



# Care in Action

An E-Newsletter for Employees, Staff and Friends of Shriners Hospitals for Children—Spokane

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**Duck Race for the Kids**

Nearly 12,000 ducks raced down the Spokane River on Sunday, Sept. 28th. The annual event, hosted by El Katif Shriners, is a fundraiser for the hospital.

The winner received a new boat and trailer!



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For more information on our hospital, its services and our mission, please visit our website [www.shrinershospitals.org](http://www.shrinershospitals.org).

*“Life is sharing yourself with others, and accepting their love in return.”*

*anonymous*  
*(submitted by a hospital volunteer)*

Congratulations to Maggie Temte of Recreation Therapy and to Jim Howland of the Greeters for being chosen as our Employee of the Quarter and Volunteer of the Quarter for Oct-Dec 2008!

Thanks for your commitment and dedication to our mission.

## Reach the Beach Fundraising Campaign and Walk

During the month of October, our hospital employees have joined together to raise awareness and fundraising for our hospital mission! You are invited to join us in our trek.

As part of Together for Kids, a national alliance of over 50 children's hospitals, Shriners is participating in a "virtual walk" across the state of Washington to the coast! Over half of our employees are in teams of 6 tracking their individual exercise and logging their miles to see which team can make the 400 mile journey first! Along the way, they are collecting donations or sponsors for the hospital. You are invited to join us in our efforts.

For every \$50 raised, you will be entered into a drawing for great prizes and certificates donated by area businesses and organizations. For more information, forms and details call public relations at 509.623.0424.

## Temple of the Month Bagdad - Butte, Montana

The Bagdad Temple in Montana is our October Temple of the Month! Bagdad, chartered in 1911, has currently 657 members.

Bagdad has sent us over 50 new patients in 2008. The nobles at Bagdad work tirelessly to get the news of our hospital out to residents of Montana and has Sir Jack Mitchell as a representative on our hospital Board of Governors.

Bagdad will be honored on Monday, October 20th at the Board of Governors meeting to be held at the hospital. Illustrious Sir Paul Bebo, Potentate will be present with two other members of the Divan.

Join us in celebrating the Bagdad Shriners and their many contributions to our hospital!



Save the Date!

Our annual Holiday Open House and Tree Lighting will be held on Friday, December 5th. Invitations will be mailed soon. We hope you will join us as we celebrate the year, the season and the many people who make our mission possible.

## Patient is Cougar for a Day



Andrew Peterson, a patient at Spokane Shriners, met members of the WSU Rally Squad and Al, the Shrinier.

Young Spokane patient, Andrew Peterson got to be an honorary Washington State University Cougar for a day! On Saturday, September 20th, Andrew got to meet players, coaches and Shriners at the WSU Foundation Day game in Pullman.

Louie Sanft of A & B Properties in Seattle donated nearly \$4000 to the hospital during a break in the game time action. Mr.

Sanft and the El Katif Shriners make this day possible for a patient each year. WSU beat Portland State in their first win of the season!

In a letter, the Peterson family states, "WOW! What a day our son had! The entire experience was awesome! We cannot thank you all enough for being such a blessing to our family and for all the other families who have had the honor of being treated by your organization. Thanks for all you do!"

## Daughters of the Nile Visit Spokane Hospital

The Supreme Queen of the Daughters of the Nile (DON), Ms. Muriel Knapp of Seattle, visited the hospital in early October as part of her tour of the hospitals and DON temples throughout North America. The Daughters of the Nile contribute generously over \$1 million per year to the Shriners Hospital system and provide many gifts, volunteer hours and other donations to our hospital locally as well.



Supreme Queen Muriel Knapp flies her flag over the hospital during her visit.

We are thankful for their support!