

Shrine Temple Corner

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China Disabled Performing Art Troupe Surprises SHC-LA with a Donation to Help Send Patients to Summer Camp

Over 30 members of the world famous China Disabled People's Performing Art Troupe recently gave an inspiring performance of music, dance and acrobatics for patients and family members of Shriners Hospitals for Children – Los Angeles. The group then surprised everyone with a \$15,000 donation to help SHC-LA's patients attend a week of summer camp at the Painted Turtle Camp for ill children in Lake Hughes, California.



The troupe was founded in 1987 in Beijing, China. There are 88 performers in the group, which includes 55 performers with hearing impairments, 28 performers with visually impairments, and 5 performers with physical disabilities.

Terry Cunningham, Administrator of the hospital said, "The staff and patients of SHC-LA wish to thank the members of the performing troupe for their generous donation. Their moving performance certainly caught the attention of our patients and instilled within them a sense of hope for the future. Seeing their performance has given our patients renewed encouragement to work harder in achieving their goals once they leave the hospital."

Shriners Hospitals for Children Ranked as One of the Most Trusted Non-Profit Organizations

Shriners Hospitals for Children ranked as one of the top three most trusted nonprofit organizations in a recent survey of wealthy individuals conducted by the Luxury Institute, an independent research firm. Shriners Hospitals for Children ranked third among the most-trusted nonprofits. Children's Hospital of Philadelphia ranked first, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ranked second.

"Being recognized as one of the top most-trusted nonprofit organizations demonstrates that the medical care provided by Shriners Hospitals is highly regarded and respected," said Ralph Semb, president and chief executive officer of Shriners Hospitals for Children. "That's a great honor for us."



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Disney Channel Stars Visit SHC-LA

Disney Channel stars Corbin Bleu and Olesya Rulin from the High School Musical movie series recently visited the Los Angeles Shriners Hospitals. Corbin and Olesya visited with patients, posed for pictures and answered questions of what it's like to be on television and in the movies. They also introduced the new animated movie, "Igor" which was presented through the Lollipop Theater Network.



The goal of this organization is to create a fun escape from the daily reality of the illnesses pediatric patients face and to offer them and their families a moment of normalcy in an otherwise stressful environment. For the event at SHC-LA, they literally rolled out a red carpet, distributed movie tickets and memorabilia, and had volunteers act as paparazzi as the children entered the screening.

To conclude their visit, Corbin and Olesya autographed life sized cardboard cutouts of themselves from the new High School Musical III movie which is premiering in October 2008.

Dodge Challenger Revs Up Support for Shriners Hospitals for Children

A limited-edition 2008 Dodge Challenger SRT8 will be up for auction on eBay from Dec. 1 to Dec. 7 to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children. The car, which is #234 of 6,400 produced in 2008, goes zero to 60 mph in five seconds and is loaded with options, including a 6.1-liter HEMI® V-8 engine with 425 horsepower, a GPS navigation system, Keyless Go Entry, MyGIG multimedia system and Uconnect hands-free communication. The New England Dodge Dealers Association donated the car after seeing advertisements for Shriners Hospitals for Children. The group wanted to help raise awareness and funds for the organization because of the positive personal experiences that many of the dealers and the association's board members have had with the hospitals and Shriners.

Through the end of November, Shriners and Dodge representatives will display the car at more than 20 Dodge Motorsport events, providing information about the car, the auction, Shriners Hospitals for Children and Shriners International. To find out more about the online auction and the car, visit www.BeAChallenger.com.

El Bekal to Host Hospital Board of Governors Meeting

On Wednesday, October 22 the Board of Governors of SHC-LA will hold their monthly meeting at the El Bekal Shrine Temple in Anaheim. Every year the Board of Governors travels to one of the seven Shrine Temples that support the hospital for a meeting. This year El Bekal will be the host Temple. Last year the meeting was held in Las Vegas with the Zelzah Shriners and in 2009 it will be held in Los Angeles at the Al Malaikah Shriner Temple. This is traditionally an open meeting and local Shriners are invited to attend to learn more about the hospital.