



# The Pulse

News from Shriners Children's Ohio



## *Message from the Chairman*

Dear Nobles,

I am writing this from Imperial Session in Atlanta where Dennis Hewatt, former Shriners Children's Ohio Board of Governors Chairman, has been elected to the Board of Trustees. Additionally, former Board of Governors Chairman Bill Rasner won his reelection. Congratulations to both past chairmen for continuing the mission of Shriners Children's.

In this edition, you'll see photos of two different events where nobles served either our amazing staff or patients. First, the Ohio Board of Governors and Champaign County Shrine Club grilled the annual staff appreciation cookout for both Shriners Children's Ohio and Dayton Children's. It was a very hot afternoon, but a rewarding one.

The next day at our June Board of Governors meeting, the Middletown Shrine Club presented a \$25,000 check to Camp Ytiliba! Keep reading to find out why the club made such a generous gift to our camp for kids.

Lastly, don't forget to register for the Celebration event on November 1! The information and link to register is below.

Sincerely,

John Bull, Jr.  
Chairman, Board of Governors



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## ***Shriners Children's Ohio partners with children's museum for safe Independence Day celebration***



For the third consecutive year, Shriners Children's Ohio is sponsoring "Red, White & Boonshoft: A Star-spangled Science Celebration." The Boonshoft Museum of Discovery, which is home to our Fezzy photo station, is changing their regular programming to an Americana theme. It will include science experiments, animal encounters, and liquid nitrogen ice cream.

The museum will also show fireworks and laser video inside their planetarium, which is the safest alternative to setting off your own fireworks. Our Marketing and Communications Coordinator will be at the museum Friday, July 4 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. passing out flyers and information about the hospital.

**The event runs July 4-6. Click [here](#) for museum hours and admission.**



Jessica Wagner and Boonshoft Museum Director of Operations Taylor Hoffman appeared on several Dayton TV stations to promote the event. [Click here to watch one of the segments.](#)

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## ***Shriners Children's Ohio in the spotlight for national DRTV commercial***





Shriners Children's Ohio was in the spotlight for a new fundraising commercial. The national DRTV (Direct Response TV) ad is called "Through My Eyes" and focused on our patients' care journey through the perspective of moms.

The star is 9-year-old Kason and his mom, Erica. Kason sustained a burn injury last year and spent several weeks in our hospital. Today, his mom says he's an active little boy who loves riding his dirt bike, fishing, and playing with his dog, Oreo.

The ad also featured two other burn patients, Hazel and Milli, and cleft lip patient, Everett. The final commercial will be ready by the end of the year, but we'll share any photos or video as it becomes available.

A big thank you to staff for accommodating this very large production, participating in interviews, or "staged" clinic, therapy, and child life visits.







## Donor Spotlight: Shrine club inspired to give after serving dinner at summer camp

The Middletown Shrine Club made a \$25,000 donation to Camp Ytiliba ("Ability" spelled backwards) after meeting and serving campers dinner.

The annual summer camp connects kids, many of whom are burn survivors, to each other and allows them to share their Shriners Children's experience while enjoying typical camp activities.

After grilling out dinner for the campers, the Middletown Shrine Club was inspired to support the camp next year with a \$25,000 gift! **If you're inspired to make your own donation, click here to give today.**

Check out the photos below of this year's camp!



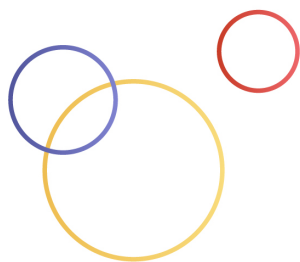












### In Case You Missed It ...

Our staff and patients celebrated Shriners International Awareness Day with a special poem. It's dedicated to nobles everywhere who support our life-changing burn, craniofacial and cleft lip and palate care. [Click here to watch the video on Facebook.](#)

Thank you for all you do!





## Nobles serve appreciation at annual cookout

The Shriners Children's Ohio Board of Governors and local Shriners served their annual staff appreciation lunch on a very hot afternoon. Despite temperatures reaching the 90s, nobles grilled 400 hamburgers, hotdogs and chicken for both Shriners Children's Ohio and Dayton Children's staff.

Thank you nobles for treating the team to a delicious cookout!





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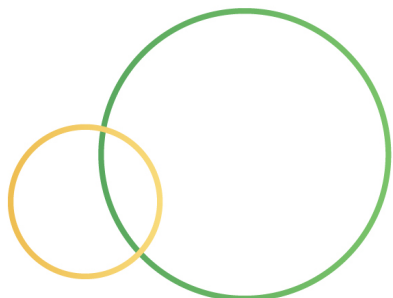
## Milli shares burn survivor journey, reminder to families one year after serious injury

15-year-old Milli (Left), pictured with physical therapist Jenni, reflects on her care journey nearly one year after she sustained a serious burn injury. Milli spoke with the Dayton Daily News about the night that changed her life when the fumes from an accelerant used in a table-top fire pit ignited, setting Milli on fire.

She was rushed to Shriners Children's Ohio where she says the team not only treated her physical injury, but also helped her realize the burns don't define her.

"They might change, they might give me a little scar or whatever, but that doesn't make me any less beautiful than I was before." Milli said.

**[Click here to read the rest of Milli's story.](#)**







Registration is now open for the annual celebration event! Join our Board of Governors, hospital staff, patients, and distinguished guests on Saturday, November 1, 2025 to celebrate a legacy of healing. This event is the best way to learn about the hospital and how your support changes lives every day!

**[Click here to register!](#)**

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