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# GOLD, GOLD, GOLD!

## Three More \$1 Million Gold Plaque Presentations

### SHREVEPORT

October 23, 2015 - It was a rainy day but that didn't put a damper on the celebration as Daughters of the Nile Foundation President Vickie Hill and Supreme Queen Sharon K. St. John placed the second Million Dollar plaque on the donor wall at Shriners Hospital for Children® in Shreveport, Louisiana. They were also privileged to put in place the first \$55 Million Dollar plaque!

As we toured the hospital, we learned that the initial hospital opened in 1924 as the result of the determination of El Karuba Shriners. The hospital is now on track to have a record-breaking year for outpatient visits.

We also met three-year old Jordan who had just received his very first wheelchair that day!



He was full of joy and all too willing to accept the love and hugs we bestowed on him. It was a beautiful reminder of why we do what we do!

### GALVESTON

October 29, 2015 - Daughters of the Nile Foundation President Vickie Hill and Supreme Queen Sharon K. St. John presented a second Million Dollar Gold Plaque to the Shriners Hospital for Children® - Galveston at a celebration which included a lovely lunch with a remarkable Shrine Child guest speaker.

It was rewarding to see the incredible advances the staff has made in severe burn treatment.



We want to extend our sincere thanks to these workers — they truly are the wind beneath the wings of all that happens in the SHC network.

*The excellent doctors and staff at Galveston Shriners Hospital not only provide superb care for "our Shrine Children" but also share their expertise with fellows and residents from around the world.*

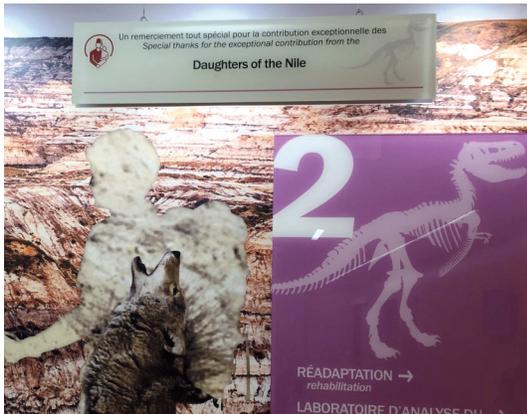


*Cutting-edge laser technology is used at the Galveston Shriners Hospital to create pressure masks to prevent raised facial scars.*

Read about the Twin Cities Gold Plaque Presentations on page 3.

## 2nd Floor Dedicated to the Daughters of the Nile at the New Shriners Hospital for Children® - Canada

On August 19<sup>th</sup>, over 450 people witnessed an exciting first for Daughters of the Nile: The dedication and naming of the 2nd floor of the new Shriners Hospital for Children® - Canada for the Daughters of the Nile. This privilege was granted in recognition of the Canadian Trust's commitment of one million dollars to the hospital's capital campaign.



Entrance to the "Daughters of the Nile" Floor

This day also celebrated the inscribing of the Daughters of the Nile name on the Four Million Dollar Donor Recognition Wall and the presentation of the new plaque from

Shriners International recognizing the \$55 million plus Daughters of the Nile has contributed to the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Supreme Queen Sharon K. St. John, Imperial Potentate Jerry Gantt, Past Imperial Potentate and Chairman of the Board of

Trustees Dale Stauss, as well as Canadian Trustee Shirley Smith and Foundation President Vickie Hill, all participated in these three "firsts" in Montreal honoring the Daughters of the Nile. The day's events were particularly significant to the three

Canadian Past Supreme Queens M. Rhona Kerr, Nancelyn Ross and Vesta Marshal as the first, second and third Million



Supreme Queen Sharon K. St. John, Foundation President Vickie Hill, and Canadian Trustee Shirley Smith with the 2nd floor Daughters of the Nile Name Plaque and Banner.

Dollar plaques were presented during their reigns as Supreme Queen. It was a pleasure to also welcome Past Supreme Queens Hulene "Mickey" Fitzpatrick, Eleanor Green, Betty Nohle, Laura Richardson and Marsha Sowers.



Supreme Queen Sharon and Past Supreme Queens with the newly-designed \$55 Million Plaque.

To the Canadian Daughters of the Nile, **thank you** for your continued support of the Canadian Trust Convalescent Endowment Fund and the Canadian Convalescent Relief Fund.

To all Daughters of the Nile, **thank you** for your unending generosity and your dedication to ensuring the Shrine hospital system will continue to efficiently and effectively improve the lives of the children in their care.

— Shirley Smith, Canadian Trustee

# Daughters of the Nile presents **\$2.3 Million** to Shriners Hospitals for Children®

## Imperial 2015 – Houston, Texas

This year Daughters of the Nile, US and Canada combined, were able to make a donation in the amount of \$2,376,599.81.

The Daughters of the Nile Foundation was proud to present Imperial Potentate Dale Stauss with the "Hopes and Dreams" plaque. The plaque symbolizes the partnership between Shriners and Daughters of the Nile as we work together to bring to reality the hopes and dreams of the many children treated in the Shriners Hospitals for Children® network.



*Foundation President Vickie Hill and Supreme Queen Sharon K. St. John presenting Imperial Potentate Dale Stauss with 'THE BIG CHECK'!*

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## **GOLD, GOLD, GOLD!**

### More \$1 Million Gold Plaque Presentations

#### TWIN CITIES

On July 24, 2015, Daughters of the Nile Foundation President Vickie Hill and Daughters of the Nile Supreme Queen Sharon K. St John presented a second gold plaque to be placed on the Philanthropic Wall of Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Twin Cities in Minnesota.

It was a wonderful day for members and friends of the Foundation to share with visitors their commitment to helping these special children.



*Daughters of the Nile Gold Plaque Shriners Hospital for Children® — Twin Cities*

This past year, the Daughters of the Nile contributed over **\$2.3 million** dollars to help with patient care at the Shriners Hospitals for Children® network of specialty pediatric hospitals. With this most recent contribution, the total given to Shriners Hospitals for Children® by the Daughters of the Nile is over **\$56 million** since its first donation in 1924.

## The Touch of Love

### Plates made by Shrine Children help raise money for CEF

These plates each come with a memory of a Shrine patient and his or her story — a tale of how we touched their lives and how they touched ours! And more than that, these plates then help generate money at numerous Temples' CEF fund-raising events so we can continue touching the lives of our Shrine Children.



The plates are the brainchild of Foundation Board member



## Holiday Sharing Program

Holiday Sharing is just around the corner. With the autumn leaves beginning to fall and frost in the air, the Daughters of the Nile have an opportunity to bring joy into the lives of our special children.

Annually, the Daughters of the Nile Foundation accepts special gifts for the Convalescent Relief Account to provide additional support for the children who are patients of the Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

These special gifts may be given to your Temple or may be sent directly to the Daughters of the Nile Foundation. You may use the enclosed envelope or send your gift of joy to 6705 Mesa Drive, Austin, TX 78731-2817 (indicate CRA on your check).

Holiday celebrations include special times spent with family and friends. It is the Foundation's hope that you consider including the Holiday Sharing Program as a part of your holiday traditions.

Jessica Penn and each have a handprint or footprint of a patient. Parents willingly consent when they hear that the money raised with these plates will benefit the Daughters of the Nile Foundation's permanent endowment fund to benefit the Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Supreme Queen Sharon K. St. John took time during her visit to the Shreveport Hospital to help create some of these special plates.



## News from our Philanthropy

### **May, 2015: SHC now part of the Mayo Care Clinic Network**

Officers of Shriners Hospitals for Children® proudly announced that they are the first pediatric and specialty health care system to join the Mayo Clinic Care Network. This collaborative relationship allows the dedicated medical staff of both organizations to share knowledge and expertise and further ensure that the "Shrine Children" receive the best care possible.

### **June, 2015: First child bilateral hand transplant**

Eight-year-old Zion became the first child and youngest person ever to receive a bilateral hand transplant — thanks to the efforts of Dr. Kozin, Chief of Staff at Shriners Hospital Philadelphia, who was also a member of the surgical team. This collaborative surgical achievement was highlighted on the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons website as being "akin to landing a man on the moon"!

### **August, 2015: Five Tanzanian children receive free surgery and prostheses after brutal attacks**

Five albino Tanzanian children who were brutally dismembered were given a second chance with free surgery and prostheses at Shriners Hospital for Children® - Philadelphia. The children are often targets because practitioners of witchcraft pay large sums of money for albino body parts in the belief that they bring wealth.

*Did you know that Dr. Charles Mayo, a founder of the Mayo Clinic, was also a Shriner (Osman Shriners, St. Paul, MN) and contributor to the endowment fund now supporting the 22 Shriners hospitals?*

## New State-of-the-Art Shriners Hospital for Children® in Montreal, Quebec, Canada

On August 20<sup>th</sup> Quebec and Montreal dignitaries, Imperial Potentate Jerry Gantt, and Past Imperial Potentate Dale Stauss took part in the dedication of the new Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Canada. Two thousand guests attended this exciting event. The emcee and numerous entertainers were all former Shrine patients. The new state-of-the-art, \$127-million dollar hospital

includes cutting-edge technology, has Canada's first pediatric simulation centre to train surgeons and other health care professionals, and has one entire floor dedicated to research. Supreme Temple, Canadian Trust, and Daughters of the Nile Foundation members joined the celebration.



*The new Shriners Hospital for Children® — Canada*

*From All of Us to All of You —*

*The Board of Directors of the Daughters of the Nile Foundation sends*

*Warmest Greetings of the Season and Best Wishes for Happiness in the New Year*

*President Vickie Hill, Vice President Doriann Stein, Treasurer Kendall Cusick-Rindone, Secretary Wanda Dunwoody, Executive Committee Member Jessica Penn, and Directors Sharon Bracy, Karen Burk, Marjorie Clericuzio, Ann Comeaux, Susan Coulter, Nan Galbreath, Sue Layman, and Dixie Miller*



## Message from the Foundation President

### Greetings!

It's hard to believe we are at the end of another successful year for the Daughters of the Nile Foundation! This year was filled with many exciting events.

We were so pleased to present our annual donation in the total amount of **\$2,376,599.81** (US and Canada combined) to Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

I hope you enjoyed reading about these plaque presentations and dedication as much as we enjoyed being present for them!

I want to thank each of you for your donations that make these events possible.

It's exciting to hear about your Temple's creative fundraisers benefitting the Convalescent Endowment Fund and the Convalescent Relief Ac-



*Supreme Queen Sharon K. St. John and Foundation President Vickie Hill with the wall panel recognizing the \$55 million dollars Daughters of the Nile have contributed to the Shriners Hospitals.*

count. I wish I could attend every one! When your event is over and you send in your contribution, it would be so nice for you to write a little summary of your event. We learn from one another's successes.

The Foundation is happy to provide you with our tax exempt information. To protect our tax-exempt status, we may ask you to describe your fundraiser and the portion of the proceeds that will be designated for the Foundation.

As you know, there was a drop in the stock market in late August which did impact the Convalescent Endowment Fund. I assure you that our Wells Fargo investors are doing everything possible to ensure the integrity of our fund.

Regrowth may be slow, but it is happening and we are on the right path to regain any loss.

The Daughters of the Nile Foundation is embarking on a new direct mail campaign. This is a wonderful way to stay in touch with our membership, to spread the word about who we are, and to create a new donor base to ensure the growth of our Endowment fund.

I wish all of you happy holidays and look forward to seeing you at upcoming Daughters of the Nile events.

**Vickie Hill, President**

## Daughters of the Nile honored by Shriners Hospital for Children® —Chicago



Daughters of the Nile Past Supreme Queen Marsha Sowers and Foundation President Vickie Hill were thrilled when Chicago Shriners Hospital Board of Governor members called to say they were hosting a special celebration to recognize the Daughters of the Nile and the new \$55 million dollar plaque.



## The My Gift Program Great for Giving Anytime!

Each year, the *My Gift Program* offers unique items for members to show their support for our philanthropy. All donations benefit the Convalescent Endowment Fund (CEF), and your Temple will receive credit for your contribution.

*For the Children* pins make wonderful gifts. There are a total of ten pins, each with a unique design depicting children leading productive and healthy lives. The 2015 pin showcases kids with *ABC Blocks*. Now is the perfect time to begin collecting or to complete your set.



Past Supreme Queen Marsha Sowers selected the exciting new "*Season of Children*" collectible ornament, "*Nuit*". This beautiful pewter ornament is the 17th in the series of Egyptian-themed ornaments, each telling a special story. This is a wonderful time to start or add to your collection of these special ornaments.



The *My Gift Program* is proud to introduce the NEW "Circle of Love" Pledge Item. The theme represents the love and unity the Daughters of the Nile express for the special patients of Shriners Hospitals for Children®. This pledge item is available for a donation of \$250, or a 5-year commitment of \$50 per year. After your first payment, you will receive the corresponding pin which demonstrates your commitment to the children.



The *My Gift Program* provides you with beautiful gifts in remembrance of special events and to recognize the special people in your life. Your donation is tax-deductible. Remember, we can all make a difference, one child at a time!

**All these items and many more are available through the online Gift Store at [www.donfdn.org](http://www.donfdn.org) or by mailing an order form along with your check or money order to:**

Daughters of the Nile Foundation  
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**Give a Gift.....Get a Gift**

For more information about the *My Gift Program*, please contact Doriann Stein, Chairman  
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For more information,  
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The Foundation Board of Directors welcomes its new 2015 members:

Sharon (Sherri) Bracy, Rithmah Temple No. 93  
Ann Comeaux, Tamah Temple No. 73  
Susan Coulter, Alabet Temple No. 31  
Nan Galbreath, Aromaz-Dynasty Temple No. 163

The Foundation also extends its deepest thanks to retiring directors Herbie Kay Lundquist and Muriel Knapp for their countless hours in support of the Foundation and its philanthropy.

### **Interested in serving the Daughters of the Nile Foundation?**

**Members of the Daughters of the Nile who are interested in serving on the Foundation Board may download the 2015 application package on the Foundation website. ([www.donfdn.org](http://www.donfdn.org)) or obtain a copy from their local Temple's Princess Recorder.**