



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

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Shriners Children's Erie Recognized Limb Loss Limb Difference Awareness Month in April

Each year during Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month, Shriners Children's Erie features four patients who share their personal stories to help raise awareness and inspire others. Highlighted this year were patient ambassadors Chayse, Paisley, Paul and Remi. Their stories helped spread awareness of the Shriners Children's mission and the life-changing care provided at Shriners Children's Erie.

The Shriners Children's Erie team plays a vital role in helping children with limb differences achieve greater mobility, independence and confidence, while empowering them to do what they love and reach their full potential.



Chayse

Paisley



Paul

Remi



Nominate Shriners Children's Erie for Erie's Choice Awards

From now through May 22, nominations are open for the 2026 Erie's Choice Awards. You'll be able to nominate Shriners Children's Erie in a variety of categories.

Shriners Children's Erie is a two-time consecutive winner of Erie's Choice Best Pediatric Clinic. Keep the momentum going and aim for a third year... and maybe even add a few new categories along the way!

👉 Nominate Shriners Children's Erie here: YourChoiceAwards.com/Erie



NOMINATE US TODAY!

YourChoiceAwards.com/Erie



Tim Hortons Partners with Shriners Children's Erie for Smile Cookie Week

Tim Hortons partnered with Shriners Children's Erie for the Smile Cookie Week campaign, which ran from April 27 through May 3. The campaign raised more than \$31,000, with 100% of the proceeds from each \$2 cookie benefiting Shriners Children's Erie and supporting life-changing care for children in the community.

Patient ambassador Savannah even got in on the action by visiting her local Tim Hortons and sharing her support on social media.

There were 12 participating locations across Northwestern Pennsylvania, including Erie, Edinboro, Meadville, Girard and Warren.

Thank you to Tim Hortons for providing a sweet way to give back!

Shriners Children's Erie also extends a heartfelt thank you to the Shriners Children's Erie Board of Governors for purchasing Smile Cookies and generously sharing them with our staff.



Tim Hortons +





Looking Forward to Seeing You at Shriners Day 2026

Save the Date

Shriners Day 2026

Sunday, June 7, 2026

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



- Medical center tours
- Classic car show
- Shiner 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

Rev your engines and cruise on over to the Kars for Kids Car Show at Shriners Children's Erie!

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**

Positive Press Ganey Comment

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

"They went over everything multiple times to make sure we understood what happened and what to expect. There is no better team around."

-Grateful Parent

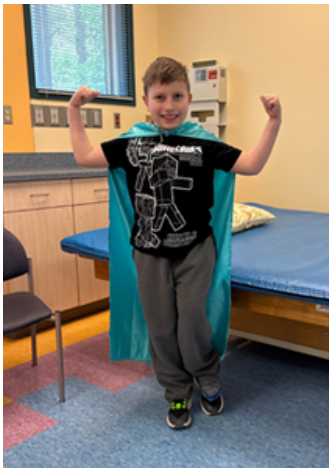


Shriners Children's Erie Celebrated National Superhero Day

On Tuesday, April 28, Shriners Children's Erie enjoyed a super-spectacular celebration honoring the incredible journeys of patients for National Superhero Day.

Kids, therapy dogs and staff embraced the theme, proudly showing off their Shriners Children's superhero swag and sharing in the excitement together. The smiles, costumes and high energy throughout the day made it a truly memorable celebration.

Shriners Children's Erie patients are real-life superheroes and it was a joy to celebrate their strength, courage and resilience.





Shriners Children's Erie Patient Ambassador, Liam Shares Journey at Large Fundraiser

On Saturday, April 11, Shriners Children's Erie was honored to be one of four beneficiaries of Bids for the Kids, an incredible charity auction hosted by the Wabtec Corporation.

The highlight of the evening was patient ambassador Liam, whose stunning artwork stole the show and raised an amazing \$5,000 at auction. Liam loves swimming, playing board games and video games and reading, especially the Captain Underpants series. He is in the third-grade and his favorite subjects are math, science and of course, recess with friends!

Born with proximal femoral focal deficiency, Liam's journey reflects the resilience and determination seen every day among patients at Shriners Children's Erie. Liam was joined on stage by his mother, Amanda and together they did an incredible job sharing their family's journey with Shriners Children's.

Shriners Children's Erie would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Chairman of the Board of Governors Mike Kerns, Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors Tim Barnhart, Board of Governors Member Charlie Murphy and Board of Governors Secretary Bill Hargove for attending Bids for the Kids and showing their support for Liam and his family. Their presence and encouragement meant so much and helped make the evening even more meaningful for everyone involved.

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



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