



Care in Action

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

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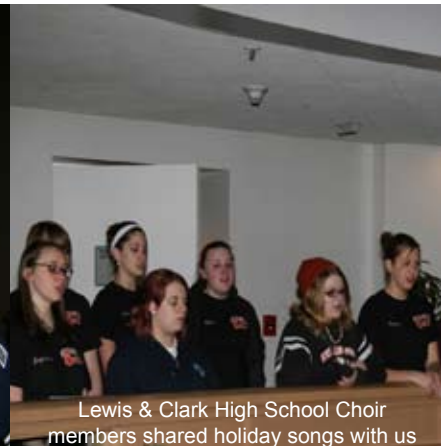
Tawny - 2009 Tree Lighter

Our Holiday Open House and Tree Lighting was a great success. Tawny, the official 2009 tree lighter and patient ambassador, lit the tree to begin the celebration. Guests enjoyed the reception and displays and the entertainment was provided by the Lewis & Clark High School Choir, Kasia & Strings and Johanna Brooks, a soloist from the Fairchild Airforce Base Air National Guard. Thank you to all who attended.

On behalf of the staff, patients and Board of Governors of our hospital, thank you for your support this year to help us make a difference in the lives of thousands of children.



Administrator Gene Raynaud with Johanna Brooks, soloist



Lewis & Clark High School Choir members shared holiday songs with us



Kasia & Strings share their talents



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For more information on our hospital, its services and our mission, please visit our website www.shrinershospitals.org.

Happy Holidays!

and warmest wishes for a wonderful New Year.



East-West Shrine Football Game

The 84th Annual East-West Shrine Game will take place on Jan. 17, 2009 in Houston, Texas. For tickets or more information, please visit: www.shrinegame.com.

Or be sure to tune in on January 17th on ESPN2 to watch the game, which raises money for our hospital system.

Temple of the Month: Calam - Lewiston, Idaho



The Calam temple, located in Lewiston, Idaho, is being celebrated as our December Temple of the Month. Chartered in 1908, Calam currently has a membership of approximately 590 Shriners who participate in 6 clubs and 20 units.

The temple is led by Illustrious Sir William Hamilton and supports primarily the Spokane hospital. In fact, nearly 20% of our patients currently come from North Idaho where Calam is located.

Imperial Sir Robert Turnipseed, a member of Calam temple, was the Imperial Potentate for Shriners of North America in 2001. Our current Board Chair, Ken Boni, is also a member of Calam.

We are thankful for the continued support of the Calam Shriners!

Board of Governors Changes



Board Chairman Ken Boni with Wayne Gibson.

Wayne Gibson of Algeria temple in Montana retired from our Board of Governors in December after 8 years of service.

Thank you Noble Gibson for your commitment, service and leadership for our hospital!

Two new members were appointed to associate positions on the Board: E. G. Leipheimer IV of

Bagdad and Lester Nevins of Algeria Shriners. Welcome!

Donors Give Patients Courage

George Gee, along with friends John & Ann Beutler and Paul & Stephanie Brown of Spokane, provided our hospital with a mini-Hummer for the patients.



(Shown above with Lynda Vilanova, Director of Patient Care Services and Dr. Paul Caskey, Chief of Staff.)

The donation is in the spirit of the Hummer Drive for Courage campaign to help patients who are facing surgery to "drive" with courage to face their medical treatments.

Our test driver, Jose (shown below) decided it was going to be a great treat for our patients.

Thanks to the generosity of the Gee, Brown and Beutler families and many others like them, we are able to provide expert care to children every day!

Thank you for your meaningful support!



Jose, with Teri Carlson, Inpatient Services Manager tests out the Hummer!