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Love to the Rescue—Helping Kids Be Kids®

Michael loves playing with his cars!
“He has come a long way, physically, emotionally and cognitively. During therapy his personality has really come out, he is very personable and has a good sense of humor.”

– Chelsey Hatley, Occupational Therapist
6-year-old Cooper received treatment at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Houston for Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy, a procedure employed to help children with Cerebral Palsy. Prior to surgery, Cooper was unable to sit his feet or legs flat on the floor; his legs had to be pried apart whenever setting him down.

Within four weeks of treatment, Cooper made major headway on his mobility. Both feet and legs were able to sit flat on the floor.

Following surgery, Cooper followed an intensive therapy schedule of physical therapy and occupational therapy four to five times a day.

As one of triplets, Cooper has plenty of energy to keep him in play with his two sisters.

With his newfound strength, riding a bike is only one of Cooper’s new favorite activities. He loves playing with cars, motorcycles, and has been known to sink one or two remote-controlled boats.
Each and every department and team member at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Houston is important in providing the best possible care for the children who come through our doors. This year, in honor of the 40th Anniversary of the Houston Motion Analysis Center, I would like to shine a spotlight on this remarkable department whose work impacts the care of so many of our patients. In 1978, Shriners Hospitals for Children- Houston took a leap of faith by investing in the development of one of the first clinical gait analysis laboratories in the country to improve the care of children with movement disorders such as Cerebral Palsy.

Forty years later, through the continued support of generous donors, the Houston Motion Analysis Center (MAC) continues to provide cutting edge services to assist in the care of children with complex movement disorders.

In October of 2018, to celebrate the Motion Analysis Center’s 40th Anniversary we took a look back on where the MAC began, where we are now, and our plans for the future. When the lab first opened in 1978, the only services that could be provided were EMG (recording muscle activity) and video capture. Six years later, in 1984, the Houston MAC was chosen to receive the first Vicon 3-D Motion Capture system in the United States. This groundbreaking system paved the way for how motion is captured and analyzed, improving our ability to plan the most appropriate treatment for our patients. By 1986, Clinical Gait Analysis was established to be the standard of care, both pre and post operatively, at Shriners Houston for all children with Cerebral Palsy undergoing orthopedic surgical intervention to improve their walking ability. This initiative has provided invaluable information concerning surgical outcomes that has led us to improve our standard of care throughout the years.

In the last 20 years we have added Energy Expenditure Testing (1993) to assess the amount of energy it takes a patient to walk; Pedobarography (1993) to provide foot pressure analysis; Shriners Hospital Upper Extremity Evaluation (2016) to help evaluate and analyze the movement of the upper extremities; and Center of Pressure Analysis (2017) to evaluate balance. The information that is collected in the Houston MAC has enabled our team of clinicians to improve our understanding of complex movement pathologies leading to excellence in treatment planning and a comprehensive surgical approach. We have also been able to examine the outcomes of the treatments we provide and share our knowledge with clinicians all over the world. The Houston MAC achieved another important milestone in 2018 by becoming one of only 14 motion labs across the United States to be awarded accreditation by the Commission for Motion Laboratory Accreditation. To attain this accreditation, the Commission performs an intensive examination of all aspects of the lab and certifies high quality care is being delivered by the motion analysis team.

In closing, I would like to introduce you to Isaiah one of the many patients significantly impacted by the Houston MAC. Isaiah and his parents came to the Houston Hospital when he was four years old to determine if I could provide treatment to help with the walking issues that resulted from Isaiah’s Cerebral Palsy. After being seen in the MAC, a plan was made for a surgical event that included both muscular and bony procedures. This initial surgery, at the age of five, provided exceptional improvements. Isaiah was followed for the next 14 years and required only a few other procedures as he grew. In all, he was examined 11 times in our MAC and the information that was provided allowed for the best possible plan of care for this young man. Isaiah graduated from college and is now living in New York where he works for one of the major airlines. If you see him on a flight be sure to say hello as he is an excellent ambassador for the care he received at SHC- Houston.

Douglas A. Barnes, M.D.
Chief of Staff
Outreach Clinics

Maria de la Paz Romero is an aspiring model who has been a patient for Shriners Hospitals for Children – Houston since she was three years old. Born in Monterrey, Mexico with a lower limb deficiency, her family got word about the outreach clinics offered by the Houston Shriners Hospital. Her mother filled out an application and some months later Maria would be seen in La Feria, Texas.

Now at age 18, Maria has had many follow-up visits in both La Feria and Houston for her prosthetic leg. In her lifetime she has had around 8 prosthetics and numerous trips from Monterrey to the outreach clinic in La Feria. The hospital team has been able to provide world-renowned care to her throughout most of her childhood. Maria is one of many patients that the hospital impacts with every outreach visit.

An aspiring model that has appeared in a few projects in Mexico, Maria states where her interest in this hobby began, “It is about accepting my virtues, my body, and myself.” Opportunity came knocking when Maria was approached by a photographer while she was on the metro in Monterrey. Not too long afterwards, Maria would appear in an online project titled Belleza Sin Limites (Beauty without limits). The goal of the project is to break the stereotypes seen in the world of beauty and demonstrate that beauty exists everywhere. The 18 year old shared her own words of wisdom about this accomplishment. “Disabilities are something that I believe really only exist in our minds. People can accomplish anything if they love themselves. People may view things as taboo, but we need to learn to accept that not everyone in the world is the same.”

Without a doubt, Maria is an exceptional person with a bright future ahead of her. No matter what path she decides to take in life, she is sure to maintain a positive attitude and inspire others along the way.

16-year-old Willian was transferred to Shriners Hospitals for Children — Cincinnati after an electrocution accident in his native country of Honduras. After being treated for his burns he was transferred for rehabilitation at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Houston.

Willian worked very closely with team members from physical therapy, occupational therapy, and recreational therapy. During his stay, he was able to build up his strength and learn how to use different orthopaedic and prosthetic devices.

In early 2018, Willian was able to demonstrate the skills he acquired in rehabilitation while attending Camp Love Without Limits, an annual camp program organized by hospital staff. At Camp Love, Willian was able to put his determination and strength to the test. He was able to participate in canoeing, archery, rock climb, and zip line independently. This young man’s resilience and his ability to accomplish anything he puts his mind to are a testament to the will of all our patients.
Philanthropy Council

A new group was formed in 2018 to support development and fundraising efforts for SHC-Houston. The new Philanthropy Council meets quarterly and includes SHC-Houston Board of Governors members as well as community members committed to supporting the Houston Shriners Hospital. Our founding members include:

David Ashley – Chair, SHCH Board of Governors
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1st Annual Shriners Smiles for Tots and Teens

SHC-Houston celebrated its first in-house event, with the successful “Shriners Hospital Smiles for Tots and Teens” on November 3, 2018.

The event benefitted the Cronin Brauer Cleft Lip and Palate Program at SHC-Houston. The event raised $51,500 and was held at the home of Drs. Katherine and Tom Biggs in Houston. Proceeds of the event were used to purchase equipment used in surgeries for children with Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate conditions. Some of our major sponsors for the event included:

- Michele Womack
- Hon. Aneeta and Abdul Jamal
- Jaquie and Peter Barbara
- Surgery Center of Houston/Dr. Tod Noel/Noël Fine Furniture
- Ronny and Shauna Proler
- Marcy and Terry Malloy
- Michael D. Felt/PE – CEO, Energy Specialists Consulting, LLC
- David Henderson – CEO, Seely Oil, Chair, Donor Development Committee, SHCH Board of Governors

Shriners Hospital Smiles was supported by a host committee of outstanding community volunteers, including:

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Finance Report

Total Operating Expense
$24,864,488

- Patient Care Services | $3,736,022
- Surgical Services | $2,796,530
- Physician and Medical Services | $6,631,988
- Diagnostic and Therapy Services | $4,521,812
- Facilities and Nutrition Services | $2,839,585
- General Support and Administration Services | $3,158,545
- Local Employee Benefits | $1,078,590
- Outpatient Clinic | $53,826
- Miscellaneous | $53,826

Legacy Leaders

Special acknowledgement to the members of the Texas Shrine Association who have dedicated their time, talent, and treasure to continue what is considered the greatest philanthropy in America.

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