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A newsletter for friends and supporters of Shriners Children's™ Erie

Patient Snapshot

From Setback to Comeback



Sara, a competitive soccer athlete, faced a major setback in 2022 when persistent hip pain led to the discovery of a structural joint issue and cartilage tear. After surgery to repair and stabilize her hip, she began a long, challenging recovery supported by the care team at Shriners Children's Erie, especially her physical therapist, Laurie Hudson, who guided her through each phase of rehabilitation.

Through consistent physical therapy, gradual strengthening and a strong support system, Sara rebuilt her mobility, confidence and sport-specific skills. Collaboration between her care team, family and coach ensured a safe return to play. Despite setbacks along the way, Sara remained determined.

After more than a year of recovery, she successfully returned to softball and soccer, ultimately graduating early and earning a Division I soccer opportunity at Western Carolina University.

Sara's story highlights the power of resilience, expert care and a team-based approach in helping young athletes recover and return to competition with confidence.

Upcoming Events



Erie Gives Day is coming up on Tuesday, August 11! Mark your calendars and visit the Erie Gives Website to support Shriners Children's Erie during the 24 hours of giving to support local nonprofits. All fees (transaction, platform, and processing) are fully covered! That means 100% of your donation goes directly to Shriners Children's Erie when you give with a credit card.

Don't want to wait? You can donate by check now through August 4. Mail a check to the Erie Community Foundation at 459 W 6th St, Erie, PA 16507. Checks must

be accompanied by a Check Donation Form and made out to The Erie Community Foundation.

Volunteer Spotlight

Celebrating The Champions Behind Our Wheelchair Basketball Program









As our Wheelchair Basketball Program returns for another exciting season, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the many individuals and teams who help make this beloved program possible.

This summer, 21 young athletes are taking the court as members of the Shriners Jammers, building confidence, developing skills and experiencing the joy of

teamwork through adaptive sports. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our volunteers, staff, community partners and supporters who invest their time and energy into creating these opportunities.

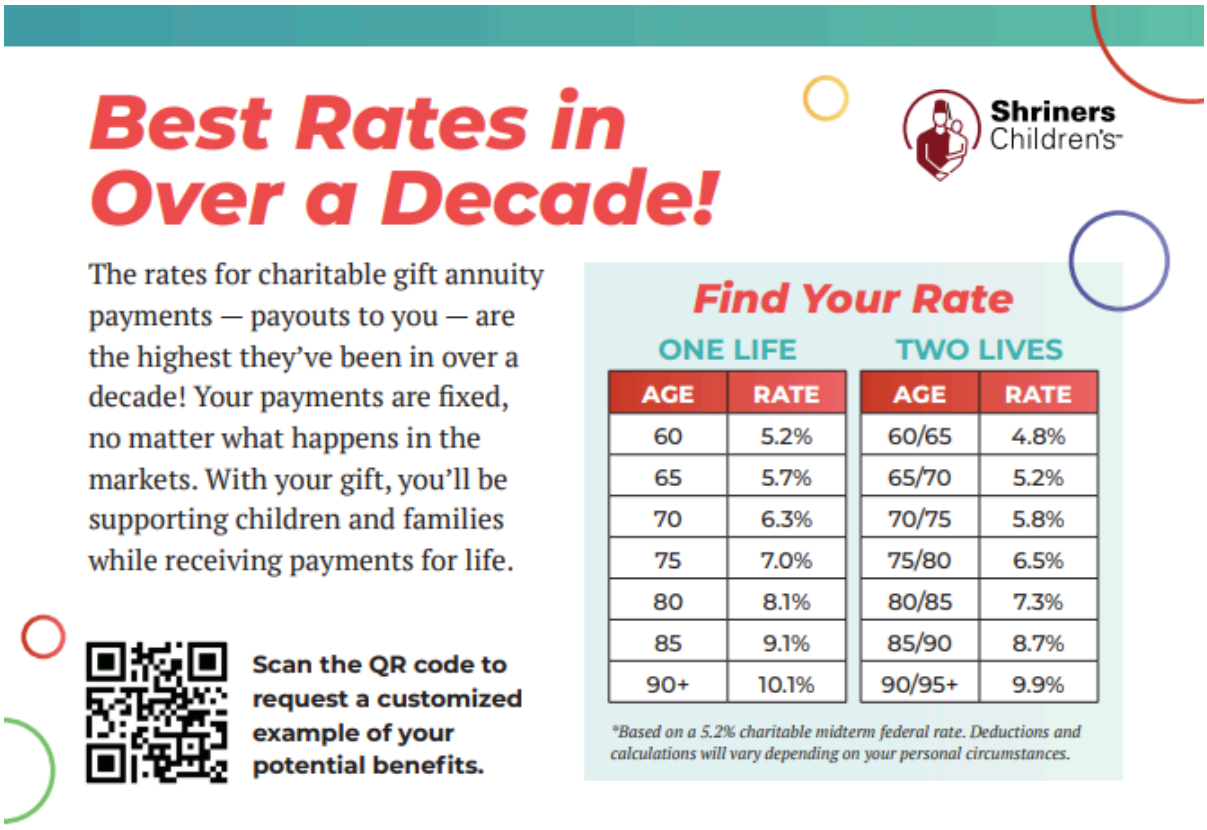
We are especially grateful to the visiting teams joining us throughout the season, including McDowell Boys Basketball, PennWest Edinboro Men's Wheelchair Basketball, Lund Martial Arts and Northwestern Girls Basketball. Their participation helps create an inclusive and encouraging environment where our athletes can challenge themselves, connect with others and create lasting memories.

We also want to recognize the Shriners Children's Erie team members and volunteers who coordinate games, mentor athletes and ensure every participant has the support they need to succeed. Their commitment helps transform a basketball program into a life-changing experience.

Ways To Give

Charitable Gift Annuity

A charitable gift annuity (CGA) is a worry-free gift that is easy to implement and offers you a unique opportunity to support Shriners Children's™. First, you make an irrevocable donation, usually with cash or securities. (If you are 70½ or older, you may also fund this gift with your IRA.) In return, you receive fixed payments for life. After your lifetime, the remaining amount supports our mission. Learn more.



Keep Your Gift Local

When you give to Shriners Children's Erie, your gift stays local and directly supports the children and families we serve.

Our facility specializes in a wide range of pediatric orthopedic conditions. Shriners Children's Erie provides world-class care to patients from Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, West Virginia, Michigan and Maryland.

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