

Thru the Window...



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

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A MESSAGE TO YOU FROM ELIZABETH EKHOLM WGA4KIDS GENERAL CHAIRMAN

First of all, I wish to thank you for all of your support and tremendous support to our Board, which in turn allows us to provide for the many needs of “our kids” at our Shriners Healthcare for Children-Twin Cities. Your financial gifts, toys, clothing and other needed items has been amazing. I know how hard you all work in so many ways. What would “our kids” do without you?

We are now in a time of transition: A new name (Shriners Healthcare for Children –Twin Cities) and looking for a new location to provide the best care for the children and their families.

Our WGA 4 Kids Board is meeting with Charles Lobeck, Administrator, each month to keep abreast of where we are in this transition. That is why I have chosen “TRANSITION TIME TOGETHER” as we look toward a changed future for the hospital and for us, the auxiliaries, that have supported this institution since 1923.

In the future, our Board will look different as to how we do things and how we can best relate to the changing needs for care and support for “our kids”. They will always be the primary force for us and we hope the primary force for you.

In this issue is a page of Q and A from the hospital that should help you stay properly informed. Please share this information with all interested parties. That will be a huge help to the staff caring for the children and to us, who support all that is done for “our kids”

We will keep you posted as things change and become clear as to where all of this will settle. Again, I thank you for all that you do and hopefully continue to do.

In Appreciation,
Elizabeth Ekholm, General Chairman
WGA4KIDS Auxiliary Board
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Facility Update

Nov/Dec 2018

QUESTION: Did you change the name from Shriners Hospitals for Children to Shriners Healthcare for Children?

ANSWER: Yes! To reflect our new model of care, the Twin Cities site name is now Shriners Healthcare for Children — Twin Cities (SHC-Twin Cities). Please update our name and logo in all signage and marketing materials.

Q: Is SHC-Twin Cities closing?

A: No, SHC-Twin Cities is not closing but we have discontinued onsite surgery service. The majority of surgeries are now performed at Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare in St. Paul by SHC-Twin Cities surgeons. Families and others requiring overnight lodging will take advantage of discounted rates at nearby hotels. All clinic services will continue at our current location on 2025 East River Parkway in Minneapolis.

Q: What is happening to the building on East River Parkway in Minneapolis?

A: In the future, the clinic will move to a different, well-equipped and appropriately sized site in the Twin Cities metro area where outpatient services will continue.

Q: Does SHC-Twin Cities and WGA4Kids have storage space and need for donations such as pop tabs, blankets, toys, etc.?

A: Yes, the WGA4Kids will continue to accept and store these donations. Their primary fundraising focus continues to be for wheelchairs and adaptive equipment — so please keep sending in pop tabs and financial donations!

Q: Is SHC-Twin Cities and Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare merging or now affiliated?

A: No, we are not merging or affiliating with Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare. We have an agreement for our surgeons to use their operating room and inpatient care unit.

Q: Do we provide financial assistance to patients having surgery offsite?

A: Yes, both SHC-Twin Cities and Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare offer financial assistance to our patients. Families are encouraged to contact our financial assistance counselor for details and options.

Q: What does the future hold for SHC-Twin Cities?

A: Our new care model includes our current outpatient clinic services (physician visits, radiology, rehabilitation, orthotics & prosthetics) plus the use of telehealth and offsite outreach clinic operations to grow. We intend to help more children in more places under our new model of care.

Q: Does SHC-Twin Cities still need financial donations?

A: Yes, now more than ever! With over 3,000 patients annually, we continue to raise funds so that kids can reach their fullest potential and lead fulfilling lives. Gifts are needed that support our mission as well as specific programs and services.

Please contact us with questions:

Administration: 612-596-6112

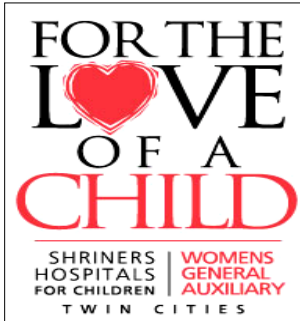
Donations: 612-596-6201

Marketing: 612-596-6119

WGA Continuing Business

Gifts, Memorials and Honoraria are now incorporated in the Financial Report.

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



Reminder - Checks for the auxiliary should be made payable to the WGA 4 Kids

We ask that you start thinking about monetary donations for our Wheelchair Fund.



The tab donations remain very strong. We encourage those that have a recycling facility in your own area to start using it. Every tab counts, so encourage everyone you know to collect tabs FOR THE

LOVE OF A CHILD.

Thanks for your support!

Volunteer Hours

We were informed by the Hospital Administrator that we no longer need to report the hours. You may, however, want to keep track of the hours for your own information.

DISTRIBUTION [Mary Bagwell, Receiving and Distribution Chairman, 12552 Marion Court, Rogers, MN 55374, Phone: 702-219-3970 E-mail mlk002@aol.com; Audrey Braiedy, Co-Chair, 10465 Yorktown Ln N., Maple Grove, MN 55369, Phone:763-424-9876, Email: albraiedy@comcast.net; Jen Agan, Co-Chair, 9789 208th St. W, Lakeville, MN 55044; Phone: 224-814-9114, Email: aganjen@gmail.com; Pat Jansen, Pop Tab Associate]

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. Thank you!



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

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.

Here is the list of the items we **no longer need**:

Hospital Gowns

Pillows

Christmas stockings

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.

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; 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:

(ear buds, Frisbees, Frisbee gold, Manga books (comic books), Magic sets, Advanced board games, hand held games, arts and craft sets, footballs, basketballs)

Remote controlled cars and trucks,

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]

Monetary donations have been very good in the past three months!

October

Cybergrants – Misc. – Anonymous

Osman Women's Auxiliary – Osman Auxiliary

MGM Resorts Foundation – Kem Women's Aux. – Suzanne Dutt

Betty Brewer Misc. – Lunch Bunch

Willmar Area Shrine Club – Misc.- Toys

Cash – Zuhrah Women's Aux. – Bunco – Toys

El Zagal Shrine Hosp. Aux.

Matejka Recycling – Misc. Winona Ladies – Wheelchair Fund

Minneapolis Foundation – Misc. – Frederick D. Conrad & Jean Conrad Fund

Audrey Norte – Osman Women's Aux. – Dr. Sam Volleyball Fundraiser

Cash – Zuhrah Women's Aux. Bunco – Toys

Benevity – Misc. – Cargill/Sara Isbell; Ameriprise/ Jody Gerlach; United Health/Marce Spies Johnson

Benevity – Misc. Ameriprise/T-Mobil – Anonymous

Wells Fargo Comm. Corp. – Misc. Anonymous

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.

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 763-258-4654.

Auxiliary News

EL KAHIR AUXILIARY:

Article and pictures provided by Marty Mullnix, member of El Kahir Shrine Auxiliary:



With shopping carts – El Kahir Shrine Auxiliary members, Nickie Waddell, Marty Mullnix, Susie Olson, Sharon Kouba, and Patty Zinser filled 5 shopping carts full of items. Thank you to Kohl’s staff for making our shopping experience fun and easy.



With items displayed – “Thank you to Clothe-A-Child, Inc. of Marion, Iowa, for donating Kohl’s cash, allowing El Kahir Shrine Auxiliary the opportunity to shop for all these great items for our Shrine Patients. Pictured are: Nickie Waddell, Auxiliary president, Rick Bowersox, Clothe-A-Child representative, Patty Zinser and Susie Olson,

ABU BEKR AUXILIARY AND SHRINE CENTER:

Six members, from Abu Bekr Womens Auxiliary and Shrine Center made a special trip with a van and a trailer full of toys, blankets, knitted items, T-shirts and more. They didn't even bring a patient with them – only 72 to 75 boxes and boxes of items for the children!



Unloading the trailer are: Wendell Boeland – white shirt; David Burcham - blue shirt; Philip Durham - cameo, he is becoming a Shriner



Surrounded by the boxes they delivered are: Ruth Burcham - blue shirt; Wendell Boeland - white shirt; David Burcham - blue shirt; Jordan Certain gray sweatshirt, Philip Durham – cameo.

WGA 4 Kids News

The 2018 WGA 4 Kids Annual Meeting dates have been set for April 28 & 29, 2019. We will not meet at the Shrine Hospital on Tuesday. The theme will be: Transition Time Together. We look forward to seeing you then.

Shriners Healthcare for Children – Twin Cities

For news and updates from Shriners Healthcare for Children — Twin Cities, visit their Website at: <http://www.twincitiesshrinershospital.org> and follow them on social media at: facebook.com/shrinersTWI twitter.com/shriners youtube.com/shrinershospital instagram.com/shrinershospitaltwincities.

Internet Access to WGA

Our WGA 4 Kids website is getting a lot of attention. Please go to: <http://www.wga4kids.org/>

Womens General Auxiliary on Facebook

Go to: www.facebook.com/wga4kids.org 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 “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 an email when an issue is published. To receive the TTW 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.

Please send your “sign-up e-mail” to: wga4kids@yahoo.com.

WGA 4 Kids Shirts



Contact: Diane Johnson, Clothing Chairman
651-688-8903
612-267-9982 (C)

Shirts are available in Black only.

Men's T-Shirts:

L – XL \$18.00
2X & Larger \$20.00

Women's T-Shirts:

M – XL \$18.00

Men's Polo Shirts:

L – XL \$32.00
2X & Larger \$35.00

Women's Polo Shirts:

L – XL \$32.00
2X & Larger \$35.00

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



