

Shrine Temple Corner

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Charity Fishing, Inc. Teams with Shriners Hospitals for Children for the Fall Classic Charity Fishing Tournament

Irvine, California based Charity Fishing Inc. recently partnered with SHC-LA for the Fall Classic Charity Fishing Tournament. The event will take place September 9 – 10, 2008 in San Diego and is a great opportunity for participants to share a day of spectacular Southern California fishing and benefit a terrific charity. Mark Zimmerman, President of Charity Fishing Inc. stated, “We’re thrilled to be hosting the fall classic fishing tournament in San Diego again. And we couldn’t have picked a better partner than Shriners Hospitals for Children. Last year’s tournament raised over \$14,000 to benefit the patients of the hospital.”

For further information regarding the Fall Classic Charity Fishing Tournament, please go to the event’s website at www.charityfishing.com.

Shriners Hospitals for Children – Los Angeles Physical Therapist Designs New Brace to Help Cerebral Palsy Patients

Physical therapist Christine Caron has worked for Shriners Hospitals for Children – Los Angeles for nine years. During this time she has developed a passion for research and improving the treatment programs for helping her young patients. She says, “One of the things that I love about working for Shriners Hospitals is that they give you the time and resources to develop new ideas and projects.” Chris has used this to its fullest by developing an innovative new brace that she designed to help Cerebral Palsy patients who have crouch gait. Crouch gait is one of the most prevalent and troublesome movement abnormalities among children with Cerebral Palsy. It is characterized by excessively bent knees during walking. This substantially increases the energy requirements of walking and, if not corrected, can lead to chronic knee pain and joint degeneration.

Justin Timberlake Teams with Shriners Hospitals for PGA Tour Event

Six-time Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter, record producer and actor Justin Timberlake has teamed with Shriners Hospitals for Children to become the co-host of the PGA tour’s Las Vegas golf event. The event – now the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open – is part of the PGA Tour’s Fall Series and will be played October 13-19 at TPC Summerlin.

As part of his involvement, Timberlake will play in the celebrity pro-am golf tournament and host will host a special concert at the Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino Theatre for Performing Arts on Oct. 17. For more information, visit the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open website at www.jtshcopen.com



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Shriners Hospitals is Looking for a Few Good Men (and Women Too!)

As the saying goes Shriners Hospitals for Children – Los Angeles is looking for a few good men and women! The hospital is in need of volunteers who are at least 16 years of age who have the passion, time and willingness to give their time at the hospital. Volunteers perform a variety of tasks including providing support in all areas of the hospital. We are also looking for volunteers who are interested in becoming van drivers or assistant drivers to provide local transportation for our patients and family members to and from the hospital.

There are many benefits in becoming a volunteer:

- Hospital volunteers receive free meals in our wonderful cafeteria
- Attend our annual volunteer appreciation luncheon each spring
- Enjoy the fellowship of your fellow volunteers while at the hospital
- Gain the personal satisfaction of helping the “Worlds Greatest Philanthropy”

Many volunteer opportunities are available! If you have a special interest or skill that you would like to share, please contact the volunteer office at (213) 368-3376 or e-mail us at edevery@shrinenet.org.

Shriners Hospitals for Children Patients Give Big Welcome to Disabled Athlete

Shriners Hospital for Children – Los Angeles recently welcomed Willie Stewart, a disabled athlete who has overcome the loss of one of his arms to become a silver medalist in the 2002 Paralympics games in Nordic skiing and now a world class tri-athlete. Willie met with patients from the hospital’s Child Amputee Prosthetic Project (CAPP) to tell of his experiences and screen his documentary, “Armed for the Challenge.” In the film, Willie shows his take-charge approach to life and his refusal to accept defeat as he competes in triathlons. These grueling events consist of a 2.4 mile swim, 112 miles of cycling, and 26 miles of running.

The focus of CAPP is to assist children suffering from limb deficiencies, whether they are congenital (from birth) or acquired. CAPP provides child amputees with state-of-the-art prosthesis and total rehabilitation, including design, fabrication, and training in the use of their prosthetic devices. Patients also receive psychosocial counseling to better integrate into their home life situation.

It is clear to Willie that the encouragement and motivation he provides to other physically disabled individuals has been a turning point in his life. For all of his success as an athlete, Willie states, “There is no greater feeling than to be able to come to the hospital and help to motivate these young patients to not accept any limitations in what they can achieve.” Willie Stewart is not someone who likes to live in the past. He will always be out there, discovering new challenges and adventures in which to participate.



Given the Chance at a Normal Life Shriners Hospitals for Children Patient Recovers from Marathon Surgery

Shriners Hospitals for Children – Los Angeles doctors have given a crippled child from Africa a chance to live a normal life, but it took nearly a day of marathon surgery. An insect bite turned into a serious infection that ate away at his right leg. He was destined to be disabled all his life.

The day after the 20-hour surgery to repair his right leg, 5-year-old Kofi got a thumbs up from his doctors. Doctors had expected his surgery to take about eight hours. But when they got in and took a look inside his leg, they realized that the infection had done more damage than they had thought.

Doctors were able to straighten out Kofi's knee, locate healthy blood vessels and graft skin behind his right knee to give him more mobility. Kofi's right leg is still shorter than his left and his doctors say he will have to return in a year for more surgery.