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Canadian Foundation Presents Third Gold Plaque in Montreal

On July 18, Supreme Queen Vesta Marshall visited the Shriners Hospitals for Children-Canada in Montreal to present a third Gold Plaque representing \$3 Million given to this hospital. The donation was presented on behalf of the 2,900 members from the 12 Canadian Temples of the Daughters of the Nile. Many visitors and dignitaries were on hand to witness this his-



From left: Shirley Smith, Canadian Member Trustee, PSQ Rhona Kerr, Supreme Queen Vesta Marshall and PSQ Nancelyn Ross

toric event. The previous plaques were placed in 1995 by Past Supreme Queen Rhona Kerr of Oronoto Temple No. 69 in Toronto and in 2002 by Past Supreme Queen Nancelyn Ross of Sphinx Temple No. 116 in Winnipeg (Manitoba).

Daughters of the Nile contributions have helped fund projects such as the Bone Anchored Hearing Aid (BAHA) program led by Dr. Lucie Lessard. Thanks to this technology and expertise, more than 70 profoundly deaf children have been able to hear. The Daughters of the Nile also provides vital funding for the purchase of hundreds of prostheses and orthosis annually for hospital patients.



Children and parents were on hand to celebrate with Supreme Queen Vesta

Gary Morrison, chairman of the board of governors of Shriners Hospitals for Children-Canada told the crowd, "On behalf of our young patients and our staff, I wish to thank the Daughters of the Nile. In addition to the extraordinary gift they are making today, they are contributing to improve the quality of care and quality of life of the children and

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Julian's Project Nets \$11,642.67 for CRA

At Supreme Session in London, Ontario, Julian Dawkins was recognized for his outstanding contribution and generosity to the Daughters of the Nile Foundation. As reported in our previous newsletter, Julian's Project grew from a small contribution, the proceeds of a summertime lemonade stand. As others heard about his remarkable gift, the donations continued to grow. By the end of Supreme Session in

June, the total for Julian's Project was \$11,642.76! All proceeds of this remarkable endeavor benefitted the children of Shriners Hospitals through the Convalescent Relief Account.

At the Formal Opening of Supreme Session, Julian was recognized and welcomed with a standing ovation. Imperial Potentate Douglas Maxwell personally thanked Julian for caring about children.



Julian Dawkins is greeted at the Formal Opening by (l to r) Foundation President Kathleen Turner, Supreme Queen Muriel Knapp, and Imperial Potentate Douglas Maxwell.

**To date,
Daughters of
the Nile has
contributed
over \$45
Million to
Shriners
Hospitals for
Children**

2009 Board of Directors Named

At the Annual meeting of the Daughters of the Nile Foundation, new Board members and officers began their duties. The Board is comprised of six Past Supreme Queens and seven Ladies of the Household. Serving as Directors for 2009 are: Kathleen Turner, President, El Tehran Temple No. 122, Atlanta, Georgia; Linda Tribble, Vice-President, Isis Temple No. 41, Evansville, Indiana; Muriel Knapp, Secretary, Hatasu Temple No. 1, Seattle, Washington; Evelyn Petree, Treasurer, Yucca Temple No. 74, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Ann Triplett, Executive Committee, Iras Temple No. 40,

Boise, Idaho; Katharyn Bracewell, El Tehran Temple No. 122, Atlanta, Georgia; Nancy Fuller, Sapphira Temple No. 79, Helena, Montana; Joyce Kincaid, Shimron Temple No. 133, Pensacola, Florida; Herbie Kay Lundquist, Ruh Neb Temple No. 64, Austin, Texas; Betty Nohle, Zama Temple No. 14, Rochester, New York; Marcia Roth, Aquarius Temple No. 138, Lake Worth/Palm Beach Gardens, Florida; Phyllis Wattenbarger, El Giza Temple No. 139, Las Vegas, Nevada; and Jane Whitaker, Alabet Temple No. 31, Rockford, Illinois. John McHenry of McHenry, Haszard, Hansen, Roth &

Hupp, P.C. in Lincoln, Nebraska, serves as legal counsel for the Foundation.

The Foundation encompasses all philanthropic efforts of Daughters of the Nile in the United States and includes our Convalescent Endowment Fund and Convalescent Relief Account. The Board of Directors oversees the investment strategies of the accounts and provides guidance to this 501(c)(3) public charity. Information on how to apply for a position on the Board of Directors can be found at www.donfdn.org/board.htm or you may contact any Board member.

IMPERIAL SHRINE COUNCIL DELEGATES VOTE TO KEEP HOSPITALS OPEN

The Delegates to the Colorado Corporation at the Imperial Shrine Council Convention held in San Antonio voted to keep all existing Shriners Hospitals for Children open. The vote included reopening the Galveston (Texas) unit where operations had been suspended since Hurricane Ike caused major damage to the facility. The action was good news for the patients and families of this remarkable network of pediatric hospitals, but presents a major challenge for Shriners across North

America to find solutions to finance this charitable endeavor.

Each day, it costs Shriners Hospitals for Children \$2.26 million to operate their 22-hospital network, which provides treatment for orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate at no financial obligation to patients or families. Children up to age 18 are eligible for care at Shriners Hospitals for Children. Since 1922, Shriners Hospitals have provided one-of-a-kind family-centered

care to more than 865,000 children.

The Daughters of the Nile Foundation mission is to provide support for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and our contributions are even more important in these tough economic times. As Shriners develop solutions to economic shortfalls, Daughters of the Nile remain committed to helping them. Working Together, the special children of Shriners Hospitals will continue to receive excellent care in a compassionate environment.

2009 Holiday Card Project Promises to Surpass Previous Years

The children of Shriners Hospitals outdid themselves this year designing beautiful holiday cards to benefit the Convalescent Endowment Fund. This year, there will be more designs available, including one with a Shrine theme and one depicting the Masonic emblem and working tools. The cards are sold in packages of 20 for only \$16 plus shipping and handling. Several orders may be combined to save on shipping costs. On the back of each card is a photograph of the artist, a brief patient biography and a message explaining the mission of the Daughters of the Nile Foundation.



Megan Johnson, a patient of the Portland Hospital, is well-known among Shriners and Daughters of the Nile for her bubbly enthusiasm and contagious laughter. She designed two cards, one of a Shriner helping a child put the finishing touches on a beautifully decorated Christmas tree (above) and one of a holiday wreath encircling the Square and Compass (left). Megan is a patient

Ambassador and, at age 18, one of the newest members of Hatasu Temple No. 1.

New this year are several designs submitted by patients of the Mexico City Hospital. Sergio Enriquez, a talented 15-year old artist, submitted several beautifully drawn designs (below).

Order forms will be available soon and sent to Subordinate Temples. Forms will also be available for download on the Foundation website at www.donfdn.org. For additional information, send a message to Cards@donfdn.org.



Holiday Cards are a great way to spread the message about the Daughters of the Nile and our mission of helping children.

Montreal

(Continued from page 1) their families, as well as addressing the day-to-day needs of the children by providing arts and crafts materials and games for our child life department.”

Shriners Hospitals for Children-Canada is a bilingual, short term, acute care center, providing pediatric orthopaedic health care. The hospital is affiliated with McGill University and provides clinical experience and teaching for residents and allied professionals.

SPECIAL VISIT

Megan Johnson once said that one of her goals was to meet Bobbie Jo Wright, the little girl who is being carried by a Shriner in the *Editorial Without Words*. That wish became a reality when Megan, her mother, and grandmother visited Hadi Shriners in Evansville, Indiana where the famous photograph was taken. Bobbie Jo, a member of Isis Temple No. 41, and Megan were treated to dinner at Hadi Temple. Bobbie Jo autographed a numbered print of the photograph taken by Randy Dieter in 1970 and



Megan Johnson and Bobbie Jo Wright with the *Editorial Without Words*

presented it to Megan. Mr. Dieter, a staff photographer for the Evansville Courier and Press was covering an annual picnic held by Hadi for the local patients of Shriners Hospitals for Children. He remarked that he almost didn't get the shot; he snapped the photo as Al Hortman, a member of Hadi Shriners, passed him carrying little Bobbie Jo and her crutches. Since that date the photograph has become a memorable image of the caring and compassionate generosity of the Shrine fraternity .



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A Message From the Board

The members of the Foundation Board of Directors thank all the contributors to the Charitable Giving Booth at Supreme Session. The sale of My Gift incentive items was extremely successful, with all proceeds from the booth going to the Convalescent Endowment Fund. This year, over \$39,000 was taken in at the Charitable Giving Booth!! An additional \$3,222 was taken in at the Foundation Booth.

A special thank you to the CGC Booth Chairman, Barbara Atkins of Naphis Temple No. 66 and Booth Vice-Chairman, Eleanor Canfield of Zama Temple No. 14. Many ladies assisted in both spaces throughout the week, and their hard work and dedication are deeply

appreciated.

We were extremely pleased with the participation at the Break-out Session held at Supreme Session in London, Ontario. This was a great opportunity to share ideas and gather information about our philanthropy. There were many questions asked and answered about our Foundation, signifying a high level of



interest among our membership. While the Foundation is still in its growing stages, our commitment to raising money for Shriners Hospitals is well established. The Board of Directors is excited with the enthusiasm and dedication of our members to support our Convalescent Endowment Fund and Convalescent Relief Account. Foundation literature is available to help Subordinate Temples tell the story of the Daughters of the Nile and our mission of providing support for the special children of Shriners Hospitals throughout North America.

If you have questions about our philanthropy, visit us on the web at www.donfdn.org or contact any member of the Board.