

Illinois Governor Patrick Quinn Visits Our Kids and SHC – Chicago



Illinois Governor Patrick Quinn made a special trip to SHC - Chicago on Valentine's Day to meet children and their families and to give treats to the folks at his hometown hospital. Quinn made a quick stop at neighboring M&M Mars Candy Factory before heading over to share some love with our patients, their families, and our staff. Several members of the media came with the Governor as he made his way through the outpatient clinic. He spoke very kindly of the legacy of outstanding pediatric specialty care at our marvelous hospital and celebrated the dedication of the hospital's staff, who work with "servants' hearts" to help children today and every day. In the photo left, he presents a Valentine gift to Brianna McCarty, a lovely 7-year-old patient from Minonk, IL, whom the Governor met on his visit here. We were delighted to have the Governor with us—again!

Those Enterprising Nobles of *Kaaba* Shrine Market Aluminum Tabs!

Since 1990, when *Kaaba* Noble Jack Stamm first got the idea to become an aluminum merchant, *Kaaba* Nobles have collected and sold 177 tons—that's 355,555 pounds—of aluminum, mostly in the form of pop can tabs to benefit children in SHC – Chicago. They sell this aluminum to Alter Metal Recycling, Davenport, IA, and, to date, they have deposited \$179,826.86 in our hospital account from sales. That's a remarkable—and creative—achievement for Nobles of *Kaaba*! The program, now called the "Jack Stamm Memorial Tab Program," honors the late *Kaaba* Noble and friend of children. In the photo right, *Kaaba* PP David Glanz, stands in the driveway of our hospital recently beside the new *Kaaba* Volkswagen Routan, a van purchased because it accommodates a wheelchair well. They were christening the van on this trip by taking a van-load of aluminum tabs back to Davenport to market. Thank you, one and all, our *Kaaba* aluminum merchants!



SHC – Chicago Staff to Participate in the Chicago Marathon

Staff members of SHC – Chicago have volunteered at Chicago Marathon's Open Gear Check Station (and will continue to do so). All are invited to join our running team! Anyone interested in running for SHC – Chicago in the Chicago Marathon, October 7, 2012, may go online to www.chicagomarathon.com on or after February 1 to register for the race. During sign-up participants should select SHC from the charity drop-down menu. If you download the PDF registration form to mail in, fill in SHC - Chicago on line 24. Registration for the 2012 Chicago Marathon will run from February 1 through March 3. Over the next few months, SHC – Chicago and Power Performance Camps will offer training tips, assistance, and runs for all persons training for the marathon. Runners, of course, may raise funds for Shriners Hospital by creating a personal fundraising page, on which they can tell their story as a runner, and contributors can donate to SHC. All interested participants should contact Cathleen Himes at chimes@shrinenet.org or call her at 773/385-5420. We look forward to a huge contingent representing our kids and our hospital in this year's Chicago Marathon!

Spirit of Halloween ‘Ghosts’ Appear Bearing Big Gift for Hospital



Like their stores in October, which appear in the most unexpected places and then disappear in November, the Spirit of Halloween traveling “ghosts” came again this year to our hospital, bringing a big check, which they kindly presented to us to assist kids and the work of SHC – Chicago. In the photo left, Darlene Kelly, director of recreation therapy and child life, Thomas Howell and Barb Gorski—visiting “ghosts” representing Spirit of Halloween—and our hospital Administrator Mark Niederpruem pose with this year’s check for \$36,470. All told, the generous Spirit of Halloween folks have donated \$89,018 to our hospital and \$629,408 to 15 SHC across

America since 2007. What a marvelous philanthropic record! We are so pleased with these gifts and these friends! Thank you, Ghosts, one and all, for your thoughtful and generous spirits toward our kids!

Hospital Ushers ‘Goin’ to the Dogs’ at International Dog Show

For the fourth year, the hospital ushers team represented our hospital with an information/display booth at the 2012 International Dog Show, McCormick Place, Chicago. More than 150 breeds of canine competed for the “Top-Dog” award. “We enjoy being there,” director of ushers Bob Gillfillan commented. “We’re representing SHC – Chicago to a whole new clientele—many of whom have never heard of our work with children before.” In the photo, right, participating ushers from both *Medinah* (M) and *Orak* (O) Shrines pose: Duane Hamacher (O), Rich Zimmerman (O), George Alex (O), Wayne Hodgetts (O), Bob Gillfillan (M), Chuck Combi (O), Danny Martin (O), Tim Delotte, and (seated) John Sanger (M). We are grateful to these Nobles, who give so freely of their time and assist our hospital in such vital ways whenever and wherever asked.



Wisconsin Offers SHC License Plates and a Donation to Hospitals

The Wisconsin Legislature recently passed SB445, which establishes an authorized special group specifically enumerated in state law for persons interested in obtaining special license plates supporting SHC. In addition to the regular vehicle registration fee, special group members are required to pay a \$15 fee for issuance or reissuance of the special plates and a \$25 annual fee that provides funds to SHC – Chicago or SHC – Twin Cities. The bill requires the special plates to display a logo or image associated with SHC and words, “Shriners . . . Helping Kids.” A. J. Pamas in our Tampa Headquarters reports that this arrangement was approved through SHC legal, and permission has been issued for this to be a legitimate fundraiser for our hospitals. We are, of course, delighted—and honored—with this special arrangement with our neighboring state and thank all who have made it possible.

Have You Considered Investing in a Charitable Gift Annuity?

In exchange for your irrevocable gift of cash, securities, or other assets, SHC agrees to pay one or two annuitants you name a fixed sum each year for life. It’s a win-win opportunity. Call the Development office.



Sabatino Golf Outing Continues to Provide Enjoyment and Funds



For the eighth year, Angelo and Ezno Pagni, their families, and the staff of Sabatino's Restaurant over on Irving Park Road, hosted Sabatino's Golf Outing—and raised Big Bucks for our hospital and our kids! This annual event is a time of special celebration for the Pagni's, who were touched by the care and treatment of a family member at our hospital many years ago. So each year, they remember and help others through this delightful, highly successful fundraiser. Over the years, they have raised more than \$140,000. In the photo, left, Vickie VanHove, office manager at Sabatino's, presents this year's check, totaling \$16,316, to William Kuehn, Chairman of the Board of Governors, and Mark Niederpruem, Hospital Administrator. We

are delighted with the partnership between Sabatino's and SHC – Chicago—so enriching to all!

Archie Mauk, Long-Time Donor Development Director, Retires

With family and friends gathered around him, Archie Mauk, IDD Director – WI and DD Director – *Beja* Shrine for the past 16 years, assumed Emeritus status at a recent dinner meeting of *Beja* Nobles and guests. In the photo, right, Archie receives a plaque presented by Yours Truly, citing his “extraordinary efforts in the care of children” over the years and praising his great “influence in encouraging, understanding, appreciation, and support” of our hospitals. *Beja* Potentate David Oshefsky stands with Archie. Lady Mary and daughter Melinda joined Brother Archie and a hundred of his friends in Green Bay on this special occasion. Archie, served in the Army Corps of Engineers in England in 1943—a mere teenager during World War II. He and Mary have been married 61 years. We thank Brother Archie for his untiring service to children and his loyalty to our hospitals for so many years. We have been blessed by his friendship and service. (Thanks to *Beja* photographer George Tincher for his excellent work!)



Enterprising, Energetic, Effervescent Kids from Coal City Back Again



They came 36-strong this year, the 22nd year that their fearless leader Dean Vigna, sponsor of the Varsity Club of Coal City (IL) High School, brought a group of kids from this school, located an hour-and-a-half south of our hospital. They always do a fundraiser for us—and, in the photo, left, Jordan Belkar, a tennis player and secretary-treasurer of the varsity club, Matt Halloran, a football and basketball player and president of the club, and Tommy Fatigante, a soccer and track athlete and vice president of the club, present this year's check to Mark Niederpruem, Hospital Administrator. Besides bringing this year's gift to the kids of Shriners hospital, the Coal City students

demonstrated their athletic prowess, and enjoyed themselves with wheelchair basketball and fellowship with patients and guests. Over the years, the Coal City “Coalers” have given our kids \$4,536. We are grateful to these students—and their dedicated leader, who demonstrates his love of children so beautifully in this annual sojourn to our hospital with kids not born when he began his visits with us.



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