

## **Cincinnati Patient Serves as Patient Ambassador at Shrine Game**

Cincinnati patient and burn survivor Daniel Happy was selected to represent Shriners Hospitals for Children® as a patient ambassador for the 85th East-West Shrine Game, held this past month in Orlando, Fl.

Happy sustained second- and third-degree burns over 95 percent of his body when a plane crashed into his family's Sanford, Fla., home in 2007. Only hours after the crash, Happy was airlifted from a local hospital to Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Cincinnati. Today, Happy is seen on an outpatient basis at the Cincinnati hospital.



As a patient ambassador for the 85th East-West Shrine Game, Happy represented the more than 120,000 children currently receiving care at the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children® throughout North America. He attended official East-West Shrine Game events and took center field on game day for the coin toss.

“Danny’s last name fits his disposition,” said St. Dominic’s principal Bill Cavanaugh, where Danny is in 6th grade. As an extremely outgoing student, Happy helped start “Happy Tabs for Shriners Hospitals” at his school in Cincinnati. The initial goal to collect 1 million aluminum can tabs was achieved in just a few short months. The students then collected a second million tabs, and have connected with dozens of people across the country who collect tabs on behalf of their program. The money Happy and his schoolmates collect from the sale of the aluminum tabs help provide a variety of items for patients at Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Cincinnati.

The East-West Shrine Game is the longest-running college all-star football game in the country. While the teams are divided by East and West, the players come together for the beneficiary of the event - Shriners Hospitals for Children®. For more information about the East-West Shrine Game, visit [www.shrinegame.com](http://www.shrinegame.com).

