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Shriners Hospitals for Children® received over \$1.7 million from the Daughters of the Nile Foundation, the Canadian Foundation and the Louis Fredrick Meyer trust in early 2013, representing contributions and earnings for the 2012 fiscal year. This amount sets a record

high distribution of funds from the Daughters of the Nile.

Since the first contribution to Shriners Hospitals for Children® in 1924, members of Daughters of the Nile have given nearly \$52 million for the care and support of children.

A gold plaque celebrating the support of Daughters of the Nile generosity will be placed at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Lexington, in October 2013, when the Supreme Queen makes her official visit to this city. More information will be available soon.

Taking Our Mission on the Road

Love For the Children Inaugural Tour

The Daughters of the Nile Foundation, the Supreme Temple and Shriners Hospitals for Children® proudly announce the *Love For the Children* Inaugural Tour, a multi-state, 112-stop tour across North America promoting our great philanthropy. The Supreme Queen for 2013 will be traveling to many Subordinate Temples and Shriners Hospitals for Children® in a specially-designed motor coach to

heighten awareness and raise money for the Convalescent Endowment Fund.

“We are so excited to set forth on this journey to benefit Shriners Hospitals

for Children®,” stated Linda Tribble, President of the Daughters of the Nile Foundation. “This is the first time something of this magnitude has been done by the Daughters of the Nile in cooperation with Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children®, and we are hoping for a great response.” Supreme Queen Suzie Schumacher recently returned from a tour of all of the hospitals

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across North America. She remarked, “So many miracles happen at Shriners Hospitals for Children®. It is an honor to be a part of this wonderful philanthropy.”

The tour is the brainstorm of Margaret Ann Risk, who will assume her responsibilities as Supreme Queen in June. “Through our Foundation we have been able to give over \$50 million to the Shriners Hospitals for Children® throughout North America,” said Risk. “The purpose of this tour is to promote awareness of who we are and what we do, as well as raise funds to help more children. If we can help just one child as a result of the information distributed

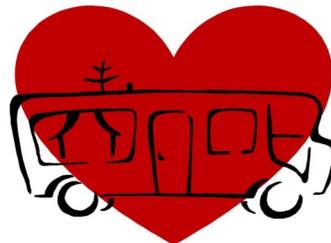
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The 38-foot motor coach will be on display at Supreme Session in Grapevine, Texas, and travel to Indianapolis, Indiana for Imperial Session. It will then kick off the *Love for the Children* tour on July 8, 2013 in Bangor, Maine. Initial stops on the tour include Shriners Hospitals

for Children®-Boston, one of the leading centers for treatment of pediatric burns and Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Springfield, dedicated to delivering the highest quality of care to children with orthopedic and neuromusculoskeletal disorders and diseases. Tax-deductible donations may be made online at www.donfdn.org through our Gift Store, at Supreme Session, or at any of the *Love For the Children Tour* stops.

Be a **ROSE** sponsor by donating \$100, \$500 or \$1000 today. The children of Shriners Hospitals for Children® will benefit from your kindness and generosity.

Love for the Children Tour



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Madelyn teaches us about giving

Madelyn Hubbs was not only born ten weeks early on May 31, 2000 weighing 3 pounds and 4 ounces, she was also born without her left arm. Both her father and mother were in shock; however, they immediately had a sense of humor in saying they knew for certain little Madelyn would be right-handed!

Madelyn must have been ready to be in this amazing world, as she did not need to have oxygen to assist her with breathing, like most babies born ten weeks early. Madelyn remained in the hospital for three and half weeks, until she was able to maintain her temperature on her own, drink from a bottle and gain a little weight. On the third day Madelyn was in the hospital, her orthopedic doctor told her parents about Shriners Hospital for Children®-St. Louis where he had previously worked. The doctor explained that Madelyn may need many prosthetics over the course of her childhood and might need other services that Shriners Hospitals for Children® could provide without regard for the family’s ability to pay. He also stated he would get Madelyn and her family connected with the hospital immediately and the family had to do nothing. This was a welcome relief for the Hubbs as they had no idea what they needed to do for their precious newborn.

Within a few weeks, a welcoming packet of information was delivered to Madelyn’s parents with an invitation to come visit the hospital. Madelyn and her family’s first visit to Shriners Hospital for Children®-St. Louis took

place when she was three months old.

One of the things Madelyn’s mom noticed immediately was how genuinely nice and happy every single person



was, and how there was not a mountain of paperwork that needed to be completed before anyone spoke to the family. The family met with several hospital staff members, as well as a family from Kansas City. The warm-hearted family shared the story of their adopted daughter who, like Madelyn, was missing her arm as well as having a few other medical matters. It was a blessing to have met this family from Kansas.

Madelyn’s mom has always cherished knowing that they were not alone, and not only would Shriners assist them through the years, there would be many wonderful families they would meet and connect with. Another memorable gesture that took place on that first visit to the hospital was when a lady handed Madelyn’s mom a beautiful crocheted white

baby blanket. It is a blanket Madelyn still has today.

Madelyn returned a few months later for a follow up visit and then again shortly before her first birthday to be fitted and given her first prosthetic. A man named Marvin has been Madelyn’s prosthetist from the beginning. Madelyn adores Marvin and loves the fun they have each time she sees him. Not only has Madelyn spent time in the prosthetic shop with Marvin, she has spent plenty of hours with ladies in Occupational Therapy. These ladies have taught Madelyn how to do everyday tasks with one arm and while using her prosthetic. Madelyn and her mom

spent a great deal of time in the OT room when Madelyn was preparing to attend preschool and kindergarten. They were trying to get ideas on the best ways to accommodate Madelyn for success in school. Madelyn’s mom, Melissa, is very grateful for the OT department’s help. There were times her teachers would run into unforeseen challenges, and all Melissa had to do was send a quick e-mail to the OT staff who would respond with multiple suggestions the same day. Madelyn particularly connected with one OT staff member named Loray. They are both redheads, and Loray always told Madelyn how proud she was of her completing so many different activities and challenges.

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Another awesome thing that has been provided, with a huge support of the OT department, is Hand Camp. It is a weekend camp offered once a year for children with upper limb differences and their families. The children get to be with other children like themselves, participate in activities they may have thought they could never do (such as horseback riding, archery, rock wall climbing, and fishing) and the parents get a chance to learn from one another as well.

Through this camp, Madelyn and her family have made lifelong friendships. Madelyn also learned how to do archery using a mouth piece. With the help of the OT department,

Madelyn was connected with a group who assisted the campers at Hand Camp, and the group made Madelyn her very own bow and arrows that she was able to take to fifth grade camp. Madelyn also tackled the thirty foot rock wall at Hand Camp two years in a row. She did not make it to the top of the wall the first year, but with determination and lots of cheering from Hand Camp staff and attendees, she made it to the top of the wall the second year. There were many tears of joy seeing Madelyn and the other children with limb differences conquer the rock wall.

Madelyn now sees the hospital staff once a year to have her spine x-rayed. She has developed a slight curvature of the spine which may be due to imbalance from not having her left arm. At this time there have not been any significant changes to her spine; however, it gives Madelyn and her family peace of mind to know the hospital staff are watching out for her as she continues to grow.

Madelyn is now a seventh grader who is an active member in National Junior Honors Society, Rachel's Challenge, choir, Girl Scout Cadet, baton, and karate. She has been riding horses through therapeutic horsemanship since she was three years old, and she loves to swim.

Madelyn has always wanted to give back to Shriners Hospitals for Children® to say thank-you



for helping her and her family. She remembers that after each visit to the hospital, she and her ten year old brother Kyle would be given a toy, game or stuffed animal by a staff member or Shrinker. She started a tradition five years ago that she says she will continue for life. She decided to ask her friends who would normally give her presents at Christmas to donate a new toy to give to Shriners Hospitals for Children®. Madelyn and her family also buy toys to add to the toy collection. Madelyn's first donation to the hospital included about 50 items.

With the help of her brother and many other generous friends, Madelyn's toy donation has grown each year and this past Christmas she donated 288 items! She is what the St. Louis Hospital has nicknamed the "red-headed Santa."

Madelyn is also an extremely active Shriners Hospital Patient Ambassador, who has quite a résumé, including all the activities she has partici-

pated in the past four years. She has spoken to Shriners and their ladies, Shrinker football players, elementary schools, and college students on numerous occasions telling her story, educating them about prosthetics, upper and lower limb differences, bullying and simulated one-handed activities.

Madelyn has donated over \$3,000.00 in the past three years by selling lemonade and snacks with friends and sponsoring a Shriners Hospitals Donation page. Madelyn has even created a Facebook page to stay connected with her Shrine family and to say thank-you to all who are connected to the Shriners Hospitals for Children®

Madelyn and her family are extremely grateful to the Shriners Hospitals for Children®, the wonderful staff members, and the Shriners and their ladies for all their hard work and donations. Madelyn's parents believe she would not be the person she is today if it were not for Shriners and the many friendships she has made on this great journey. Madelyn's dad, Jeffrey surprised Madelyn in 2011 by becoming a Shrinker.

The Hubbs family will forever be connected and a part of the Shrinker family! In Madelyn's words, "from my hand to your hand, thank-you."



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**Stop by the FOUNDATION / CHARITABLE GIVING
booth at Supreme Session in Grapevine, Texas!**

As always, the My Gift Program Committee has been working all year to design and develop exciting new items for the membership. These items will be unveiled at Supreme Session and are sure to please.

A new Caring for Children pin and Seasons of the Children ornament will be



available at the Shop 'Til You Drop marketplace along with more surprise items. Be sure to stop by to see what is new and pick up some favorites from previous years. This is a great time to add to your collection or make a pledge.



Not attending Supreme Session? Contact a member

who is and ask her to get your items.

All proceeds from the My Gift Program go to the Convalescent Endowment Fund.

AND DON'T FORGET to check out the baskets being auctioned for CEF. New this year is a 'Buy It Now' option. Entry forms are coming in with lots of original ideas.

You won't want to miss out!

