



Temple Newsletter

An update for our Temple Affiliates



Dear Temple Affiliates,

As spring brings a season of renewal and new beginnings, we're pleased to share uplifting updates and meaningful news from Shriners Children's Erie. This year, our dedicated team has continued to grow, care and inspire, providing exceptional treatment while spreading hope and joy to the children and families we serve.

Thank you for your continued support. With brighter days ahead, we look forward to another season of making a positive impact together and helping even more children thrive.

If you plan to feature any of our content and need adjusted files, please contact **Izzy Spires** at ispires@shrinenet.org or **(814) 875-8761**.



Bunnies Visit Shriners Children's Erie and Deliver Easter Joy

A heartfelt thank-you goes to the ladies of the Daughters of the Nile Foundation, Athor Temple No. 19, for their annual Easter basket distribution. Each spring, these thoughtful gifts bring joy, comfort and excitement to patients and families. Their compassion and continued support make a meaningful difference and are deeply appreciated.



Save the Date - Shriners Day 2026

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Sunday, June 7, 2026 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

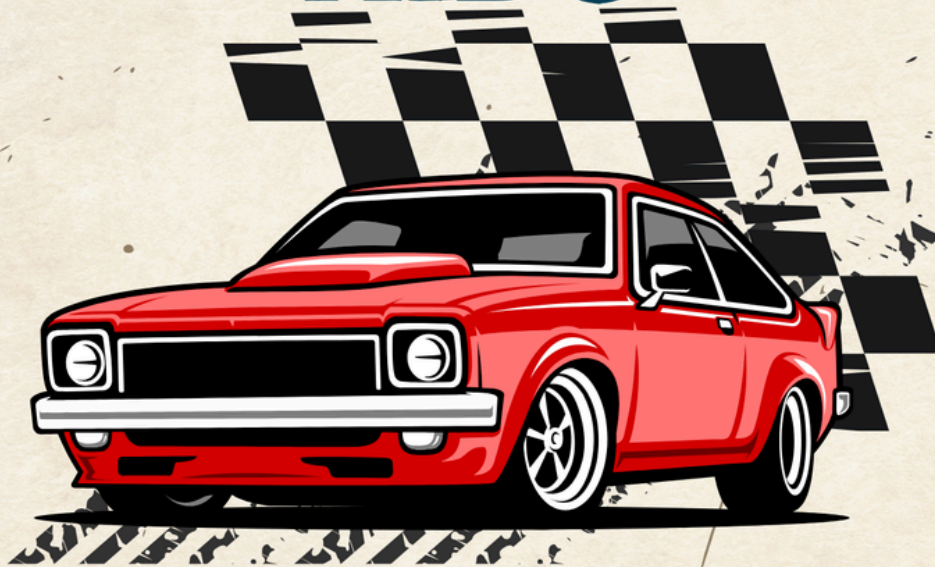
- Medical center tours
- Classic car show
- Shriner ceremony
- Live entertainment

Join us for our Shriners Day Open House to learn more about the excellent orthopedic care we offer to thousands of children each year, regardless of the families' ability to pay.

Questions? Contact Micheal Widrig at 814-875-8780

Save the Date - Kars for Kids 2026

KARS FOR KIDS



Join us for our antique and classic car show as
part of our Shriners Day celebration

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

SHRINERS CHILDREN'S ERIE - 1645 WEST 8TH STREET

NO ENTRY FEE

QUESTIONS? 814-875-8780



Shriners Children's Erie: 2025 Review

Shriners Children's Erie continues to make a meaningful difference for children and families throughout the region. In 2025, the facility's care teams provided specialized treatment, therapy and services that helped patients grow stronger, more confident and more independent every day. These year-end statistics reflect the dedication of staff, the trust of families and the generosity of supporters who make this mission possible.

Shriners Children's Erie: 2025 review



Your contributions directly strengthened our programs and services in 2025, enabling us to reach key milestones and expand our impact. The achievements outlined below were made possible through your dedication and commitment to our mission. Together, we are ensuring that children receive the specialized care and resources they need to thrive.

NEW PATIENTS IN 2025



2,465



70

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES



SPECIALIZING
IN
126
ORTHOPEDIC
CONDITIONS

LOCATIONS OF PATIENTS

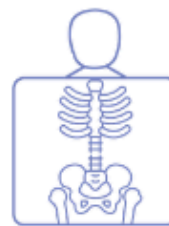


6 STATES
(PA, OH, NY, WV, MD, & MI)

OUTPATIENT VISITS
IN 2025



18,124



RADIOLOGY PROCEDURES

5,842

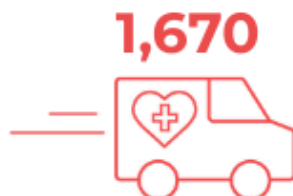


THERAPY PROCEDURES

26,551



2,643
POPS VISITS



1,670
PROSTHETIC AND
ORTHOTIC DELIVERIES



PROVIDING LIFE-CHANGING
CARE TO CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES REGARDLESS OF
ABILITY TO PAY OR INSURANCE
STATUS.

Medicaid accepted

Celebrating Child Life Month

March was Child Life Month and Shriners Children's Erie proudly recognized the meaningful impact of its child life team. Michelle DeRooy, CCLS and Kristin Maguire, CTRS, play an essential role in supporting patients and families throughout their care journey.

Working closely with children, caregivers and medical providers, they help ensure that every visit is welcoming, understandable and less intimidating. Through therapeutic play, education and emotional support, the child life team transforms medical visits into experiences that promote comfort, confidence and connection.

"It may look like just play but it is much more than that," shared Michelle DeRooy. "By focusing on the whole child, not just their medical needs, we help create positive experiences for both children and families."

Shriners Children's Erie is proud to be the only outpatient facility in the region offering child life services, providing families with an additional layer of compassionate support.

Sincere appreciation is extended to Michelle and Kristin for the difference they make every day in the lives of patients and families.



Wabtec Corporation - Bids for the Kids

Patient Ambassador Liam and family recently visit Wabtec Corporation, where they met the team planning the 31st Annual Bids for the Kids fundraiser.

Bids for the Kids takes place on Saturday, April 11 and Shriners Children's Erie is honored to once again be selected as one of the benefiting organizations. The event is proudly sponsored by Wabtec Corporation and continues a strong tradition of supporting children and families throughout the region.

Over the past 30 years, Bids for the Kids has raised more than \$2.5 million for local organizations, including the Boys & Girls Club of Northwestern Pennsylvania, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Shriners Children's Erie and UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

This year, Liam represents Shriners Children's Erie alongside his mother, Amanda, as they share their family's Shriners Children's story from the stage. Their participation highlights the powerful impact of this event and the generosity of the community that makes it possible.

Shriners Children's Erie is grateful for the continued support and looks forward to another inspiring year of Bids for the Kids.



Welcoming New Providers at Shriners Children's Erie



Shriners Children's Erie welcomes Richard Goldberg, DO, who travels quarterly from Shriners Children's Philadelphia to support the Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (PM&R) clinic. His involvement strengthens the facility's ability to deliver comprehensive, collaborative care to the children and families it serves.

With more than 30 years of experience, he brings valuable clinical expertise and leadership to the care team.

Outside of his medical practice, Goldberg enjoys spending time with his wife, Robyn, often taking long walks in local parks. He is the proud father of three adult children.

Please join Shriners Children's Erie in warmly welcoming Richard Goldberg, DO.

Shriners Children's Erie welcomes Terrance Ishmael, MD, who travels monthly from Shriners Children's Philadelphia to support patients and families in the region. His regular presence brings specialized expertise closer to home and enhances the seamless, coordinated care experience for those served at Shriners Children's Erie.

Ishmael's clinical interests include complex spinal conditions, clubfoot, general pediatric orthopedics, fracture care and neuromuscular conditions. A strong supporter of the Shriners Children's mission, he also participates in surgical mission work throughout the Caribbean, providing life-changing orthopedic care to children in underserved communities.

Outside of his medical practice, Ishmael enjoys spending time with his wife, Suneetha and their son, Kai.

Please join Shriners Children's Erie in warmly welcoming Terrance, Ishmael, MD.



Small Procedure to Return to Shriners Children's Erie

Shriners Children's Erie is pleased to announce the return of percutaneous Achilles tenotomies performed directly in the clinic. This quick, five-minute procedure is a vital step in the serial casting process for infants with clubfoot and is now available onsite again.

Offering this procedure locally allows families to complete their child's full course of care in one location, reducing the need for travel and providing a more seamless and convenient care experience.

The procedure is performed at Shriners Children's Erie by Terrance Ishmael, MD and Sarah Nossov, MD. The clinic team completes comprehensive training on workflows and support processes to ensure a smooth and successful implementation.

Dr. Ishmael began seeing patients at Shriners Children's Erie on Friday, March 20 and now visits monthly on the third Friday of each month, further expanding access to specialized orthopedic care for the region.

This milestone marks an important step in strengthening medical services at the Erie facility and lays the foundation for future in-clinic procedures, including Botox and joint injections with additional providers.



**“The staff was remarkable!!
Explained to Ava every detail
of her care, from her first
split to her last cast and
walking brace! Amazing
care!”**

-Grateful Parent

Positive Press Ganey Comment

See what one patient family has to say about Shriners Children's Erie.



Something Tasty Is Brewing... Stay Tuned!

A new partnership with Tim Hortons is on the horizon! While we're not quite ready to spill all the details yet, we can say this: you'll want to keep your eyes peeled—because this is one opportunity you won't want to let crumble. Stay tuned to Shriners Children's Erie on social media to be the first to know:

Instagram: @shrinerserie

Facebook: Shriners Children's Erie





Mission Minute

Chayse and Lincoln show that friendships can begin anywhere, even in a waiting room at Shriners Children's Erie. While visiting the facility for Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic services (POPS), the boys noticed each other's anime sweatshirts and started talking. It didn't take long for them to realize they share many of the same interests.

As the conversation continued, Chayse mentioned he was new to the area and the boys were delighted to discover they are neighbors! The connection only grew as they exchanged gamer tags and made plans to play together online, turning a routine appointment into the beginning of a new friendship.

Moments like these reflect the welcoming, community-focused environment at Shriners Children's Erie, where care extends beyond medical services to meaningful human connections.

