please remember that we can only accept **NEW** items. Thanks for your support.



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 [dijay@comcast.net](mailto:dijay@comcast.net) 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](mailto:mreyn83217@aol.com) Cindy Tohm, Knitting Associate.]**

How about that? Winter has arrived. We will be needing more hats and mittens for our mitten tree.

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 [kmflicek@gmail.com](mailto:kmflicek@gmail.com) 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](mailto:Linda.metzger@comcast.net)]

Donations for the month of October:

### **October:**

**Dorothy Schulz – Misc. – Gift Corner item**  
**Your Cause, LLC – Misc. – Kersten Bennett/Best Buy**  
**MGM Resorts Foundation – Misc. – Suzanne Dutt**  
**Your Cause, LLC – Misc. – AT&T/ Peggy Sundet**  
**Zuhrah Cycle Corps – Misc.**  
**MGM Resorts Foundation – Misc. – Suzanne Dutt**  
**Cybergrants/Target – Misc. – Anonymous**  
**Cybergrants/Target – Misc. – Anonymous**  
**Andrew Hockert – Misc. – J. Oliver & Zuhrah Unit Heads**  
**Wisconsin Valley Aux. – Toys**  
**Pay Pal – Osman Women’s Aux. – Anonymous**  
**Benevity – Misc. – Cargill/Marce-Spies Johnson; United Health/Sara Isbell**  
**Benevity – Misc. – Ameriprise/Anonymous**  
**Good Done Great – Misc. – Ecolab/Morgan Wanless**

Thank you. Your donations help us continue our mission.

**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**

See last page of newsletter for information on our participation in the [GiveMN.org](http://GiveMN.org) fundraiser for nonprofits. The Womens General Auxiliary is participating in this again this year.

## 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 with the new logo in various sizes on our Gift Corner at the Shriners Hospital-TC. I have listed the sizes and pricing 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)  
[dijay@comcast.net](mailto:dijay@comcast.net)

We have started filling Christmas stockings to be handed out to the hospital and clinic patients next month. We are looking for volunteers for both stuffing stocking now and the stocking giveaways starting the first week in December. If you would like to help, please contact Audrey Braiedy or Kathy Flicek. Audrey’s contact information can be found in this newsletter under Receiving. Kathy’s information can be found under Toys.

## 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](mailto:lelm@shrinenet.org) or at 612-596-6119 to prearrange the tour.

## Other Auxiliary News

Article provided by Advisory Board member, Amy Hering:

### Little East-West Shrine Game Parade Oasis

The St. Croix Valley Women's Auxiliary was happy to host another successful Oasis for the many Shrine units that came to River Falls to perform in the parade on Saturday, October 7. Although it was a cool and rainy day, the Shriners from both sides of the St. Croix River showed up for fun, food and excellent parade performances. The ladies provide baked goods, coffee, hot cocoa, hot dogs and brats for a free will donation. The ladies would like to thank the American Legion for providing the space, and the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club for providing tents, grills, and grill masters. The ladies also hosted a sale of Shrine merchandise. They are looking forward to selling at the 2017 Ceremonial in Plover, WI on December 2.



[L-R: Amy Hering, Holly Behr, and Tammy Keller.]

Another great story from Amy Hering:

The St. Croix Valley Women's Auxiliary held their annual auction on Friday, November 3 at Ready Randy's in New Richmond, WI. The auxiliary would like to offer a special thank you to member Pearl Christianson, who has chaired the auction for many years. She did a wonderful job of organizing this event, even while caring for her husband in his declining health. Auction items are collected by local Shrine members and auxiliary members, from personal donations, local businesses and other organizations. Some of the highlights were the homemade desserts, a Masonic cooler made by a local Shriner, and a rag quilt

made by Pearl just for this event. The auction raised just over **\$8,000**, all to be donated to the WGA 4 Kids Wheelchair Fund. The auxiliary would also like to thank professional auctioneer, Gary Kruger for providing his services. The auction takes place each November, and we invite any other WGA 4 Kids supporters to join us!



[Gary Kruger chants for bids while Pearl Christensen and Auxiliary President, Tammy Keller show off the merchandise.]

## News from the Hospital

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

[Facebook](#)  
[Twitter](#)  
[Youtube](#)  
[Instagram](#)

## Internet Access to WGA

Our WGA 4 Kids website is getting A lot of attention. Please go to: [www.wga4kids.org/](http://www.wga4kids.org/)  
Q? If you have questions about us, please Call 612-596-6233 (auxiliary office) or Carol Miner, General Chairman, at 612-535-5011

## 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](http://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](http://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: [cmminer8727@aol.com](mailto:cmminer8727@aol.com)

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## Information on ordering shirts:

Contact: Diane Johnson, Clothing Chairman  
651-688-8903  
612-267-9982 (C)  
Email: [dijay@comcast.net](mailto:dijay@comcast.net)

## 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.

[See picture of WGA 4 Kids Gift Corner on next page.]

**Donating to WGA 4 Kids (formerly Womens General Auxiliary) through the GiveMN.org 2017 Fundraiser campaign on Thursday, November 16, 2017)**

November is the month for “give To The MAX”. The Thursday before Thanksgiving (November 16, 2017) is focused on fundraising for all Minnesota nonprofits. The Womens General Auxiliary has been a part of this campaign for many years.

This year is especially important for you to consider us with a donation. The cost of providing and repairing wheelchairs has risen dramatically. We are committed to providing wheelchairs to any patient at Shriners Hospitals for Children® —Twin Cities that needs one. Please help us continue our mission of helping patients and their families at Shriners Hospitals for Children—Twin Cities. Please go to: [www.GiveMN.org](http://www.GiveMN.org) to donate.

We will also gladly accept any donation from you directly at:

WGA 4 Kids  
Shriners Hospitals for Children—Twin Cities  
2025 East River Parkway  
Minneapolis, MN 55414

**Thank you for your support**

**WGA 4 Kids Gift Corner** at Shriners Hospitals for Children—Twin Cities:

