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INTEREST:

- Daughters of the Nile Foundation granted 501(c)(3) status by IRS.
- 22 Shriners Hospitals help children throughout the U.S., Canada and Mexico
- Convalescent Endowment Fund provides assistance to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

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Daughters of the Nile Foundation Assists Shriners Hospitals

At the 91st Annual Supreme Session, the Daughters of the Nile ratified the Supreme Temple, Daughters of the Nile Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public benefit corporation. This change in status opens many avenues to enable the Daughters of the Nile to increase the size of its Convalescent Endowment Fund, the income of which provides support for the special children at Shriners Hospitals.

This is an exciting and historic time for our organization. Before this Supreme Session, the Daughters of the Nile was classified by the IRS as a 501(c)(10) fraternal pri-

vate charity. With the change in status, we are able to obtain donations



Children are special at Shriners Hospitals

and matching funds from employers and corporations. The income from our Convalescent Endowment Fund, now valued at \$26 million, will provide necessary equipment, supplies and therapy for the

patients of Shriners Hospitals for Children for many, many years to come.

Contributions to the Foundation may be made through the Princess Recorder of any subordinate temple or directly to the Foundation. Gifts may be applied to either the Convalescent Endowment Fund or Convalescent Relief Account. With the creation of the Foundation, however, funds may also be obtained from the public at large, grants from Federal, State, County and Municipal Governments, departments, and agencies, as well as gifts or grants from foundations and corporations.

No One Should Have to Walk Alone

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a network of 22 pediatric hospitals in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. The hospitals provide specialized care for children under the age of 18 with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate.

Children from birth through age

18 are eligible for treatment if there is a reasonable possibility they will benefit from specialized care available at Shriners Hospitals. Eligibility is not based on financial need or relationship to a Shriner.

Treatment at Shriners Hospitals focuses on providing a “family-

centered-care” environment. This philosophy stresses that while medicine might heal the child’s body, tending to the child’s sense of well-being is equally important in the healing process. Hospital staff focus on the individual patient; each pa-

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Children make great strides at Shriners Hospitals

The Daughters of the Nile Foundation provides increased support for the care of children of Shriners

Daughters of the Nile



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tient finds special support in meeting the challenges of his or her physical problem. In addition to patient care, Shriners Hospitals for Children is actively engaged in research, searching for cures and improved treatments of orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal

cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate. Shriners Hospitals are also major teaching centers, affiliated with some of the top medical colleges and universities in the country.

Application forms are available from Shriners, Shriners Temples, Shriners Clubs, or by

calling toll-free (800) 237-5055 in the U.S., or (800) 361-7256 in Canada. Applications can also be downloaded at www.shrinershq.org.

Who We Are...

OUR MISSION: The Supreme Temple, Daughters of the Nile Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public corporation which maintains a perma-

nent endowment fund to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children. All monetary donations promote, support and maintain the philanthropic endeavors

that enhance the medical care and treatment of the patients in the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

...And What We Are All About

The Supreme Temple Daughters of the Nile Foundation obtains funds through donations of the members of Daughters of the Nile, the public at large, grants from Federal, State, County and Municipal Governments, departments and agencies; and gifts or grants from foundations and corporations:

- to support, assist and fund the providing of medical care, research and development of new treatments, therapy, and the educational re-entry pro-

grams provided by the Shriners Hospitals to children with orthopaedic problems, severe burns and spinal cord injuries; and

- to establish a qualified permanent endowment fund to accept gifts with the income being used to further the purposes of the Foundation and to ensure that the Shriners Hospitals have the funds to continue to offer medical treatment, equipment, therapy, educational support, research and care for the children at no cost

to the child, their families, third party providers or governmental assistance programs.

Through these programs the Foundation provides increased support for the burn and orthopaedic care, treatment, research, therapy and rehabilitative services for any child at no cost to the child, their families, third party providers or governmental assistance programs.

Daughters of the Nile Foundation Launches Holiday Card Project

During the 2007 holiday season, the Daughters of the Nile Foundation launched a holiday card project to raise funds for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Patients from the Shriners Hospital system were invited to submit artwork to be used for the cards. Two designs were selected for the initial project. The artwork selected was drawn by Lydia and Natasha.

Lydia, who is 9 years old and a patient at Shriners Boston Burns Hospital, enjoys playing with the other children at Shriners, taking

pictures and talking with the nurses. Lydia knows the staff at Shriners very well so she feels right at home with everyone. Eating home fries and snacks at Shriners always helps the day go by faster for Lydia. Halloween and Christmas are always a highlight for Lydia at Shriners when she is hospitalized during the holidays.

Natasha lights up the room she walks into with her huge smile. At 11 years old, she loves building Legos and playing video games. As a baby, Natasha came to the Shrine

system from the Portland area with severe spinal cord and foot problems and has had several surgeries at Shriners through those 11 years.

Plans are currently underway for the 2008 holiday cards. For more information contact us at contact@donfdn.org.



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85 Years of Caring

In 2007, it cost Shriners Hospitals for Children \$1.975 million per day to operate its extensive network of 22 hospitals, providing care and treatment to thousands of kids.

This enormous effort, which has touched the lives of approximately 835,000 children and their families, began 85 years ago, with the opening of a single hospital.

Shriners Hospitals for Children was founded by Shriners of North America, an international fraternity established in 1872 and based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. On Sept. 16, 1922, the first Shriners Hospital for Children was opened in Shreveport, LA. The first patient to be admitted was a little girl with a clubfoot.

The Shreveport hospital cared for 483 children in its inaugural year.

As it has for 85 years, Shriners Hospitals for Children remains committed to providing care at no charge and relies on the generosity of Shriners and other donors to continue its mission of caring for children through treatment, research and teaching.

Shriners Hospitals Committed to Research

Shriners Hospitals research program has internationally renowned scientists, as well as affiliations with several notable universities, including Harvard, McGill, University of Texas Medical Branch and the University of California. Shriners Hospitals commitment to formal research has grown from an initial annual allocation of \$12,000 in the 1960s to \$37 million in 2007. All

22 Shriners Hospitals for Children and the research centers are involved in research in some way and more than 140 basic and clinical research projects are underway. These projects focus on pediatric orthopaedics, burn injuries, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate.

Basic research, which explores the

basic mechanisms of normal and diseased stages in life, is very important and will always be the engine driving all research programs. Shriners Hospitals have been leaders in pediatric orthopaedic and burn research for the past three decades.



Shriners Hospitals for Children provide special care



Daughters of the Nile Foundation

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Working Together For the Children



Convalescent Funds Provide Assistance NOW and for the Future

The Foundation's **Convalescent Endowment Fund** is an irrevocable Trust Fund supported by donations from Subordinate Temples of the Supreme Temple, Daughters of the Nile; individuals; Stepping Stones to Happiness certificates and the My Gift Program (bequests, incentive gifts, etc.); Federal, State, County and Municipal Governments, departments and agencies thereof; foundations, and corporations. Each calendar year, the income from the Foundation's Convalescent Endowment Fund and all other income accounts are used to support the Shriners Hospitals for Children. A contribution to the Convalescent Endowment Fund, whether it is \$1.00, \$1,000.00, \$100,000.00 or more, is a lasting gift.

The **Convalescent Relief Account** provides annual cash contributions to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Contributions to the Convalescent Relief Account are used in the fiscal year in which they are received.

Contributions to the CRA, together with interest income from the Convalescent Endowment Fund are donated directly to Shriners Hospitals

for Children for the purchase of such items as determined by the administrators of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

A donor gift to the Convalescent Relief Account represents a one-time contribution that is pooled with all other contributions within a Daughters of the Nile fiscal year. CRA is what we refer to as the NOW fund, as it provides money for a specific fiscal year,

Each year, the Daughters of the Nile Foundation contributes over \$1.5 million to Shriners Hospitals for Children. Since 1924, Daughters of the Nile has contributed monetary gifts amounting to over \$43,713,414 for the children treated at Shriners Hospitals.

