

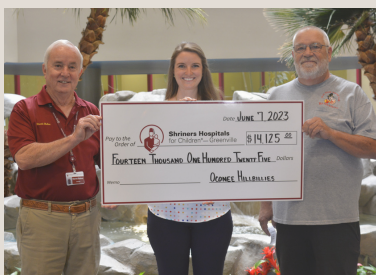


Shriners Children's



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SHRINERS CHILDREN'S GREENVILLE VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER



2023 in Review

Thank you to all of our volunteers, roadrunners, and Shriners who made 2023 a success. Your generosity and service is forever appreciated. Our hospital would not be the same without your support. Here's to another great year at Shriners Children's Greenville.

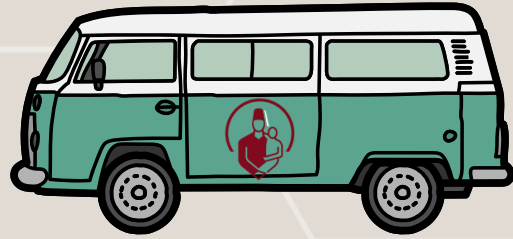
-All the best,
Daniel Elrod, Volunteer and Philanthropy Coordinator

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2023 STATISTICS FOR VOLUNTEERS



3,400 VOLUNTEER HOURS



1,811 ROADRUNNER TRIPS
747,320 MILES TRAVELLED

Turkey Trot and Roll 5K

Shriners Children's Greenville fourth annual Turkey Trot and Roll was held in Trailblazer Park on Saturday, November 11th. Despite the rainy weather, the family-friendly event was a success. Thank you to all of the participants, employees that fundraised in teams, our volunteers that braved the cold weather, and the office of Philanthropy for organizing such a successful event.

These joint efforts raised \$152,000 for our century old promise to care for kids.



Santa's Workshop

Santa's Workshop hosted over 1,650 patients through the month of December. Each patient and their siblings had the opportunity to pick several gifts following their appointment. Over 5,000 gifts were distributed to patients and their siblings. Thank you to our Santa's, donors, volunteer groups, and our holiday helpers, Cindy Long and Jordan Johnson, for making every moment of Santa's Workshop priceless.

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ROADRUNNER TOTAL TRIPS BY TEMPLE FOR 2023

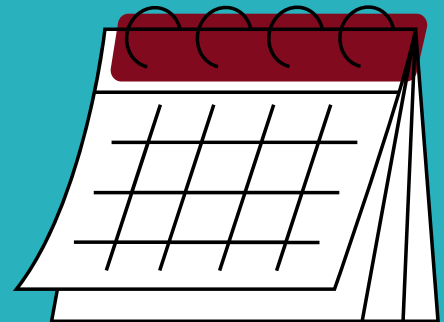
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- ALEE- 30
- ALHAMBRA- 14
- AMRAN- 27
- CAHABA- 90
- HEJAZ- 160
- JAMIL- 35
- JERICHO- 183
- KAZIM- 51
- KERBELA- 92
- KHEDIVE- 31
- OASIS- 191
- OMAR- 312
- SUDAN- 118
- YAARAB- 275
- ZAMORA- 73



A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THE ROADRUNNERS FOR YOUR SERVICE. OUR EMPLOYEES AND PATIENT FAMILIES ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOU DO!

IMPORTANT DATES

- **FEBRUARY 22-23: PHILANTHROPY OFFICE CLOSED**
- **MARCH 8-9: SHRINERS DAYS 2024**
- **MAY 17: STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (HOSPITAL CLOSED)**
- **MAY 27TH: MEMORIAL DAY (HOSPITAL CLOSED)**
- **JUNE 3-6: PHILANTHROPY CONFERENCE (OFFICE CLOSED)**



Be sure to mark your calendars!

Stay tuned for more information on the Volunteer Celebration luncheon!



With a swim cap in one hand and a brace in the other, Katie was determined not to let her diagnosis stand in her way.

Shortly after turning 10 years old, Katie was at swim practice when her coach noticed her back seemed raised on one side. After a visit to her pediatrician, she was diagnosed with adolescent idiopathic scoliosis.

A teammate on Katie's swim team was a patient at Shriners Children's Greenville. She recommended the hospital, saying she felt it was not only the best care in the area but in the United States.

Katie was given a 98 percent chance of needing surgery.

"I remember the doctors saying, 'When it comes time for surgery' rather than 'if,'" said Mary Beth, Katie's mom. Katie's goal was to do anything in her power to avoid surgery. To help prevent her curve from increasing, a brace was the best option for Katie.

Katie's doctor advised her to wear her brace for 22 hours a day. Determined not to let her scoliosis take away from her goals, like swimming, she was highly compliant.

Katie wore four braces throughout her time as a patient.

"My orthotist worked really hard with me to make sure my brace fit comfortably and hit the right spots," Katie said.

As years went by, Katie continued to avoid surgery. With each X-ray and appointment, Katie's spine showed improvement. "Shriners means everything to me and my family," said Katie. "They have helped me avoid major spine surgery."

Now, at 20, Katie is achieving her dreams. She continues swimming and lives the life she always imagined. She is an accomplished swimmer, competing on the St. Bonaventure University Women's Swimming and Diving team.

"I feel I have gained more from my experience than was taken away from me by having scoliosis," said Katie. "Not just health-wise, but as a person."

Katie is a Shriners Kid

