Working Together for the Children

Jarviesisters: Beautiful Girls...Beautiful Music

“The Jarviesisters,” 18-year-old identical twins Abby and Lena Jarvie were born three and one half months prematurely in 1992. Abby weighed one pound five ounces and Lena just nine ounces. Both underwent heart surgeries when they were two days old and other serious medical procedures followed until at age one, they were diagnosed with Spastistic Diplegia Cerebral Palsy.

Their father Gary entered the United States Army because the family was unable to afford the medical insurance the family needed to care for Abby and Lena. He was injured and not able to remain in the Army so the family relocated in Montana where he went back to school. During that time Abby started to grow causing the bones in her legs to twist making it difficult to walk. They saw an orthopedic doctor who told them Abby needed many surgeries, which devastated them. Before going home that day, they took the family to the Shrine Circus in Missoula. At the Circus they saw an old time family Shrine friend who had tried to get them to take Abby to Shriners Hospitals for Children® for sometime. They agreed to the Shriners’ help and made their first visit.

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‘Tis the Season for Holiday Sharing

The Holiday Sharing program is well underway. Subordinate Temples and individuals are once again demonstrating their generosity and caring spirits by including the Daughters of the Nile Foundation Convalescent Relief Account on their holiday lists. As you begin the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping, don’t forget the special patients of Shriners Hospitals for Children®! Your contribution can put smiles on children’s faces as they receive excellent care in these remarkable facilities throughout the United States and Canada.

At Supreme Session, the top three Subordinate Temples in each of three membership categories will be recognized for their contributions. All money for the 2010 Holiday Sharing program must be received by December 31 to be included in this year’s contributions. Thank you for sharing this holiday season!
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When just four years old, Abby and Lena began to sing like no others. Their ability to memorize music and sing a song in a short time was amazing. They sang in churches and for community events and, when 13, they performed at the East-West Shrine Football Game in Great Falls, Montana.

They were featured performers with Rocky Mountain Ballet Theatre in the “Montana Holiday Spectacular” during the 2008 holiday season. They teamed up with the Missoula Mendelssohn Club and the Montana A Cappella Society to benefit the Algeria Shrine Transportation Fund. In 2009 they won the Montana VSA Arts Young Soloist Award and their CD was sent to Washington, DC for International competition. In 2009 they won the Montana VSA Arts Young Soloist Award and their CD was sent to Washington, DC for International competition. They auditioned for the motion picture “Rainballs” and were accepted for both singing and acting roles in the movie.

During the summer of 2009, they were invited to attend the Transition Camp at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Spokane. They had the time of their lives without the aid of their parents and were asked to return to film the Virtual Tour for the Hospital. They also performed at the Hospital’s 85th Anniversary Party.

In the fall of 2010 they performed for Montana’s Senator Max Baucus and Ambassadors from Chile, Ireland, China and Japan and will sing for them again in March at Big Sky, Montana. They were guests of Sapphira Temple No. 79 Daughters of the Nile style show “From Denim to Diamonds” and performed beautifully.

Abby is in pain now and finds walking difficult, so will undergo surgery on her other leg in November 2010.

Their drive to keep singing is strong and they look forward to making their dreams come true to become professional recording artists and perform around the world, bringing awareness to all – that even disabled, you can achieve whatever you set your mind on.

You can hear and learn more by going to www.jarviesisters.com or www.myspace.com/jarviesisters.

Share your Fundraising Success Stories

At the 2011 Supreme Session in Tampa, Florida, the Foundation will once again sponsor breakout sessions to share information about the Foundation and exchange ideas on how to raise money for the special children of Shriners Hospitals for Children®. We would like to share success stories from Subordinate Temple fundraising projects. Include your ideas by contacting Linda Trible via email at ltrible@donfdn.org. We want this to be an interactive session where participants can share ideas for fun ways to help children.
Looking for a great gift????

Last summer at Supreme Session, the Foundation unveiled beautiful silk scarves at the Foundation’s Charitable Giving booth. These scarves make wonderful gifts for members and non-members alike. Beautifully designed with our white rose pattern, these scarves not only add a special touch to any garment, they also help grow our Convalescent Endowment Fund.

Several subordinate temples have purchased scarves for Choir members or Attendants to wear to complement their outfits. They also look beautiful tied to a purse or tote bag.

The scarves are 100% striped silk crepe with hand-rolled edges, measuring 14” x 64”.

Order yours today; the cost is $30 (plus shipping and handling). Download an order form at http://www.donfdn.org/don-flyer-3_scarves.pdf or send your request to: Ann Triplett, 3550 Triplett Lane, Boise, ID 83716. All proceeds support the Convalescent Endowment Fund.

Silk Scarves show support for Convalescent Endowment Fund

Foundation Update

Applications are now being accepted for positions on the Foundation Board of Directors. Interested and qualified individuals should complete and submit personal information found at www.donfdn.org/Application.htm.

Wills and bequests continue to provide substantial gains to the Convalescent Endowment Fund. Have you considered adding Daughters of the Nile Foundation to your will?

The My Gift incentive program has been very successful this year, with members responding very well to new items, as well as items that have been available in the past. The Foundation thanks all members for supporting this program and for sharing information with our members.

Don’t forget to update your ornament collection. For more information, go to www.daughtersofthenile.com/chari_gift.htm.

Fundraising for the Daughters of the Nile

Subordinate Temples conducting fundraising projects are the cornerstone of the philanthropic programs for the Convalescent Endowment Fund and Convalescent Relief Account. These programs allow Daughters of the Nile to share in and support the great work done by Shriners Hospitals for Children®. Each year, through the CEF and CRA, the Daughters of the Nile Foundation contributes over $1 Million!

As a 501(c)(3) public charity, it is important that all advertising and receipts be worded correctly. If contributions are intended for one of the Foundation’s programs, the correct verbiage is, “Proceeds go to the Daughters of the Nile Foundation for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children®.”

We must be careful NOT to advertise that our fundraising events are directly for Shriners Hospitals for Children®. All receipts and advertising for Subordinate Temple fundraising events must use this verbiage.

Remember, we support Shriners Hospitals for Children® but do not act for them.

Shriners Hospitals for Children® is grateful for our support; however, we do not want to jeopardize our standing with this great philanthropy, nor do we want to jeopardize the Foundation’s standing with the IRS. If there are any questions or concerns about fundraising materials, feel free to send an inquiry to contact@donfdn.org or refer to the fundraising guidelines at http://www.donfdn.org/guidelines.htm.

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Happy Holidays from the Board of Directors

As we approach this joyous and holy time of the year, the Board of Directors of the Daughters of the Nile Foundation wishes each of you peace and happiness, and we hope 2011 will be filled with great things. We thank you for supporting the Foundation in our mission to help children through Stepping Stones to Happiness certificates, the My Gift incentive program, the purchase of scarves, our direct mail program, silent auction and all our other projects.

All who cross the threshold of one of the Shriners Hospitals for Children® recognize the amazing work done for children and their families every single day. Through the generosity of Shriners, Daughters of the Nile and friends, miracles happen every day in these 22 remarkable facilities.

During the holidays, there is nothing more beautiful than the excitement and awe in the face of a child. Regardless of age, we can share in this childlike wonder. How special is this wonderful feeling we have all year long because of the work we do to support Shriners Hospitals for Children®? Knowing we helped a child take her first step, smile her first smile, live a normal life after experiencing life-threatening burns—we are indeed blessed.

Whether you contributed $1 or $1,000, we say THANK YOU for helping us help children.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we wish you joy, peace, love and good health in this holiday season and throughout the coming year. Working Together, we make a difference!!