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

**March 2018**



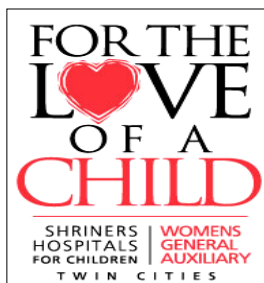
May your troubles be less  
and your blessings be more  
And nothing but happiness  
come through your door

## WGA 4 Kids 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 February and March will be reported in the April 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**

**DISTRIBUTION [Mary Bagwell, Receiving and  
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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.



The pop tab donations have been Great. Our trip to the recycling center was very profitable. We delivered 2,794 lbs. at \$.65 per pound for a total of \$1,816.10.

Every tab counts, so encourage everyone you know to collect tabs **FOR THE LOVE OF A CHILD**. [See photos on page 5.]

## **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.]**

Please start sending mittens, hats and scarves to us again in early fall so we have a supply for the next winter season. 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 – no crayons at this time. We could use colored pencils for older patients activity 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 February:

### February

**Your Cause LLC – Wells Fargo**  
**Thrivent Choice – ZOR Women’s Aux. – Diane Ward**  
**MGM Resorts Foundation – Kem Women’s Aux.- Suzanne Dutt**  
**Herman Meier – Ken Women’s Aux. – Member, Minot S.C.**  
**Cybergrants/JC Penny – Misc. – Anonymous**  
**Cybergrants/Xcel Energy – Brainerd Aux. – Gary Kulkey**  
**Your Cause, LLC – Hibbing Aux. – Ryan Cos./ Joshua Bergstrom**  
**Your Cause, LLC – Hibbing Auxiliary – AT&T/Peggy Sundet**  
**Carol Dawidowicz – Zuhrah Auxiliary**  
**Tangier Womens Aux. – Arbor Shrine Club**  
**Your Cause, LLC – Misc. – Best Buy/Kristen Bennet (2 entries)**  
**Kem Provost Unit – Kem Women’s Aux. – Walk Of Glory – Stephen S.C. Funsters; Kem Directors Staff; Kem Shrine Changers; Kem Roughriders**  
**Good Done Great – Misc. – Ecolab/Morgan Wanless**  
**Benevity – Misc. – Cargill/Marce-Spies Johnson; United Health/Sara Isbell**  
**Benevity – Osman Women’s Aux. - Anonymous**

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 4 Kids

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.

## News from other Auxiliaries and Shrines

Article provided by Don Thomson PP, Khartum Shriners Hospital Chairman, Canada:

Trish Hutton, a Khartum Shrine Patient from Thunder Bay, Ontario, had a toy drive and collected approximately \$4,000 worth of toys. What a great toy donation to the kids at Shriners Hospital – TC. Thank you, Trish.



[Trish with the huge toy donation.]

## 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.

## 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:

[Facebook](#)

[Twitter](#)

[YouTube](#)

[Instagram](#)

**Please see last page of newsletter for a statement from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Roger Robinson, regarding the current information on Shriners Hospital – Twin Cities.**

## 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 <http://www.wga4kids.org> Just click on the tab “& 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](mailto:cminer8727@aol.com)

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Editor, Thru the Window  
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Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

### 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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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.

Photos from latest Pop Tab collection:



[Jen Agan, Pop Tab Chairman.]

Our “wonderful” volunteers:



[Pictured: Jen Agan, Sue Borgerson, Tim Davison, Phil Epstin, Dawn McCarthy, Aaron Davison, Micheal Reynolds.]

**Statement from Board of Governors of  
Shriners Hospitals for Children® —Twin Cities:**

Nobles and Friends,

Recently, it was announced that changes were being considered for how we care for our kids at Shriners Hospitals for Children-Twin Cities. These changes are in concert with the national trends in healthcare toward more outpatient-oriented care while the need for overnight medical (inpatient) care declines. At present, only a small part of our service involves overnight stays.

Recent news stories together with recent discussions at the winter MSA meeting has created uncertainty, many questions and a slew of rumors both for the nobility and for our staff.

The SHC-TWI Board of Governors want to make some things very clear, and end some rumors; We ARE NOT closing the Twin Cities Hospital! We are developing plans for a transition to an Ambulatory Surgical Center service model. The vast majority of our work is currently in an outpatient environment and none of that is changing. Our kids will continue to get the greatest care available to them just as they always have. The only change is for the inpatient procedures in which case we will shift them to other partnering facilities just as we are currently doing in some cases.

Along with this change we are also planning efforts to expand our presence throughout our service area. This expansion will take on a variety of forms that could include new affiliations with other healthcare organizations and individual providers, expanding the use of our telehealth technologies and establishing physical clinics just as a few examples. We see this as an exciting opportunity and supports the SHC system initiative of “Reaching More Kids in More Places”.

As a Board, we want you to know that we are fully engaged in this change process and are committed to giving all our nobility and our friends valid information about any changes, and we are also committed to ensuring any changes are done in a proper and well planned out format that not only creates “logical” business sense, but also

remembers the human element of all involved, both our wonderful staff, our patients and their families. The SHC-Twin Cities Board of Governors has communicated our expectations regarding planning and timelines for any transition to the Joint Boards to ensure all parties involved have like expectations.

We ask for your continued help and support as these changes unfold. We commit to communicating information to all the Temples supporting SHC-Twin Cities. On behalf of the SHC-TWI Board of Governors, we thank you and your nobility for your support!

Please do not hesitate to contact me or your local board members with any questions or concerns.

Fraternally,

P.P. Roger J Robinson  
Chairman, Board of Governors  
Shriners Hospitals for Children – Twin Cities