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## Second Gold Plaque Dedicated in Greenville

Supreme Queen Muriel V. Knapp and Foundation President Kathleen Turner placed a second gold plaque on the Philanthropic Wall at the Greenville, South Carolina unit of Shriners Hospitals for Children. This gold medallion represents the second million dollars donated to the Greenville Hospital from the Daughters of the Nile Convalescent Endowment Fund and Convalescent Relief Account.

The weather outside was dreary, but the visitors and children of the hospital were all smiles as Supreme Queen Muriel arrived and was greeted by patient ambassadors of the hospital.

Over 150 visitors and guests were given a royal welcome by hospital administrators, staff, parents and patients. Guests included five Past Supreme Queens, Supreme Princess Royal Vesta Marshal, Supreme Princess Ba-

doura Laura Richardson, several Supreme Officers and Appointees, twelve reigning queens and seven members of the Foundation Board of Directors. Also on hand for the celebration was Imperial



From left: Foundation President Kathleen Turner, Supreme Queen Muriel Knapp and Imperial Sir Gene Bracewell

## Message from the President

As we go forth in this New Year, may each of us know that what we do as an Organization, makes a difference in the life of a child in a Shrine hospital. With uncertain times in our economic future, let us remember that we are needed more than ever to make

that difference.

Winston Churchill had a famous quote, "We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give."

We thank each of you for what you give, whether it is in time, talents or money. We especially want to commend you for the love you have for these special children.

May this new year reward you with good health and prosperity.

Kathleen

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Sir Gene Bracewell, who represented the Shrine of North America.

After a delicious luncheon served by the hospital staff, Supreme Queen Muriel and guests were taken on a tour of the Greenville Hospital.

The Greenville Hospital is a 50- bed hospital that specializes in pediatric



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



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



Greenville staff members demonstrate their craft

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

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# Second Annual Holiday Card Project a "Success"

For the second year, the Daughters of the Nile Foundation offered holiday cards to raise money for and awareness of the Convalescent Endowment Fund. These cards, designed by patients in Shriners Hospitals are colorful reminders

of the special children we support. Children at each hospital are asked to draw a picture that represents the Christmas season. This year, six different designs of cards were sold to members and friends of the Daughters of the Nile.

The Children will soon be working on the cards for 2009. Additional information will be available at Supreme Session in London, Ontario, Canada at the Charitable Giving booth in the Marketplace and online at www.donfdn.org.

## **Applications Now Being Accepted**

Applications are now being accepted for positions on the Daughters of the Nile Foundation Board of Directors. All applications must be received by March 1, 2009. The Foundation Board is comprised of thirteen Directors; six of the Directors shall be Past Supreme Queens of the Supreme Temple, and seven of the Directors shall be members of Daughters of the Nile. Directors are elected at each annual meeting of the Foundation Board of Directors

tors by a majority of Foundation Board of Directors present at such meeting. In the election of Directors, consideration shall be given to the geographical representation of the various regions within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Temple, Daughters of the Nile. Foundation Directors shall be elected and shall serve for three year terms.

Applicants to the Foundation Board of Directors should possess an extraordinary dedication to the Daughters of the Nile, in particular to the Supreme Temple, Daughters of the Nile Foundation.

If elected to the Foundation Board of Directors, the Applicant will require a positive and personal commitment to time, monetary considerations, research, committees, teamwork and meetings as required throughout the year.

The application packet is available online at www.donfdn.org/board.htm or from the Subordinate Temple Princess Recorder.

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# Online Giving Now Available

Online giving is available to members and friends of Daughters of the Nile at www.donfdn.org/donate.htm Contributions are accepted using a major credit card. Stepping Stones to Happiness Certificates can be purchased in Honor Of, in Memory Of, or as a Contributor. Subordinate Temples will be given credit if so noted on the order form.



Children are Special at Shriners Hospitals

DAUGH-TERS OF THE NILE FOUNDA-TION IS A 501 (C)(3) PUBLIC CHARITY WHICH DONATES \$1.5 MIL-LION TO SHRINERS HOSPITALS EACH YEAR.

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## My Gift Incentive Program from the Charitable Giving Committee

Inspiring and lovely items from the *My Gift* Incentive Program are always popular at Supreme Session. These gifts are available year-round and benefit the Convalescent Endowment Fund. The Rose Tea Lights were available at the Seattle Supreme Session as a limited edition item. They have a crystal bottom which holds the candle and a pewter ring around the top with a rose on each side. You may have this item for a donation of \$12.00 each. Once these Tea Lights are gone, there will be no more.

The new Gold Certificates are also available for a donation of \$200 or more. These beautiful Certificates may be given in "Memory Of" or in "Honor Of" a special person, officer or friend. For more information, contact your local Charitable Giving Chairman or the Supreme Temple Charitable Giving Chairman at psq92web@aol.com.



## Patient Ambassador Gives Back

Gabby had a golf club in her hand within minutes of standing up for the first time. This feat was particularly sweet for 4-year-old Gabby—she spent much of her young life in a hip-to-toe cast. Gabby's family was referred to Shriners Hospitals for Children before she was born. An obstetrician diagnosed her with clubfoot while she was still in the womb, and two days after her birth, she was examined at Shriners Hospitals for Children— Tampa. Gabby's parents were surprised to learn that their daughter had two clubfeet, as well as dislocated hips and a hyper-extended knee.

After more than a dozen surgeries, Gabby, now 7, walks with the help of leg braces. She is an energetic and talkative child, takes jazz



and ballet classes and enjoys playing golf with her family. Her father, a golf pro at a Tampa, Fla., country club, often takes her to the driving

range to hit balls.

"Golf helps her with balance," explains Gabby's mother, Joy.
"When you swing, all your strength comes from your hips, so my husband will hold her hips to help her swing through. It's great for strengthening her entire body."

For the past two years, Gabby and her family have held a golf tournament fundraiser for the Tampa Shriners Hospital. The event has generated over \$22,500.

"The Shriners have done so much for Gabby—they are like our second family," Joy says. "They give so much love to every child who walks through the door. It's just unbelievable. It's our way of thanking them for everything they've given us.