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# Working Together for the Children

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## Check Presented to Shriners Hospitals for Children

At the April meeting of the Daughters of the Nile Foundation Board, a check in the amount of \$1,250,000 was presented to Imperial Sirs Ralph Semb and Gene Bracewell for Shriners Hospitals for Children. This check represents the distribution of funds from the Convalescent Endowment Fund for the previous year. In addition to this amount, \$15,000 was given to the Philadelphia Hospital from the Louis Frederick Meyers Trust Fund and \$182,135.37 was given to the

Canadian Hospital from the Canadian Trust, bringing the total contribution for 2007 to **\$1,447,135.37**. This is a



Foundation Board officers present check to Shriners Hospitals for Children

remarkable accomplishment, due to the change in the fiscal year of the Foundation. The distribution of 2007 funds represents earnings of only 8 months rather than a full 12-month period.

Edgar R. McGonigal, Corporate Director of Development of Shriners Hospitals for Children, acknowledged the contribution saying, "it is only through the kindness of friends, such as the Daughters of the Nile, that we are able to continue treating children that need our help."

## CJ is Shriners Hospital Success Story



CJ is an exceptional 8-year old child who has a wonderful outlook on life. "Her courage and determination are inspiring, especially for one so young," says her mother. When CJ was born in July 2000, both femurs were bowed and short. Doctors initially told CJ's parents that there was little hope that she would be able to walk and

would most likely be confined to a wheelchair for life. But shortly after birth, CJ was accepted as a patient at Shriners Hospitals for Children in Tampa. Diagnosed with bilateral Proximal Femoral Focal Deficiency Type A, it was also determined that CJ was suffering from Congenital Coxa Vera, a condition where the femurs do not fit into the hip at the proper angle. PFFD occurs in 1 in 50,000 births, but most cases are unilateral and severe.

As CJ approached her first

birthday, she showed some signs of a desire to crawl. She realized that if she straightened her legs, she could crawl on her hands and feet. She finally pulled herself up to a standing position in August of 2001, but couldn't or wouldn't take that first step. Then one day in September of 2001, she followed her toddler instincts and took that first step. Her mother's heart "leapt with joy!" In March 2003, CJ underwent surgery to correct the bowing of the legs. During the

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surgical procedure, the doctor removed a wedge from each femur, thereby allowing the bone to be straightened. After being in a cast from her waist to her ankles for over 7 weeks and a wheelchair for 2 weeks, CJ was given the go-ahead to “walk”. Little CJ discovered that her legs no longer worked the way they had before the surgery and she had to learn to walk differently. Before the surgery, her legs had been rotated outward to some degree, so she learned to walk in a manner resembling a waddle. In less than a week after the surgery, CJ was crawling in the same way she had crawled as a baby, on her hands and feet. Over the next week and a half, the crawling was trans-

formed into walking. In June 2004, CJ did something she had never been able to do, she RAN!

In her short life, CJ has undergone several surgeries at Shriners Hospitals to correct the bowing of her femurs, to straighten her lower leg bones, and to deepen the hip sockets. Just moments prior to surgery in 2007, CJ’s surgeon gave her parents the option of stopping her treatment, as she was getting around and could do most things that other kids could do. But her parents were “committed to go the distance” with CJ’s treatment. Said her mother, “We fully believe that this is part of God’s plan for her life.”

“To look at her, you wouldn’t really think there was anything wrong with her, except that she is very short for her age and her walk is a little different. She’s just a normal kid dealing with extraordinary circumstances.”



CJ—a special Shriners child

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of the Nile  
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of Shriners  
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## Charitable Giving Committee Unveils Projects: Holiday Cards Now Available; Bracelets Show Support

For the second year, the Daughters of the Nile Charitable Giving Committee is selling Holiday Cards designed by children of Shriners Hospitals. These unique cards not only send holiday greetings to friends and family, but they also spread the message about the wonderful work performed by the ‘World’s Greatest Philanthropy’. In the spring of 2008, patients in the Shriners Hospital system were invited to submit drawing that signified

the meaning of the holiday season. Six designs were selected and are available for purchase at [www.donfdn.org/projects1.htm](http://www.donfdn.org/projects1.htm). All of the proceeds from this project go to the Convalescent Endowment Fund. Project Chairman and Foundation Board Member Ann Triplett said, “the cards serve as such a great promotional tool for both Daughters of the Nile and the Shrine.”

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Another new project this year is the sale of **WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE CHILDREN** green rubber bracelets. These bracelets signify your support for the Daughters of the Nile and show you care about the special children of Shriners Hospitals. Additional information can be found at <http://www.donfdn.org/>



# Supreme Temple, Daughters of the Nile Foundation Board of Directors assume duties

The first elected Board of Directors for the Foundation assumed its duties on June 11, 2008. Board members are: Kathleen Turner, President, El Tehran Temple No. 122; Linda Tribble, Vice President, Isis Temple No. 41; Barbara Lawrence, Secretary, Akielo Temple No. 128; Evelyn Petree, Treasurer, Yucca Temple No. 74; Ann Triplett, Executive Board, Iras Temple No. 40; Katharyn



Bracewell, El Tehran Temple No. 122; Elizabeth Day, Hatasu Temple No. 1; Barbara Fritz, Teti Sheri Temple No. 60; Nancy

Fuller, Sapphira Temple No. 79; Joyce Kincaid, Shimron Temple No. 133; Betty Nohle, Zama Temple No. 41; Marcia Roth, Aquarius Temple No. 138, and Phyllis Wattenbarger, El Giza Temple No. 139.

The Foundation Board is comprised of six Past Supreme Queens and seven Ladies of the Household. The members bring a variety of talents and expertise to the board and represent a wide geographic area.

## Supreme Queen's flag flying high

Supreme Queen Muriel Knapp began her travels to the 147 Subordinate Temples and all 22 Shriners Hospitals on July 7, 2008. Before beginning her remarkable journey, Supreme Queen Muriel attended the 2008 Imperial Council Session in St. Louis, Missouri where she "borrowed a great idea" from incoming Imperial Potentate Douglas Maxwell.

As the Supreme Queen visits each of the Shriners Hospitals, she is asking the administrators to raise her American flag on the grounds of the hospital. When she completes her travels in February 2009, she hopes her flag will have flown over all 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.



Supreme Queen Muriel hoists her flag at Twin Cities Shriners Hospital for Children

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**Order Your Holiday Cards TODAY!**

<http://www.donfdn.org/projects1.htm>

*Thank You For Supporting Daughters of the Nile*



**Daughters of the Nile to Place 2nd Gold Plaque in Greenville**

The Daughters of the Nile will place a second gold recognition plaque at the Greenville (SC) Unit of Shriners Hospitals for Children. This plaque represents contributions to this hospital in excess of \$2 Million. The plaque will be dedicated during the official visitation of Supreme Queen Muriel V. Knapp on Friday, November 14, 2008.

Preliminary plans are for a lunch with hospital officials at Noon and the Presentation and Tour of the Hospital beginning at 1:00 pm.

The Greenville Hospital is a 50-bed hospital that specializes in pediatric orthopaedic care and treats children from South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, and Virginia. More than 40,000 children have



been treated at the Greenville hospital since it opened in 1927.

In 2007, there were 991 inpatient admissions and 14,470

outpatient (clinic) visits. The hospital treated 16 foreign patients in 2007.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a one-of-a-kind international health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing specialty pediatric care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs at no cost to the children, their families or third-party providers. It costs the SHC system \$2.26 million a day to deliver healthcare; that is \$26.19 spent every second.. The Daughters of the Nile Foundation divides its annual contribution among the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children—the World's Greatest Philanthropy.