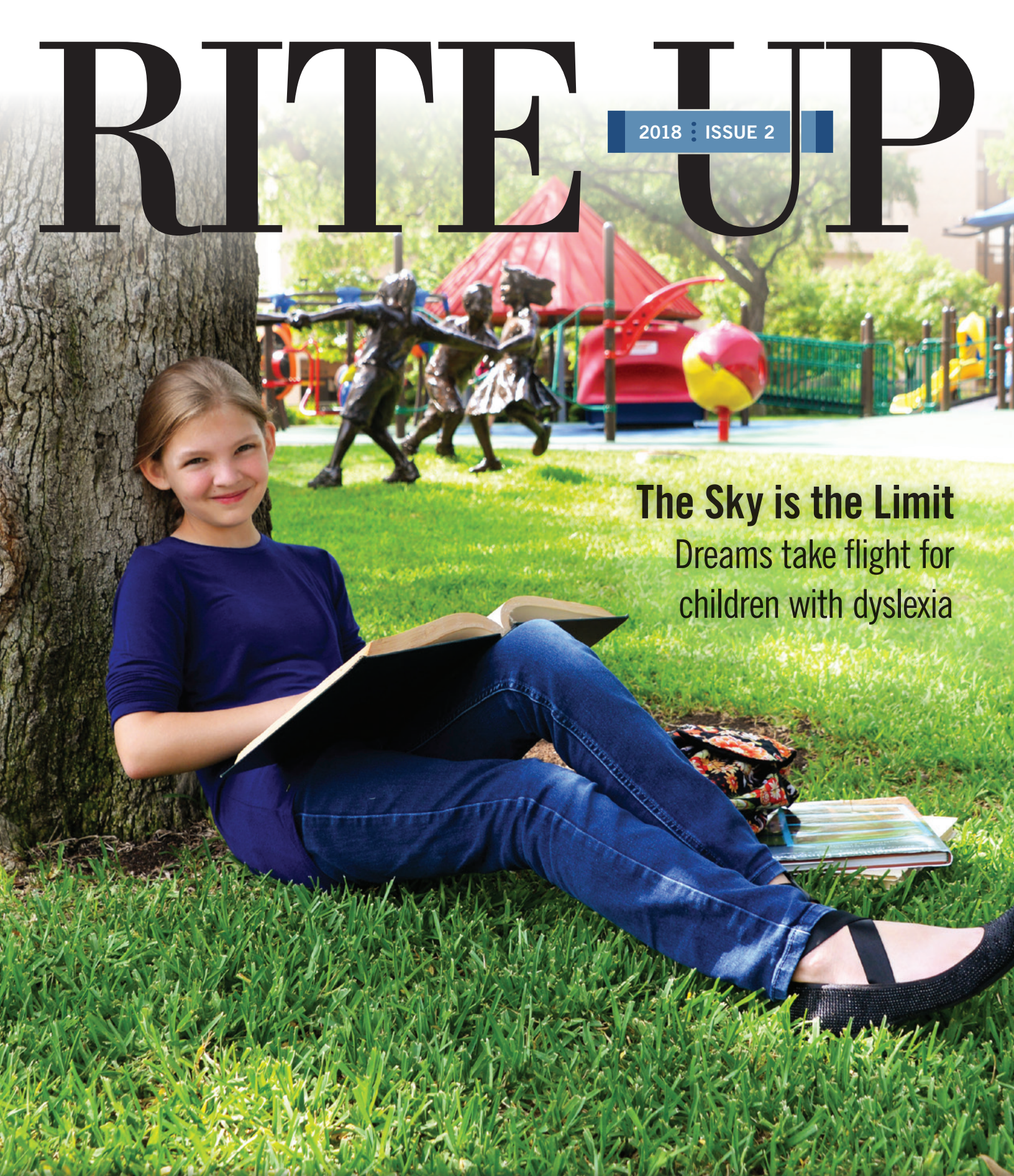


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**On front cover:** Patient McKinleigh, age 12, of Arlington

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# Letter from the President



**ROBERT L. WALKER**  
President/CEO

**NEARLY 100 YEARS AGO**, our hospital was founded with a mission of helping children with polio. However, when vaccines were developed in the 1950s that virtually eradicated the disease, the hospital didn't close its doors. Instead, **we broadened our scope to help more children by treating a wide range of orthopedic issues.** That

was a defining moment for Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.

Since that time, we have expanded our services even more and continue to adapt, innovate and grow. Today, our mission to give children back their childhood defines our purpose, in the hope that our patients will grow to discover their own purpose.

This year, we mark another pivotal moment in the hospital's history. It is the **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the term dyslexia being officially defined at our hospital** by the World Federation of Neurology. Today, the internationally recognized Luke Waites Center for Dyslexia and Learning Disorders remains at the forefront of its field. This reflects the pioneering spirit of its founder, the late Lucius "Luke" Waites, Jr., M.D.

For nearly 30 years, Medical Director Jeffrey Black, M.D., has led the center's skilled staff, with the support of longtime Administrative Director Gladys Kolenovsky. The center has touched the lives of thousands of children

and their families. This includes my own children, Allison and Matt, who are former patients. They have excelled academically and each is a master's-level graduate.

In this issue's cover story, you will meet another family whose lives have been transformed by their experience at the Luke Waites Center. The three siblings of that family, Garrison, Garrett and McKinleigh, were all diagnosed with dyslexia. Their hospital experience is a wonderful example of how the caring team of physicians and clinicians help equip children to pursue their dreams and remind them that **"the sky is the limit."**

A long-held dream of the hospital has been to expand our reach and extend our care to more children, just as we did in the 1950s. We are rapidly approaching the next defining moment in the hospital's history this fall — the opening of the Scottish Rite for Children Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Center in Frisco.

As we celebrate this milestone, we do so with graciousness and humility. We did not arrive here by ourselves. It is the **steadfast dedication of our friends, donors and volunteers** who make it possible for us to continue our mission, open new doors and serve more children in the years to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob".

*Patient McKinleigh, age 12, of Arlington, pictured at right and on cover.*





## Be a Champion for Children

*Make a difference all year long through our recurring gift program*

*L to R: Patients Kristopher, age 11, of Grand Prairie; Addison, age 7, of Rockwall; and Ariana, age 10, of Balch Springs*

**AT SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL, WE BELIEVE THAT EVERY CHILD** deserves a champion. Our hospital is fortunate to have a dedicated group of donors who support that belief.

Throughout the years, Scottish Rite Hospital has “saved the day” for hundreds of thousands of kids, thanks in part to the commitment of a giving group we refer to as Champions for Children. Each champion contributes a set amount to the hospital monthly or on a recurring basis to support our mission of giving children back their childhood.

Individual commitments range from \$5 to \$1,000 per month. Regardless of the dollar amount, these consistent gifts make a large and lasting contribution to the care and treatment of the hospital’s young patients.

“Our Champions for Children program members share an enduring commitment to the hospital,” says Betsy Yeckel, Development officer and program coordinator.

*“It allows us to give to a wonderful hospital without the financial burden of a lump sum donation.”*

*— Kim and Burton,  
patient parents*

*“We’re retired and on a fixed income. Giving a little each month is the ideal way for us to support the hospital.”*

*— Anna and Don,  
patient grandparents*

“It’s extremely gratifying for our donors to see that over time, every gift makes a big difference and *anyone* can be a champion.”

Recurring donors become true partners in the hospital’s mission. In the ever-changing field of health care, this group’s sustained support throughout the year helps provide children with the hospital’s expert care, regardless of a family’s ability to pay.

“The great thing about this program is that it’s an easy way for someone to get involved and make a tremendous impact over time,” says Stephanie Brigger, hospital vice president of Development. “Champions for Children is a special group of donors who are devoted to our mission for the long term.”

There are several options and ways to participate. For details about participating in the Champions for Children program, please contact Betsy Yeckel at 214-559-7684 or visit [scottishritehospital.org/champions](http://scottishritehospital.org/champions). ○

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Tickets are on sale now! The prices are \$25 each when pre-purchased and \$30 at the door. VIP tickets are \$50 each and include an early viewing of the art, a chance to win a commissioned piece and other exclusive perks.

TO PURCHASE TICKETS OR LEARN MORE, VISIT: [SCOTTISHRITEHOSPITAL.ORG/SUMMERCOLORS](http://SCOTTISHRITEHOSPITAL.ORG/SUMMERCOLORS).

## Construction of New Frisco Center is Taking Shape and Garnering Attention

THE *DALLAS BUSINESS JOURNAL* RECENTLY RECOGNIZED OUR Scottish Rite for Children Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Center at a ceremony highlighting the best of commercial real estate in North Texas. Honorees represented 20 different categories and were selected from hundreds of nominations.

As construction progresses on the project, one of the most visual features of the exterior is nearing completion. The center's state-of-the-art movement science lab is easily identified by the distinct curvature of its external walls. Internally, the lab will feature leading-edge gait (walking) analysis and specialized capabilities for sport-specific testing as well as general orthopedic needs.

The signature, colorful terrazzo flooring used at the hospital's Dallas campus is also being incorporated at the Frisco center. Its installation has been completed on the first floor in the atrium. Another colorful addition includes the planting of numerous trees and other landscaping elements surrounding the building.

These additions are already brightening up the northeast corner of the Dallas North Tollway and Lebanon Road, where the center is located. The Frisco facility is on schedule to open this fall. ○

*The curved walls of the movement science lab are a unique architectural feature of the Frisco facility.*



## Honoring a Legacy of Education and Innovation



**DANIEL J. SUCATO, M.D., M.S.**  
Chief of Staff

**AT SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL,** research and education is at the core of providing world-renowned patient care. As an institution dedicated to innovation, hospital staff are empowered to learn, collaborate and share their expertise with medical professionals, both here and around the globe.

Recently, **the hospital celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Brandon Carrell Visiting Professorship.** The program was established in honor of Brandon Carrell, M.D., the hospital's second chief of staff, who served from 1945-1978. This year's milestone meeting brought together past fellows and staff from across the decades to share research and discuss the latest advancements in pediatric orthopedics. To this day, Carrell's legacy continues to inspire our staff, as they travel near and far to learn from others and share their knowledge.

Members from the hospital's medical team recently **traveled to Chicago to participate in the 39<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Pediatric Health Care.** The meeting included more than 1,600 members from across the U.S. It featured hands-on workshops, presentations and more than 100 educational sessions. Scottish Rite Hospital orthopedic nurse practitioner Erica Flores Zepeda, M.S.N, R.N., is the current chair of the Pediatric Interest Group for the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners. She was selected to lead an intensive orthopedic course at the meeting,



*L to R: The hospital's Dorothy & Bryant Edwards fellows Surya Mundluru, M.D.; Lorena Floccari, M.D.; and Ian Corcoran-Schwartz, M.D.; Visiting Professor and past fellow Peter Newton, M.D.; Chief of Staff Daniel J. Sucato, M.D., M.S.; and fellows Jeffrey Peck, M.D.; and Dustin Greenhill, M.D.*

titled "Pediatric Ortho Pearls: Managing the Most Common Orthopedic Conditions."

In March, staff from the hospital's Center for Excellence in Hand **traveled to Hong Kong for the 10<sup>th</sup> World Symposium of Congenital Malformations of Hand and Upper Limb.** This international meeting drew specialists from around the world to collaborate on the medical needs of children with upper extremity conditions. During the conference, the hospital's certified hand therapist, Amy Lake, O.T.R., C.H.T., led educational lectures and presented her most recent research, "The Impact of Therapeutic Camp on Children with Congenital Hand Differences."

As an institution, we are proud to have staff dedicated to the mission of education. From the conference established 40 years ago honoring Brandon Carrell's legacy to our international presence today, our medical team will continue to be educators and innovators now and in the future. ○



### ⋮ HOSPITAL HISTORY

#### Defining the Dyslexia Field for 50 Years

*This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a historic meeting of the World Federation of Neurology at Scottish Rite Hospital. At that gathering, in 1968, the first consensus definition of dyslexia was formed.*

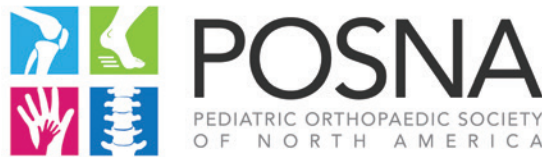
*Fifty years later, our Luke Waites Center for Dyslexia and Learning Disorders, named after Lucius "Luke" Waites, Jr., M.D., pictured at left, continues to define the field of learning disorders through an internationally recognized educational curriculum, training and research.*

*Read the cover story on page six to learn more.*

## Hospital Has a Strong Presence at Largest Pediatric Orthopedic Conference in North America

**RECENTLY, ORTHOPEDIC STAFF AND RESEARCHERS ATTENDED** the annual Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America (POSNA) meeting, held this year in Austin, Texas. As one of the most distinguished medical associations in pediatric orthopedics, the four-day meeting brought together more than 1,400 medical professionals from Canada, Mexico and the U.S. to advance the care of children through research, education, quality and safety.

Scottish Rite Hospital has a strong presence each year. With hundreds of abstracts submitted, the hospital had 26 projects selected for presentation. These included topics within the hospital's Centers for Excellence, as well as musculoskeletal infection and trauma research. Throughout the meeting, several staff members participated as session



moderators, took part in sub-specialty debates and led various case discussions.

In addition, POSNA announced the 2018 research grant and award winners. With ten different categories, Scottish Rite Hospital was chosen to receive four out of the ten awards for projects focused on scoliosis, hip preservation and Perthes disease.

Chief of Staff and recipient of the 2018 POSNA Clinical Research Grant, Daniel J. Sucato, M.D., M.S., appreciates the value these grants can provide to patient care.

“It is an honor to have several of our specialists selected as recipients of these grants,” says Sucato. “This form of recognition supports our research, so we can continue to discover new innovations and treatment options that benefit our patients.” ○



Carol Wise, Ph.D. (front row, in red), represents the hospital at the ICSGDD conference.

## Research Team Travels to China for International Genetics Conference

**IN APRIL, MEMBERS FROM THE HOSPITAL'S MOLECULAR GENETICS RESEARCH TEAM** traveled to Shenzhen and Guangzhou, in the People's Republic of China, to attend the International Consortium for Spinal Genetics, Development and Disease (ICSGDD) conference. The hospital led and helped organize the three-day meeting, which included presenters from around the world whose expertise is focused on genetics, developmental biology and clinical aspects of spine development. This meeting follows the inaugural international conference, “Genomic Approaches to Understanding and Treating Scoliosis,” hosted last year at Scottish Rite Hospital.

As a leader and co-founder of ICSGDD, the hospital's Director of Basic Research Carol Wise, Ph.D., can see the progress this group is making in defining the causes of complex spinal conditions.

“ICSGDD is unique in that it brings together multidisciplinary teams with a common goal – to work toward understanding and correcting pediatric spine disorders,” says Wise. “The impactful research presented at the conference is translating into improved care for patients and families at Scottish Rite Hospital and worldwide.” ○

## Two Hospital Orthopedic Surgeons Recognized in Becker's Spine Review

**RECENTLY, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF LORI A. KAROL, M.D. AND STAFF ORTHOPEDIST AMY L. MCINTOSH, M.D.,** were selected as two of the top 40 female orthopedic spine and neurospine surgeons in the United States through *Becker's Spine Review*.



Lori A. Karol, M.D.



Amy L. McIntosh, M.D.

As an institution, we are proud to have such talented and influential doctors on our orthopedic staff. These physicians are committed to providing their expertise and world-renowned care to our patients. ○

The Sky  
is the  
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Fifty years after the term dyslexia was defined, the hospital's Luke Waites Center for Dyslexia and Learning Disorders continues to define the standard in its field, helping children's dreams take flight.

By Ruth Ann Mensley

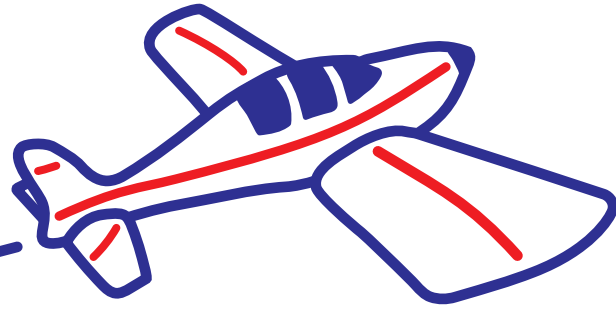
**IF YOU ARE READING THESE WORDS WITH EASE**, you likely acquired the skill shortly after mastering the alphabet. But what if you lacked the ability to match the proper sounds to the corresponding letters? What if that didn't come to you

naturally? Imagine, sitting at a desk in silent dread as your peers are called upon to read aloud. You stare at the page before you, trying desperately to decode it. Then, it's your turn. You struggle to voice the words and suddenly, all eyes are on you.





McKinleigh, at age 6, with her brothers Garrison and Garrett, and her parents, Garry and Deborah, attending a dyslexia event at the hospital.



That feeling was all too familiar for McKinleigh, age 12, of Arlington. The difficulty she faced didn't catch her entirely by surprise, however. Her older brothers, Garrison and Garrett, had undergone testing for the same challenges. At age 5, she couldn't read words but she could read the signs that told her, like them, she had dyslexia.

"It felt like everybody else could read and I just couldn't," McKinleigh explains. "I was scared of what people would think of me."

In 1965, pioneering neurologist Lucius "Luke" Waites, Jr., M.D., came to Scottish Rite Hospital to improve the lives of children like McKinleigh. At the time, the field of dyslexia was often misunderstood and discredited. Undaunted, Waites hosted a meeting of the World Federation of Neurology in 1968. At that meeting, the first consensus definition of dyslexia was formed, recognizing it as a medical condition.

This year, the Luke Waites Center for Dyslexia and Learning Disorders marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of hosting that momentous meeting. Scottish Rite Hospital continues to be an internationally recognized leader in the field, advancing teaching methods and conducting leading-edge research. We want the world of reading to be an open book for children because from there — the sky is the limit.

"Children with this condition go to school

expecting to be successful, just like they have been when learning to speak, play and interact with others," explains Gladys Kolenovsky, administrative director of the Luke Waites Center. "When reading comes easily to other kids but not to them, it often leads to a sense of anxiety and failure."

Dyslexia, which affects roughly 10 percent of children in the U.S., is characterized as a language-based problem connecting speech sounds to the letters of the alphabet. Children with the condition have difficulty learning to read and spell. As a result, comprehension of written material can also be challenging.

"It is not a vision or intellect problem," Kolenovsky says. "Children who have this condition are bright, talented and often gifted."

In some cases, like McKinleigh's, genetics can play a role. A child with a parent or sibling who has the learning disorder has a 30 to 50 percent chance of being born with it. "Our nieces and nephews started getting diagnosed with dyslexia," McKinleigh's mom, Deborah, recalls. Concerned about her own children, she received a referral to the hospital's Luke Waites Center. Ultimately, all three children were found to have the condition as well.

Fortunately, their family was at the place where dyslexia was originally defined, a place that has remained at the forefront of dyslexia care and

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management at a national and international level — Scottish Rite Hospital.

“We are the experts and we share our knowledge,” Kolenovsky explains, “whether it’s through training educators to employ our techniques, developing specialized curriculum programs or advancing research.”

One of the most influential ways that knowledge is imparted is through the center’s two-year therapist training program, which focuses on the application of a specialized curriculum. Jeffrey Black, M.D., who has been the medical director of the Luke Waites Center since 1990, has expanded the center’s research program. This led to the production of *Take Flight: A Comprehensive Intervention for Students with Dyslexia*, the hospital’s award-winning curriculum.

The enormous success of this program is reflected in the use of *Take Flight* at educator training centers throughout the U.S., each of which has at least one instructor trained at the hospital’s Luke Waites Center. (See the graphic below.)

“We continue to be leaders in dyslexia intervention, helping improve the quality of services children receive in their schools,” says Black. “Through our training in dyslexia identification and the application of our curriculum, our center has had a broad influence across the country and on a global scale.”

The team is also pioneering approaches to identify the condition in children as young as kindergarten and first grade. In addition, the staff has partnered with The University of Texas at Dallas to develop an innovative technology that will reduce teacher-training time.

Fifty years later, the center continues to lead the dyslexia field with the pioneering spirit upon which it was founded.

“Once the barrier of not being able to read is removed, a child’s gifts and abilities can be revealed and then, the sky truly is the limit,” Kolenovsky says.

McKinleigh’s mother agrees. “To have children who didn’t think they could ever read, who felt like they didn’t fit in and *now* have great plans for their future, it’s priceless,” says Deborah of her family’s hospital experience.

Like her brothers before her, McKinleigh recently graduated from Scottish Rite Hospital’s *Take Flight* program. Her future plans are to be a marine and a doctor. She loves God, her family, horses and now, reading — especially in class.

“I always wanted to read but once people heard me struggle, they would just tell me to stop and call on somebody else,” McKinleigh says. “And now, I read out loud and they won’t stop me, because I can.” ○

For more information visit [scottishritehospital.org/dyslexia](http://scottishritehospital.org/dyslexia).

## Defining the Future of Dyslexia Through the Take Flight Curriculum

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## REVERCHON ROUNDUP



TOGETHER WITH THE DALLAS PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, more than 275 caring community volunteers gathered this spring to pitch in, clear out and clean up Reverchon Park at the annual Reverchon Roundup. The event's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary was commemorated with the planting of six new trees. Thanks to wonderful sponsors and the Friends of Reverchon Park, we look forward to continuing this meaningful tradition! ○





## Central Texas Golf Classic

THE 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CENTRAL TEXAS GOLF CLASSIC WAS held on Monday, April 23, at The University of Texas Golf Club in Austin. This tournament was created to raise funds and awareness for the hospital throughout the Central Texas area. The event raised more than \$110,000, benefiting our Prosthetics department. We're grateful to our Central Texas friends for their continued support of the hospital! ○



Jordan Uppleger, executive director of the World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play, and Case McCoy, vice chairman of the Central Texas Golf Classic

Central Texas Golf Classic Chairman John Pigg and former Texas State Senator Troy Fraser



Participant Andrew, age 3, of Frisco



Participant Callie, age 3, of Frisco



## Farm and Ranch Day

THIS YEAR'S 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FARM AND RANCH DAY was held on the grounds of our new Frisco campus, which will officially open this fall. More than 500 people participated in the event, which featured farm animals, fishing, face painting and other hands-on activities focusing on Texas Agriculture. This country-in-the-city experience brought lots of smiles to the children, families and community friends who attended. ○

## Cotton Patch Challenge

THIS YEAR MARKED THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANNUAL COTTON PATCH CAFE CHALLENGE.

For every \$25 donation made to the hospital through The Challenge, participants received a \$25 gift card to Cotton Patch Cafe. All proceeds benefit the hospital.

This year, the program, which began April 2, met its \$100,000 goal in a record 24 hours! To date, the restaurant has raised nearly \$1.3 million for Scottish Rite Hospital. Thanks to all those who rose to The Challenge! ○



Cotton Patch Cafe chef Eric Justice assists patient Emily, age 9, of Austin, with her fruit pizza during the "Challenge" kickoff held at the hospital this spring.

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**Volunteer Appreciation Week**

**OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE OUT OF THIS WORLD!** This spring we celebrated our volunteers during National Volunteer Week. Last year, this dedicated group gave more than 4,000 hospital tours and 88,000 hours of their time to the hospital.

We are seeking volunteers for our Scottish Rite for Children Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Center in Frisco, scheduled to open this fall. Volunteers will offer the same friendly greeting and assistance they have provided our patients and their families for years.

Are you interested in volunteering? Please visit [scottishritehospital.org](http://scottishritehospital.org) to complete an online application or call our Volunteer Services department at 214-559-7825 for more information. ○



*Hospital volunteers  
Heather McGhee  
and Mayra Claudio*

**Tartan Golf Classic**

**THE 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL TARTAN GOLF CLASSIC** was held on Monday, May 21, at Brook Hollow Golf Club, under the leadership of Tartan Chairman Terry Boyer. This year's tournament raised

more than \$245,000 for the hospital's Luke Waites Center for Dyslexia and Learning Disorders. Since the tournament began, it has raised a total of \$6.4 million for Scottish Rite Hospital! ○



*Cindy Anderson*



*Hospital Trustee and Tartan Golf Classic Honorary Chairman  
Jim Chambers and Chairman Terry Boyer*

MEET

# Michael K. Pickens

Member of the Scottish Rite Hospital Board of Trustees Since 2006

**TRUSTEE MICHAEL K. PICKENS** has a passion for business and the great outdoors, but his greatest love by far is *family*. Born and raised in Dallas, his parents instilled in him a life guided by values and tradition. He developed lasting friendships throughout his school-age years at Dallas' St. Mark's School of Texas, as a graduate of Duke University and later as a master's graduate of Southern Methodist University - Cox School of Business. At age 27, he discovered the lifelong brotherhood of Masonry. Today, he is a husband, a father and the president/CEO of his family's energy business. He is also part of another close-knit group, one that shares his dedication to serving children — the Scottish Rite Hospital family.

## ALL IN THE FAMILY

As Pickens explored Masonry, his mother wanted him to have his great grandfather's Masonic ring. However, their meeting was delayed by one fateful day. "When I picked up the ring, a date was engraved on it — 100 years ago to the day," Pickens explains. "It was like an affirmation. It was meant to be."

## GUIDING MENTORS

The late Charles E. Seay, Jr., a well-known Dallas philanthropist and hospital trustee, introduced Pickens to the hospital, where Pickens volunteered before becoming a trustee. Seay and the hospital president at that time, J. C. Montgomery, led him to Masonry. "They guided me in the right direction and I followed their lead," says Pickens.

## LEADER OF THE PACK

After becoming a volunteer, Pickens wanted to introduce others to the hospital. He organized an informative social gathering called The Supper Club. The event was such a success, the hospital expanded it into a group known today as The Crayon Club. "A whole new generation of young professionals is on board," Pickens says. "It's exciting to see how much this young group loves Scottish Rite Hospital."

## PARENTHOOD

Pickens and his wife, Heidi, married in 2007 and have three sons, 6-year-old twins and a 3-year-old. The family enjoys outdoor activities and beach trips. The couple follows the inspiring example set by their respective parents, who have been married for more than 50 years. "It's about your kids, God and a family-centered life," Pickens says of his priorities. "We're not going to be perfect parents but there is always love — and time together."

## WONDER YEARS

Pickens became a trustee at the young age of 30. "The board never saw my age, they saw someone who cared," he says. Pickens lends his business acumen to various board and event committees and is excited about the hospital's expansion in Frisco. "We want the hospital to remain strong, to grow and to help more kids," he says. "That's our mission." ○



## A Diamond in the Rough

*A young ballplayer's resilient spirit shines on and off the field.*

**SPORTS ARE AT THE CENTER OF 8-YEAR-OLD PATIENT BRODY'S WORLD.** He especially loves to play baseball. In 2016, he was on the diamond in his hometown of Hawkins, Texas, when he started having hip pain.

Brody was referred to Scottish Rite Hospital, where it was discovered he had a hip condition called Legg-Calve-Perthes disease. The condition occurs when there is an interruption of the blood supply to the femur, also known as the ball of the hip joint, causing it to deteriorate.

"We are so grateful for Dr. Harry Kim and the Scottish Rite Hospital team. We didn't understand Brody's diagnosis, or why it had to happen to our active, sport-loving kiddo, but we believe he will be stronger and able to help others because of it," Brody's mother, Kaci, says.

With the support of his family, he bravely endured three hip surgeries and nearly two years in a wheelchair. "I have a quote that helped me get through it all," the young ballplayer says. "You may see me struggle but you will never see me give up!"

The expert staff of the hospital's Center

for Excellence in Hip, led by Kim, helped Brody get back on the field this March. Meanwhile, another hospital department stepped in to help Brody in the classroom.

Brody was diagnosed with dyslexia in December of last year, after going through testing at the hospital's Luke Waites Center for Dyslexia and Learning Disorders.

"As parents, these are difficult things and we want to prepare our child to face these challenges," Kaci explains. "We take comfort in knowing we are in good hands at Scottish Rite Hospital."

With Brody's never-quit attitude and a caring team of friends, family and hospital staff, his future is sure to shine like a diamond both on and off the field. ○



*Brody visits with Harry Kim, M.D., M.S., hospital director of the Center for Excellence in Hip.*



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