

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



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

**January/February 2018**

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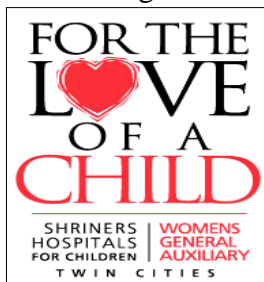
Friendship isn't how you forget, but how you forgive.  
Not how you listen, but how you understand.  
Not how you see, but how you feel.  
Not how you let go, but how you hold on!

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 months of December & January totaled \$20,801.33. 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;**

**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****

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.



A CHILD.

The pop tab donations have been Great. The tabs are being taken to the recycling center on Monday, February 12. Every tab counts, so encourage everyone you know to collect tabs FOR THE LOVE OF

## **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@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 and 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.]**

With the continuation of our cold spell, we find that we need more 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 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**
- 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 months of December & January:

### December

Pay Pal – Michael Bischoff  
El Kahir Aux. – Quilt raffle & craft fair donation  
Robbinsdale Shrine Club  
Green Bay Aux.  
Your Cause, LLC – Hibbing Aux. = AT&T/Peggy Sundet  
CyberGrants/J C Penney – Anonymous  
CyberGrants/Travelers – Rita Oliver  
St. Croix Valley Aux. – Auction & Aux. member Donation  
St. Croix Valley: Barry Ausen, Robert Hering, Julie Riemenschneider, Larry Riemenschneider, Christina Vannes, Milton Helmer, Julie White, Jerry Dubois, Deanna Tronrud, Heather Bristol, Heather Boucher, Arvid Flanum, Douglas Hoffman, Judy Rommel, Jean Boucher, Tammy Winkelman, Diane Wolfe  
Cybergrants/Target – Anonymous  
Cybergrants/Aetna – Robyn Johnsen & Anonymous  
Good Done Great – Ecolab/Morgan Wanless  
Benevity – Cargill/Sara Isbell  
Benevity – United Health/Marcie Spies-Johnson  
Willmar Shrine Aux. – Year End  
ZOR Auxiliary – Year End  
Ho Ho Ladies – Year End  
Ottertail County Aux. – Year End  
Adams County Shrine Club – Za-Ga-Zig Aux. – Annual Awards Night  
Antique Tractor Club – Za-Ga-Zig Aux. – Annual Awards Night  
Nishna Valley Aux. – Annual Awards Night  
Public Relations Unit – Za-Ga-Zig Aux. – Annual Awards Night  
Pay Pal – Osman Women's Aux. – Anonymous  
Thrivent Choice – Shari Elliott & Al Heiraas  
MGM Resorts Foundation – Kem Women's Aux. Suzanne Dutt  
Raymond and Connie Wiese  
Cybergrants/J C Penney – Anonymous  
Cybergrants/Xcel Energy – Ken Kulkay (2)  
Anonymous – Clinic  
Fidelity Charitable – Mr. & Mrs. Godarzi  
Cybergrants/Xcel Energy – Gary Kulkay  
Cybergrants/Aetna – El Zagal Aux. – Robyn Johnson

Za-Ga-Zig – Ladies Aux. – Dinners & craft sale  
El Zagal Shrine Aux. – Year-end  
Yelduz Womens Aux. – Year-end  
Abu Bekr Women's Aux. – Year-end  
Your Cause/Ryan Cos. – Lauanne Hirschel  
Good Done Great – Ecolab/Morgan Wanless  
Give MN/K Foundation – Kelly Lamphear-Dash, Roberta Macdonald, Steven Downs  
Cash – Misc. donation  
Patricia Fox – Misc.  
Ft. Kearney Aux. – Year-end  
El Riad Hospital Aux. – Year-End  
Aad Shrine Women's Aux. – Year-end  
St. Croix Valley Aux. – Year End  
Frauenshuh, Inc. – Misc.  
Nickie Waddell – shirts  
Sharon Kouba – shirts  
Patricia Zinser – shirts  
B P O Elks Lodge – Misc.  
Zuhrah Steel Drum Band – Zuhrah Womens Aux.  
Zuhrah Cobra Corps – Zuhrah Womens Aux.  
Zuhrah Antique Car Unit – Zuhrah Womens Aux.  
Palmer Welcome Auto – Zuhrah Womens Aux. – Ho Ho Classic Cars  
Main Street Dental – Zuhrah Womens Aux. – Ho Ho Classic Cars  
Tehama Shrine Hospital Aux. – Year-end  
Appleton Shrine Aux. – Year-end  
Anoka Women's Aux. – Year-end  
Zuhrah Womens Aux. – Year-end  
Naja Shrine Aux. – Year-end  
Gift corner – shirt sales  
Benevity – Ameriprise/Anonymous  
Benevity – Cargill/Marce-Spies Johnson; United Health/Sara Isbell

### January

Valley Lanes – Zuhrah Womens Aux.  
Sheryl Tellers/Zuhrah Ceremonial – Zuhrah Womens Aux.  
Zuhrah Ceremonial – Zuhrah Womens Aux.  
McCook Shrine Aux. (Misc. and Year End)  
United Way – Zuhrah – Jason Stagsetter  
Your Cause, LLC – Hibbing Aux. AT&T/Peggy Sundet  
Osman Womens's Aux. – 2017 Year End  
Cybergrants/Target – Misc. (2)  
MGM Resorts Foundation – Kem Women's Aux. Suzanne Dutt  
Patricia Lamon – OES #238  
Carol Johnson – OES #238  
Darla Johnson – OES #238  
Linda Lattimore – cash donations – OES #238  
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Litchfield Shrine Club – Zuhrah Women's Aux.  
Give MN/K Foundation – Grant Volkman  
Julie Hillman  
Your Cause, LLC – AT&T/Peggy Sundet

**Andrew Shell – St. Croix Valley Aux.**  
**El Kahir Women’s Aux. – 2017 Year End**  
**Osman’s Women’s Aux.**  
**Tangier Women’s Aux. – 2017 Year End**  
**Fidelity Charitable – Dr. Pravin & Mrs. Mita Patel**  
**Cybergrants/J C Penney – Anonymous**  
**MGM Resorts Foundation – Suzanne Dutt**  
**Benevity – Cargill/Marce-Spies Johnson; United Health/Sara Isbell**  
**Benevity – Anonymous**  
**PayPal – Osman Women’s Aux. – Anonymous**  
**Good Done Great – 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**

## 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 (763-535-5011) with your request.

Please send us news on your current auxiliary activities.

## WGA 4 Kids News

The Annual Meeting dates for **2018** are **April 23 & 24**. The venue has been changed to the **Radisson Hotel Roseville, 2540 North Cleveland Avenue, Roseville, MN 55113 651-636-4567**

WGA 4 Kids does have ladies polo shirts with the new logo in sizes M, L, and XL 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. Ordering information is listed on the last page of this newsletter.

## Questions about WGA

If you have questions about us, please call 612-596-6233 (auxiliary office) or WGA 4 Kids Chairman, Carol Miner, at 763-535-5011

## 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 <http://lelm@shrinenet.org> or at 612-596-6119 to prearrange the tour.

## Other Auxiliary News

Article provided by Advisory Board member, Faye Daniels:

Shown front Raychel Chramosta, middle Jean Morton, Ryan Houser back Nobel Mel Morton. Mel and Jean’s niece Raychel and her boyfriend have been saving tabs for the hospital. In September they turned in 5 gallons of tabs. Over the New Year’s week end they donated roughly 96 gallons of tabs. Ryan’s aunt and uncle Jayce and Jae Houser of Kearney have been saving tabs for about 15 years and in the past have donated them to the Ronald McDonald House. They had three 30-gallon trashcans full and when they found out what

Ryan and Raychel were saving them for the Shrine Hospital, decided to donate them to WGA 4 Kids. Thank you Raychel, Ryan, Jayce and Jae for your support.

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Womens Genera Auxiliary 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.

What a great tab donation to WGA 4 Kids. Thank you.

Thru the Window on Line

Reminders

You can also view the newsletter in color on our Website <http://www.wga4kids.org> Just click on the tab “& Events.” Let us know your thoughts.

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

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.

**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.

Please send your “sign-up-e-mail” to me at: [cminer8727@aol.com](mailto:cminer8727@aol.com)

News from the Hospital

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

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Editor, Thru the Window  
8727 North Brook Circle  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

[Facebook](#)

A couple of pictures taken during the Christmas stocking distribution. We had some very happy children with their stockings.



ZOR Shrine member Bob Herring and St. Croix Valley Auxiliary Chairman, Tammy Winkelman in front of the beautiful tree and all the toys.

**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 \$5.00 postage.



**ZOR Shrine and St. Croix Valley Womens Auxiliary** held a toy drive. We thank all the members for the great toy donations.