



## Help Us Make the World a Better Place for Children



Shriners Hospitals for Children® relies on donations from Shriners, corporations and the general public to support its efforts to provide expert care, innovative research and excellent medical education programs. At Shriners Hospitals for Children, every donation and gift – large or small – is greatly appreciated, acknowledged and used efficiently and effectively to improve the lives of the children in our care. We need and depend on every one of our donors, and are forever grateful for their compassion, unending generosity and ongoing support.

### How you can support our mission

There are a variety of ways to give to Shriners Hospitals for Children:

- An annual monetary commitment through our Annual Giving Program
- A one-time cash donation or monthly gifts charged automatically on your credit or debit card
- Matching gifts available through your employer
- Honorarium/Memorial Gifts
- A charitable bequest in your will, including membership in the Dream Makers Legacy Society
- Gifts of appreciated assets or real estate

- Planned giving opportunities, such as Charitable Gift Annuities or Charitable Remainder Trusts, wills, estates and bequests
- e-giving, personal fundraising pages, eBay giving works
- Online donations
- Text to Give program (keyword "dream" 25383)

Have you seen our commercials? Become a monthly Love to the rescue® donor at [loveshriners.org](http://loveshriners.org) and receive a free Love to the rescue blanket.

### More ways to help

Additional ways to obtain donations for Shriners Hospitals for Children include:

- Facilitating a corporate gift, event sponsorship or in-kind gift from your place of employment. Or, if you are a business owner or decision-maker for your company, consider one of our many opportunities for corporate sponsorship.
- Hosting a fundraiser at your home or local business
- Attending a Shriners Hospitals for Children fundraiser in your local area
- Donations can be designated to a specific hospital and/or given in honor or memory of someone special

### Learn more and make a difference

To learn more about this tremendous philanthropic effort that reaches across the U.S., Canada and Mexico, please visit [donate2shc.org](http://donate2shc.org), where you can also sign up to receive a monthly newsletter via e-mail. You may also call **855-401-4897**, or send a check payable to "**Shriners Hospitals for Children**" to the Office of Development, Shriners International Headquarters, 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607-1460.

**When you donate to Shriners Hospitals for Children, you are helping to ensure that expert care for pediatric orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate will be available to children in need now and in the future.**



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# Shriners Hospitals for Children: Experts in Pediatric Specialty Care

Since the first Shriners Hospital opened in 1922, we have been on a mission to improve the lives of children by providing world-class pediatric specialty care. Today, Shriners Hospitals for Children® is a unique health care system with a reputation for finding answers, and giving families hope. At our 22 locations in the U.S., Canada and Mexico, children receive expert care for orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate, regardless of the families' ability to pay for services.

## Leading the Way in Orthopaedics

The first Shriners Hospital was opened primarily to help children who had contracted polio. Now, the majority of our Shriners Hospitals for Children locations are staffed and equipped to handle virtually all pediatric orthopaedic problems, including sub-acute trauma.

Care for children with all types of orthopaedic conditions is provided, including clubfoot; Legg-Calvé-Perthes disease and other hip disorders; hand disorders; limb deficiencies and discrepancies; scoliosis (curvature of the spine); osteogenesis imperfecta (brittle bone disease); juvenile idiopathic arthritis; and orthopaedic difficulties related to cerebral palsy, spina bifida, and other neuromuscular conditions.

Shriners Hospitals for Children also offers a range of multidisciplinary services, including physical, occupational and recreation therapies; orthotics and prosthetics; child life activities; and transitions programs to help each child grow into a happy, healthy, productive adult.

## Pioneering Burn Care and Research

The Shriners Hospitals for Children specializing in burns have been leaders in burn care, research and education since opening in the mid-1960s. Thanks to the innovative medical care provided at these hospitals, every year thousands of children have a greater chance of surviving all types of burn injuries. Some of the advances made through our research efforts include improved survival rates, creation of pressure garments to minimize scarring, and development of engineered skin and better wound-healing techniques.

Shriners Hospitals provide critical, surgical and rehabilitative care for all degrees of burn injuries. Each state-of-the-art hospital offering burn care provides treatments for: acute and sub-acute burns; healed burns; scarring that has caused contractures or limited mobility; smoke inhalation; facial scarring or deformities; and other skin conditions.



Our locations have the capacity to provide laser treatments to lessen the effects and appearance of burn-related scarring.

## Delivering Excellence in Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation

Shriners Hospitals for Children was the first health care system in the country to develop spinal cord injury rehabilitation programs specifically for children. We offer innovative therapies, emotional support, and training in independent living skills. In addition to therapy, exercise and activity-based rehabilitation are emphasized. These activities also increase strength and stamina and enhance social interaction, confidence and independence.

## Providing Expertise in Cleft Lip and Palate Care

Cleft lip and palate occurs when the tissue that forms the upper lip and roof of the mouth fail to join together before birth.

At Shriners Hospitals for Children, patients with a cleft lip and/or palate are treated by a multidisciplinary team that works to improve the child's appearance and their ability to eat, breathe and communicate. Each patient's unique treatment plan may include surgery, orthodontics, and hearing, speech and psychological therapies to restore optimal function and appearance. Our goal is to help each child achieve optimal function, improve their facial appearance to the fullest extent possible, and restore their self-esteem.

To learn how to refer a child, please visit [shrinershospitalsforchildren.org](http://shrinershospitalsforchildren.org) or call the patient referral line at 800-237-5055 in the U.S., or 800-361-7256 in Canada.



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