Happy spring to everyone! After the snow, cold winter weather we had this year, I know I’m ready for the warm, sunny days ahead and the welcome change. Speaking of change, 2019 will be an exciting year for Shriners Hospitals for Children — Spokane. Many new initiatives and facility enhancements will take place, which will help us to see even more children, in more locations and in more efficient ways.

In 2019, we will expand our outreach clinic operations, not only in the state of Washington, but in Montana as well, and we also opened a clinic in Fairbanks, Alaska in August 2018. The numbers coming out of the Fairbanks Clinic have far exceeded any of our projections; we are reaching more kids than ever! Coming soon is the grand opening of our Outreach Clinic in Kalispell, Montana. This is another initiative that has been in the works for quite some time and will certainly open the door for us to see even more children with orthopaedic problems throughout the state of Montana. In addition, we are also actively seeking the establishment of new Outreach Clinics in the Tri-Cities and Yakima areas in Washington.

We continue our facility renovations in late spring/early summer 2019 as we look to expand our outpatient clinic here at the Spokane Shriners Hospital to accommodate more exam rooms. This will be of tremendous benefit to not only our patients but to staff as well. Our outpatient encounters increased by 14% in 2018 and our total number of monthly new patients went up as well.

If that weren’t enough, we have received approval to implement a pediatric orthopaedic Sports Medicine Program. Developing this program has taken several years and we are excited to finally launch this initiative in late 2019/early 2020! Children in Spokane and our surrounding communities are very active and play sports year round or are involved in numerous outdoor activities. Unfortunately, injuries do happen and when that does, you want your child to go where they can receive the best possible pediatric orthopaedic care in the area — Shriners Hospitals for Children — Spokane’s soon to be opened Sports Medicine Clinic.

With all of these changes, we are thankful to have your generous support of our hospital; for without it… none of this would be possible. In this newsletter, you will learn about other ways to donate to our hospital here in Spokane. While cash gifts are most common, gifts of real estate and third-party fundraisers are also impactful! We certainly hope you will think about supporting our Shriners Hospitals for Children — Spokane and the many children whose lives we truly transform.

The Administrator’s Corner

New Programs: Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI) Clinic

At the Spokane Shriners Hospital, serving our community in the most meaningful ways remains a top priority. This ongoing effort to assess the needs of our patients and their families brings about impactful new programs designed to enhance our treatment plans for children, and leads to further advances in our family-centered approach to pediatric orthopaedic care.

These program developments include the recent implementation of our new Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI) clinic! A condition marked by fragile bones that break easily, this new clinic is designed to provide patients with consistent access of orthopaedic surgeons, rehabilitation care and other specialists through a unique collaboration opportunity. OI clinics will take place once per month at the hospital, where the children will undergo a complete evaluation by a multidisciplinary team as they craft a customized and highly coordinated treatment plan for each child.

This not only simplifies the process for the families and our young patients, it creates an streamlined method for our healthcare providers to collectively guide the course of care.

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Recently, Snap Fitness locations in Spokane, Hayden, and Coeur d’Alene demonstrated that charitable spirit through a joint fundraising effort designed to support our hospital through new membership enrollments and member donations.

To boost their impact, Snap Fitness created a team fundraising page utilizing our platform at www.lovetotherescue.org, raising over $4,400 online. Combined with their in-store efforts, they were able to present a donation of over $4,200! Not only that, they brought in a stack of new toys to help bring joy to our patients.

Way to go, Snap Fitness, and thank you for sharing your commitment to our community by sending your Love to the rescue for our kids!

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Meet Ansel LaPier!  
Aligning Passion with Gratitude - A Patient’s Story of Giving Back

Ansel LaPier is no stranger to the back pain caused by three curves in his spine, with the largest curvature around 35 degrees. However, through training and ongoing physical therapy over the last several years, Ansel’s scoliosis has been managed successfully during his growth, with the goal of preventing the need for invasive surgery. The challenges of his condition have not stopped him from pursuing many interests and aspirations. With the medical care we provide, activities like cross-country, track, mountain biking and hiking are a reality for him!

In describing his inspiration for giving back, Ansel shared, "Being able to combine something that I love doing with a cause that is personally important to me is very rewarding."

Donating 100% of the proceeds and selling the cards through his website https://camera-kids.weebly.com as well as door-to-door sales at local businesses, Ansel visited us recently to present a $1,500 check for the first donation to stem from his ongoing efforts. Not only that, Ansel has felt inspired to join the HOFA Future Health Professionals club at his high school, already earning an A in anatomy and physiology, and genetics, among others. We are certain a bright future is in store for him, and we are so grateful for Ansel and his giving spirit!

It is our pleasure to serve you like Ansel and Jonas through the help received from charitable donors like you. Thank you for supporting the dreams of the young patients we care for through your advocacy of Shriners Hospitals!

How You Can Make an Impact

Generosity of Heart in Action

Thanks to your continued commitment to their future, thousands of children are benefiting from incredible advances in medical technology available at the Spokane Shriners Hospital. With your help, more kids will have the opportunity to access these invaluable innovations, which are specifically designed to support their growth and development. As a child’s hospital, it remains a top priority to utilize high quality resources in our patient care, with the vast potential for their future distinctly in the forefront of everything we do!

Major Gifts Opportunity

Portable C-Arm Technology for Radiology - $241,139

As we continue our continual effort to provide pediatric orthopaedic care in the most conscientious and effective ways, we are currently seeking funding for a new Portable C-Arm. This imaging technology is utilized in the Operating Room to provide the surgeon with non-invasive confirmation of the positions of bones and hardware. This C-shaped design fits below and above the operating table, rotating around the patient.

With a 13% increase in the number of surgeries over the past year due to the growing number of patients seen at the Spokane Shriners Hospital, the need to replace our 15-year-old C-arm with updated technology is increasingly important. The new C-arm will provide additional benefits of lower radiation exposure and a more efficient scanning procedure, reducing the time under anesthesia for the patient.

To support this funding need, please designate your gift to “Radiology C-Arm.” You can be a part of protecting the bright outlook on the horizon for so many children!

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• 7,300 children received specialized orthopaedic care from the Spokane Shriners Hospital
• Our outpatient clinic served 14% more patient visits from the prior year
• 4,398 new patients were able to benefit from the care at SHC-Spokane
• More kids in more places were treated through our new Outreach Clinic in Fairbanks, AK.
• 995 children received surgical treatment from the only fellowship trained pediatric orthopaedic surgeon in our region.
• Patients benefited from our new virtual reality goggles for pain management and procedure support

These incredible impacts for children and families are happening because of your support! Our patients, especially those who depend on friends like you to help make this life-changing care a reality for them. We are so grateful for your generosity as you make it possible for more kids to receive the specialty orthopaedic care they need!

Honor our Supporters

Roy and Virginia Leland: True Philanthropy at its Best

For nearly a quarter-century, Roy and Virginia Leland escaped the cold Spokane winters to relax and restore their minds, bodies and souls at their beautiful home in Lake Havasu, Arizona. Here, the daily stresses of running a highly successful real estate investment firm were replaced by frequent dips in their swimming pool and lounging comfortably on the patio of their lovely vacation home.

When making the annual trip down to Arizona became too burdensome, the Leland’s deliberately a great deal about how to turn something that they loved so much into a gift that would benefit children. After a great deal of prayer, they decided to gift this valuable asset bordering a 36-hole golf course (appraised at $300,000) to Shriners Hospital! Now, all these years later, children accessing life-changing care here in Spokane will benefit!

Virginia expressed, “We felt so strongly about the work being done at Shriners Hospital, it truly touched me to know that children are the beneficiaries of this donation.”

In fact, Virginia was recently reminded of the deep fondness for our mission shared by many hospital supporters. She came across an old letter from a dear family friend, stating that they had made a memorial donation to honor Virginia’s dear mother many years ago. Even today, many supporters honor loved ones with memorial tributes that provide an important avenue of support for our hospital.

We are so grateful for our amazing community members who continue to make this care possible. Thank you Roy and Virginia!

Don’t miss a thing!

Are you staying up to date on all our news related to the Spokane Shriners Hospital? Follow our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/spokaneshrinershospital to receive the latest news and updates on the hospital, so you won’t miss out on the latest news, highlights, events and fundraisers supporting your local Shriners Hospital. There is always something to brighten and inspire your days!

Send your love to the rescue.

Donate today!