



The Pulse

News from Shriners Children's Ohio



Message from the Chairman

Dear Nobles,

This spring marks our fifth anniversary as Shriners Children's Ohio. I want to reflect on our amazing progress from a hospital in Cincinnati to now the only Shrine hospital-within-a-hospital inside Dayton Children's.

While our transition had some challenges, our commitment to providing children with specialized burn and cleft lip and palate care never wavered. Today, we've expanded our outreach, strengthened referral relationships and enhanced clinical capabilities to ensure children throughout the midwest and across the globe have access to world-class treatment.

Senior hospital leadership and the executive board returned from the Shriners Children's leadership conference energized and aligned around our shared future. As we continue to implement Vision 2035, we are poised for tremendous growth across the United States and the world.

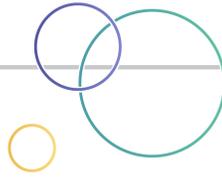
The success we've had at Shriners Children's Ohio in Dayton is part of a much larger story of strategic growth, operational excellence, and mission driven leadership. As we enter our sixth year, I feel even more driven and confident in the skill and dedication of our clinical team as well as support staff, and all of you, nobles, ladies and supporters of the Most Amazing Care Anywhere.

Together, we are building a future where every child can reach their full potential.

Sincerely,

Jack Patterson
Chairman, Board of Governors





Shriners Children's Ohio in national spotlight during Burn Awareness Week



Shriners Children's Ohio burn surgeon Dr. Alice Fagin and Chief of Staff Dr. Sara Higginson were both featured in separate news stories during National Burn Awareness Week.

Dr. Fagin spoke with WHIO-TV and Parade Magazine about a dangerous TikTok trend that has caused burns in children across the United States. It involves warming up a popular sensory toy in the microwave. Sometimes the toy then explodes once a child handles it, causing first-and second-degree burns to the face. You can watch Dr. Fagin's [TV interview here](#) or read the [story in Parade Magazine](#).

Chief of Staff Dr. Sara Higginson had her own moment in the spotlight about a multi-center study of our fractional CO2 laser.

This collaborative research project includes Shriners Children's Northern California staff. The goal is to provide evidence that supports the medical necessity of CO2 fractional laser in children with burns.

Historically, this therapy has been recognized to dramatically improve scar elasticity and flexibility, however, standard insurance policies typically label this type of intervention as cosmetic, meaning families would need to pay out of pocket. At Shriners Children's, this treatment is covered regardless of a family's ability to pay or insurance status.

But this study is the first system-wide initiative to objectively quantify the clinical benefits of fractional CO2 laser treatment.

[Click here to read more about the study and what early outcomes are showing.](#)



Staff connects with local families at community events

More than 500 families received burn awareness and prevention material as well as information about our services and care. Mike Caldwell and Jessica Wagner from the Marketing and Communications Team joined story time at four local libraries and put distributed 500 Burn Awareness Week packets at all 17 branches of the Dayton Metro Library.

Additionally, Jessica and Sam Puterbaugh passed out swag and material at the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery. We capped off the week by passing out branded cookies to families and staff inside the Dayton Children's atrium. Eymir even stopped by to say hi and snag a cookie! Thank you to the philanthropy team, supply chain and Amanda Fields for all their help in promoting burn awareness and prevention in the Dayton community.

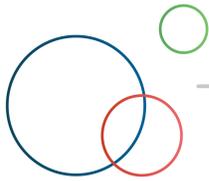


Ohio Board of Governors welcomes two new members, grants emeritus status to one

Noble Terry Hamilton from Al Koran (pictured right) recently earned emeritus status to recognize his years of dedicated service to Ohio's Board of Governors. Terry's leadership included the hospital's transition from Cincinnati to our current hospital-within-a-hospital model in Dayton.

Additionally, Chairman Jack Patterson welcomed Brarry Cox from Jericho and William "Bill" Leedy from Mizpah (pictured below) as full board members!





Burn survivor credits community and SCO team for life-changing care



"I don't know what would have happened to me if I didn't end up at Shriners Children's."

That's a powerful testimony from former patient, Chris, who sustained a critical burn injury in a car accident in 1997 when he was a teenager in southern Illinois. He spent a few days at a hospital in his hometown until a distant family member mentioned Shriners Children's.

He was then transferred to our hospital (then located in Cincinnati) for extensive care. Chris said he still remembers some of the more painful parts of his care journey, like dressing changes. But he also recalls connecting with other patients.

"We did a lot of things as a group so we could talk about what we were feeling and really help each other out," he said.

Today, Chris lives in Michigan and often speaks with local Shrine Clubs and Units about his life-changing care.



Then & Now: Case poses with Dr. Mancho

Three-year-old Case recreated his baby picture with Dr. Salim Mancho during his annual visit. Case underwent surgery a couple of years ago to correct a cleft lip. His visit occurred on the eve of his third birthday party so Dr. Mancho asked Case what he wanted for his birthday. Case responded, "scrubs so I can look like you!"



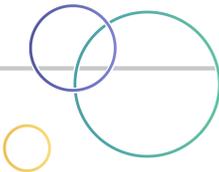
Discounted tickets available for Newport Aquarium

Remember, you can purchase discounted tickets to the Newport Aquarium, located in Kentucky, through a special offer and promo code. [Click here to purchase your tickets](#) and use promo code "shriners" at checkout! Feel free to share this link and promo code with friends and family!

Don't forget to look for the Shriners Children's logo throughout your visit! You'll see Fezzy on his own deep sea adventure on all the hand sanitizing stations, nursing rooms, and the Seahorse exhibit!



An advertisement for the Shriners Children's online store. It features a red background with the text "NOW OPEN" in large yellow letters. Below this is a white button with the text "ShopShrinersChildrens.org" and a mouse cursor icon. At the bottom, it says "Online Apparel and Accessories". To the right of the button, there is text: "Does your Shriners Children's wardrobe need a refresh? Check out the online store for apparel and accessories. You'll find polos, t-shirt, and hats, along with accessories like socks, lanyard's, and tumblers. Location specific logos are even available on some items! [Click here to start shopping!](#)"



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