The Pulse
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Ohio patients, staff, and Shriners take center stage at Celebration Weekend



All eyes were on Ohio during our Celebration Weekend event! The festivities kicked off Friday with a cookout, hosted by Anbuch Temple, before moving to a community plaza where kids and families could meet our Shriner clowns, and an Elvis impersonator, fire cars, and help build our custom Brixlated mural!

The highlight of the evening was at the Dayton Dragons baseball game where patient ambassador 14-year-old Gavin threw out the ceremonial first pitch while standing with Tim Forbis, Imperial Captain of the Guard for Shriners International and Jerry Gantt, Chairman of the Joint Board of Trustees for Shriners Children's.

Nobles and their ladies watched the game from a party deck, congratulated Gavin on his amazing first pitch and got to chat with two more patient ambassadors, James and Everett.























Celebration Weekend continued Saturday with special presentations from SCO staff, patients

The second day of Celebration Weekend was all about learning what makes Shriners Children's Ohio a destination for families needing specialized burn care or complex craniofacial surgery. Nobles also heard from four keynote speakers, Dr. Chris Gordon, nurse care manager Julia, current patient ambassador Gavin, and former Ohio patient Steven. Each speech was an emotional illustration of how support from our nobles changes the lives of children and their families every day.

We ended the event with check presentations totaling more than $575,000 and special hospital tours. Thank you to all the nobles and their ladies who attended and a special thank you to Gavin and Steven for sharing their remarkable stories.













Save The Date: 2024 event will be Saturday, October 5!



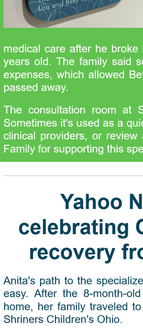
Meet Gavin: Ohio's 2023 Standard Bearer

We are proud to introduce you to 14-year-old Gavin! He will represent Ohio at the 2023 Shriners Children's Open!

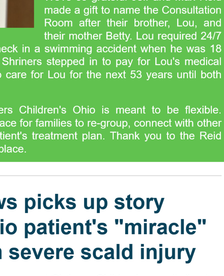
He loves to make people laugh and is affectionately known as "Governor Gav" for his ability to make friends with anyone, especially in his home state of South Dakota!

In 2009, Gavin became critically ill with meningococcal meningitis. In severe cases, the bacterial infection causes a rash that can lead to amputations. Gavin went to Shriners Children's Ohio for specialized wound and skin care. He underwent several complex surgeries, including amputation of his right foot in 2019. More recently, Gavin has been going to Shriners Children's Twin Cities for support with his prosthetic and orthopedic needs.

Gavin is looking forward to inspiring other kids with limb differences when he tees off this October in Las Vegas. He says when you have the most amazing care, you can do the most amazing things!



Gavin has been hard at work all summer preparing for his standard bearer role by hitting the links!



How's this for a "tees"? Gavin's family made custom golf tees announcing his standard bearer role! Not only will they use them in North Dakota, they also brought them to our Celebration Weekend so everyone took home a special "Governor Gav" tee!

How can you help "Governor Gav" inspire kids with limb differences? Support his Standard Bearer Fundraising Campaign! Click here to make your donation!

Donor Spotlight



Family honors legacy of compassion, generosity through gift to Shriners Children's Ohio

What's in a name? For our families, it can mean everything.

We're so grateful Jeff and Max Reid made a gift to name the Consultation Room after their brother, Lou, and their mother Betty. Lou required 24/7 medical care after he broke his neck in a swimming accident when he was 18 years old. The family said some Shriners stepped in to pay for Lou's medical expenses, which allowed Betty to care for Lou for the next 53 years until both passed away.

The consultation room at Shriners Children's Ohio is meant to be flexible. Sometimes it's used as a quiet space for families to re-group, connect with other clinical providers, or review a patient's treatment plan. Thank you to the Reid Family for supporting this special place.

Yahoo News picks up story celebrating Ohio patient's "miracle" recovery from severe scald injury

Anita's path to the specialized burn care at Shriners Children's wasn't direct or easy. After the 8-month-old accidentally scalded herself in her New Mexico home, her family traveled to two different hospitals before being transferred to Shriners Children's Ohio.

Now a little more than a year after her injury, "Anita Bonita" is thriving! Her family says she's curious, playful and loves to dance and run around.

You can read mom's emotional words about how Shriners Children's saved her daughter's life by clicking here.

Anita smiles and shows two new teeth while recovering from a severe scald injury at Shriners Children's Ohio in August 2022.

This is Anita today! The burn scars on her face are hardly noticeable and her family says she is doing exactly what an active, happy toddler should be doing at her age.

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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If you know a child we can help, go to *ShrinersOhio.org* or call: **855-206-2096**

Shriners Children's™ Ohio is one of only four Shriners hospitals in the country dedicated to the treatment of pediatric burns and specializing in plastic and reconstructive surgery. Our physicians' experience and expertise in pediatric treatment makes Shriners Children's Ohio a first choice for care. All services are provided regardless of the families' ability to pay.

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