The Pulse

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Shriners Children's™ Ohio

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Two Ohio patients in national spotlight

Raquel and James shine in email fundraising campaign

A recent email fundraising campaign from the Shriners Children's corporate donor relations team featured some familiar faces: Ohio patients Raquel and James! A series of emails explained how the clinical team at SCO treated Raquel's cleft condition and James' significant burn injury.

This represents one of the few, if only, examples children with a significant cleft condition or visible burns being featured on a national scale. A special thank you to Ohio's philanthropy team of Bethany, Kari and Cambry for helping to elevate our patients!

Roll with the Fezzes in LEGO® parade cars!

Miniature vehicles celebrates Shriners tradition, benefit hospital

The mini parade car kit from our corporate partners Brixlated features three classic vehicles, each driven by a Shriner wearing their iconic Fez.

Pre-orders of the kit are underway now through Friday, April 14 and will start shipping near the end of the month. A portion of the sale of each LEGO® set will be donated back to the hospital. Click here to purchase your build kit today!

Shriners Children's™ Ohio

Celebration Weekend

August 25–26, 2023
Dayton, Ohio

CONNECTING SHRINERS, PATIENTS, FAMILIES AND STAFF

New Members, Nobles, Ladies, Staff and Guests, please plan to join us.

Tickets are limited! Click HERE to view the exciting activities planned for that weekend and RSVP today!

Donor Spotlight: crocheted with love

One of the most popular items at a charity auction for Shriners Children's Ohio was inspired by a popular child's toy and hospital mascot: a teddy bear.

Heidi (pictured below right) wanted something special to donate for the Champaign County Shrine Club's fundraiser, where her husband is a noble. So she turned to her daughter, Kali.

"She's been crocheting since she was 6-years-old and I had this thought she could make something unique," Heidi recalled. The idea came to her while watching a commercial for Shriners Children's. "I saw the Fezzy blanket and knew a bear was a perfect fit," she said.

Kali got right to work and devoted an entire day to knitting. On the day of the auction, Heidi and Kali weren't expecting the bear to be a high-priced item, but they were wrong.

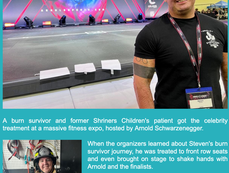
"The auctioneer had the bear and the bids just kept coming," Heidi said. The final bid came in at $1,000.

"We were in shock and so excited," she recalled.

Heidi says supporting the Shrine and the hospital has been one of the most rewarding experiences of her life.

"I used to be a former firefighter so I've seen what happens when people get hurt in a fire," she explained. "I've also seen the level of care Shriners provides so helping support that in a small way gives me peace of mind."

Arnold Schwarzenegger recognizes burn survivor, former patient for achievement in firefighting, Strongman



A burn survivor and former Shriners Children's patient got the celebrity treatment at a massive fitness expo, hosted by Arnold Schwarzenegger.

When the organizers learned about Steven's burn survivor journey, he was treated to front row seats and even brought on stage to shake hands with Arnold and the finalists.

While Steven only started bodybuilding a few years ago, he credits the doctors, nurses and therapists at Shriners Children's for tapping into his competitive nature during his recovery.

"I played football so we started small by tossing a ball or doing push-ups on my bed," he said. "They knew playing sports was really important to me so it felt like we were accomplishing something together."

Click here to read more of Steven's inspiring journey and the lesson he hopes to teach his children about body positivity and accepting others.

Steven spent several months at SCO after he sustained a critical burn injury in a house explosion when he was just a teenager. He started competing in amateur Strongman events to challenge himself physically and mentally. He also became a part-time firefighter as a way to give back to others.

He found an event that combines both of his passions: The Arnold Sports Festival.

It's one of the largest events in competitive bodybuilding, powerlifting and Strongman in the world. It was founded by former governor, actor and bodybuilder Arnold Schwarzenegger. One of the events includes the World's Strongest Firefighter. While unable to compete this year, Steven watched the final competition to inspire his own Strongman and firefighting career.

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"Put me in coach!"

SCO nurse to catch patient's first pitch at Cincinnati Reds game

15-year-old patient ambassador Owen will throw out the first pitch on Friday, April 14 when the Cincinnati Reds take on the Philadelphia Phillies.

Owen's primary nurse, Lindsay, will be behind the mound ready to catch his throw. Owen served as Ohio's standard bearer at the Shriners Children's Open in October 2022 and raised a record-breaking $51,400 for the hospital.

Owen sustained a critical burn injury when he was a baby that ultimately resulted in Owen needing two prosthetic legs. However, that doesn't slow him down. In fact, Owen calls legs "overrated" and says he can can do anything with or without them.

If you want to cheer for Owen when he takes the mound, **click here to purchase single-game tickets** for the Cincinnati Reds.

Don't forget to check out the resource hub!

We've collected the best hospital and patient videos, logos, social media graphics, fundraising information and education materials in one easy-to-access hub. Simply scan the QR code or click the link below to access the hub. We'll continue to add more resources so check back often!

Click here to access SCO Resource Hub

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