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Letter from the President



ROBERT L. WALKER
President/CEO

IN A RAPIDLY EVOLVING FIELD LIKE HEALTH CARE, we are extremely fortunate at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children to have a mission-driven culture that guides and unifies us. It is that shared sense of purpose that helps us not only attract but retain talented, dedicated staff members.

In March of this year, I was privileged to celebrate 40 years of service at Scottish Rite Hospital. I never imagined working at any hospital this many years, but Scottish Rite is not just any hospital. **It has been a real blessing for me to be part of an organization that has touched the lives of so many children and their families.** Wherever I go, I seem to encounter a patient, a family or someone in the community who has been impacted by the hospital.

Currently, we have six other staff members who have also served 40 years or more at the hospital. We have collectively worked more than 293 years, representing the following departments: Ambulatory

Care, Development, Orthopedics, Administration, Dietary and the Luke Waites Center for Dyslexia and Learning Disorders. Some were here to experience the move from the original hospital to the current Dallas facility in 1977. **But all have helped establish a unique hospital culture that is focused on achieving excellence in all we do.**

Through the collective efforts of our staff and volunteers, both past and present, the hospital has gained a worldwide reputation for being at the top of our profession in pediatric orthopedics.

Because of the unique nature of the conditions we treat, our talented staff has the distinct privilege of caring for many of our patients through their entire childhood, celebrating many milestones with them, from baby steps to high school graduations. It creates a special feeling of family that extends throughout the hospital.

We have welcomed many exciting changes over the years and our mission of giving children back their childhood is at the heart of it all. When you share that type of commitment, the days quickly turn into years and colleagues, associates, volunteers and donors turn into lifelong friends.

Scottish Rite Hospital team members representing 40 or more years on staff are (L to R): Burrel Poston, Development, 43 years; Gladys Kolenovsky, Luke Waites Center for Dyslexia and Learning Disorders, 43 years; Rosie Shelton, Dietary, 41 years; Robert L. Walker, Administration, 40 years; John A. "Tony" Herring, M.D., Orthopedics, 44 years; and Flo Jimmerson, 44 years, and Art Rodriguez, 40 years, both of Ambulatory Care.



SPORTING A GOOD CAUSE

⋮ When it comes to supporting Scottish Rite Hospital, some donors *are* playing around — to benefit children.

THERE'S A SPECIAL CAMARADERIE THAT IS SHARED AT SPORTING EVENTS, especially when that event raises funds to improve the lives of children. Since the mid-80s, philanthropic athletes, enthusiasts and spectators alike, have scored big for the patients of Scottish Rite Hospital through a variety of sporting events. Unlike a playing field, the generosity of these donors knows no bounds.

“It means so much when you see large groups of people joining together to support our mission,” Stephanie Brigger, vice president of Development, says. “The best part is — they have fun doing it.”

The range of fundraisers includes more than 15 golf tournaments as well as bike rides, runs and walks, baseball games, clay shoots, tennis matches, volleyball tournaments and more. Most of these events are held annually and several have a long history of commitment to the hospital. For example, the loyal friends of Door Controls USA, Inc., in the East Texas town of Ben Wheeler, have hosted a golf tournament that has benefited the hospital for more than 15 years. The event has raised nearly \$300,000.

“It started with a few of us golfers wanting to support a cause. Now it has grown to 36 teams,” Don Gilchrist, founder/consultant of the company, explains. “Giving is contagious. Our employees, clients and vendors enjoy helping somebody — especially children.”

These sport-themed fundraisers also help create awareness about the hospital. “Scottish Rite Hospital touches so many children’s lives in Texas and beyond,” Brigger says. “These events help us tell that story.”

Patient Emi, age 13, of Amarillo, founded “Emi’s Color Shoot” in 2015, after her positive hospital experience. “Emi has a heart for service,” Emi’s mom, Bekah, says. “She has learned that with an idea, hard work and good people, you can do a lot to help others.” Emi chose a clay shoot event because of her dad, Tom’s, love of the sport. It has raised more than \$400,000 for the hospital.

If you or your company, church or special interest group would like to sport a good cause, contact our Development department at 214-559-8374 or visit scottishritehospital.org/give.

Patient Emi is pictured here at age 9, presenting a check to the hospital in 2015 — the year she founded Emi’s Color Shoot.



Herring Receives Highest Honors for Achievements in Pediatric Orthopedics

MORE THAN 40 YEARS AGO, CHIEF OF STAFF EMERITUS JOHN A.

“TONY” HERRING, M.D., began his career at Scottish Rite Hospital. Throughout the decades, he has made a lasting impact on his patients, colleagues, trainees and hospital staff. Through his commitment to innovation, his achievements have influenced medical professionals around the world. He has transformed the field of pediatric orthopedics as a caregiver, pioneer and teacher.

For his years of contributions to the field, Herring was recently recognized with two esteemed honors – induction into the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America (POSNA) Hall of Fame and the Scoliosis Research Society (SRS) Lifetime Achievement Award.

At this year’s annual POSNA meeting, the board of directors announced the members of the inaugural Hall of Fame class. It is comprised of former recipients of the POSNA Distinguished Achievement Award, which Herring received in 2008. The organization recognized him for developing Scottish Rite Hospital into one of the premier centers for pediatric orthopedic care and for his commitment to training fellows from across North America and abroad.

The lifetime achievement recognition from SRS acknowledges a member for distinguished service to the society as well as significant contributions to spinal deformity care. Herring is now part of an elite group of experts who have received this award.

Hospital Chief of Staff Daniel J. Sucato, M.D., M.S., is honored to have learned from Herring and work alongside him over the years. “Our team of dedicated doctors is what makes Scottish

Rite Hospital such a special place,” Sucato says. “We support one another and together we work hard to improve the lives of children with orthopedic conditions. Dr. Herring has dedicated his career to providing groundbreaking treatment for his patients and we are proud to call him our own.” ○



Chief of Staff Emeritus John A. “Tony” Herring, M.D., is respected throughout his field for his compassion and exemplary excellence in caring for patients like Kamoy, age 1, of St. Thomas, Jamaica.



L to R: John A. “Tony” Herring, M.D.; Brandon Carrell, M.D.; and Fellows Dennis Wenger, M.D.; Lee Henderson, M.D.; and Jim Roach, M.D.

IN 1979, JOHN A. “TONY” HERRING, M.D., the hospital’s third chief of staff and current chief of staff emeritus, founded the hospital’s first orthopedic fellowship program, dedicated to training orthopedic surgeons of the future. In the photo at left, Herring is pictured with Brandon Carrell, M.D., the hospital’s second chief of staff, and the hospital’s first full-year class of the Harrington Fellowship of Pediatric Orthopedics and Scoliosis in 1980.

With their generous gift, the program was officially named the Dorothy & Bryant Edwards Fellowship in Pediatric Orthopedics and Scoliosis in 1990 and continues to operate under that title today.

Since the founding of the original program, the hospital has trained more than 185 fellows. These orthopedic surgeons serve as ambassadors of Scottish Rite Hospital, extending our standard of care and expertise to benefit children across the country and around the world. ○

Commitment to the Whole Child



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

AT SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL, WE ARE COMMITTED TO TREATING THE WHOLE CHILD – mind, body and spirit.

We strive to give world-renowned, individualized care to each of our patients, so they are able to live active and independent lives.

The hospital's Charles E. Seay, Jr., Center for Excellence in Hand and Upper Extremity

provides this specialized care for children with upper limb and hand anomalies as well as patients who need complex reconstruction after trauma. As one of the first hospitals to employ full-time hand surgeons, the center is dedicated to the well-being of the child, both physically and emotionally.

Through quality patient care, education and research, our hand experts have paved the way in treating patients with upper limb conditions ranging from the common to the complex. In 2013, the **A.C. and Eleanor M. Garison Fellowship in Hand and Upper Limb Treatment** was created to implement specialized training to the next generation of hand surgeons. As one of only five pediatric orthopedic hospitals in the country to offer a program of this caliber, the expertise of our hand surgeons extends to those nationally and internationally.

The commitment to education is found throughout the center's multidisciplinary team. Hand occupational therapist **Amy Lake, O.T.R., C.H.T.**, recently traveled to Milan, Italy, as the keynote speaker at the 6th Hand Rehabilitation Top Master Class and the inaugural international meeting for rehabilitation on pediatric hand.



As the keynote speaker of an international hand conference, Amy Lake, O.T.R., C.H.T., discusses the life-changing influence of Scottish Rite Hospital's whole-child care approach.

Amy was invited to explain the impact therapeutic camps can have on children with congenital hand differences. She works closely with our patients and other care team members to ensure the success of the hospital's hand camps. These transformative programs are a direct reflection of our whole-child approach to care. Hand camp influences a child's life beyond the clinical treatment by enhancing confidence and self-esteem, which is one of the greatest gifts we can provide a patient.

To be given the opportunity to care for a child is a privilege and the heart of our mission. We will continue to provide the best care possible to every patient, whether performing a complex hand surgery or teaching a child to tie their shoes all by themselves — mind, body and spirit.

Two Experts Welcomed for 41st Annual Brandon Carrell Visiting Professorship

L to R: Hospital Fellows Brittany Hedrick, M.D.; William Z. Morris, M.D.; and Steven Slotkin, M.D.; Brandon Carrell Visiting Professors James Sanders, M.D., and Steven Frick, M.D.; and hospital Fellows Terrence Ishmael, M.D.; and Adam Thiessen, M.D.



IN APRIL, SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL CELEBRATED the 41st annual Brandon Carrell Visiting Professorship. The program welcomed staff and current and former fellows to discuss the latest research and treatment techniques in pediatric orthopedics.

This year's meeting featured two visiting professors – Steven Frick, M.D., and James Sanders, M.D. Frick is the chief of Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital – Stanford Children's Health, in Palo Alto, Calif., and is the current president of the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America. Sanders is a former fellow of Scottish Rite Hospital and serves as the chair of the department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the UNC School of Medicine in Chapel Hill, NC.

In addition to Frick's and Sanders' presentations, the current fellowship class, hospital staff and other guests presented their research. Corey S. Gill, M.D., M.A., Scottish Rite Hospital pediatric orthopedic surgeon, directed the conference. ○

Hospital Staff Presents at Prestigious Pediatric Orthopaedic Conference

IN MAY, THE ANNUAL PEDIATRIC ORTHOPAEDIC SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA (POSNA) meeting was held in Charlotte, NC. As one of the most distinguished medical organizations in pediatric orthopedics, POSNA consists of surgeons and other medical professionals from across the country.

Throughout the four-day meeting, hospital staff made presentations on original research, moderated sessions and led discussions. With 23 projects selected, the hospital had representation in various areas within pediatric orthopedics including trauma, limb lengthening and reconstruction, spine, hip, sports, general orthopedics and quality improvement. Chief Medical Officer B. Stephens “Steve” Richards, M.D., received the prestigious 2019 Huene Memorial Research Award for his research in clubfoot bracing.

As an institution, Scottish Rite Hospital has had a consistently strong showing at every POSNA meeting, sharing the hospital’s latest innovations and learning from other colleagues in the field. ○



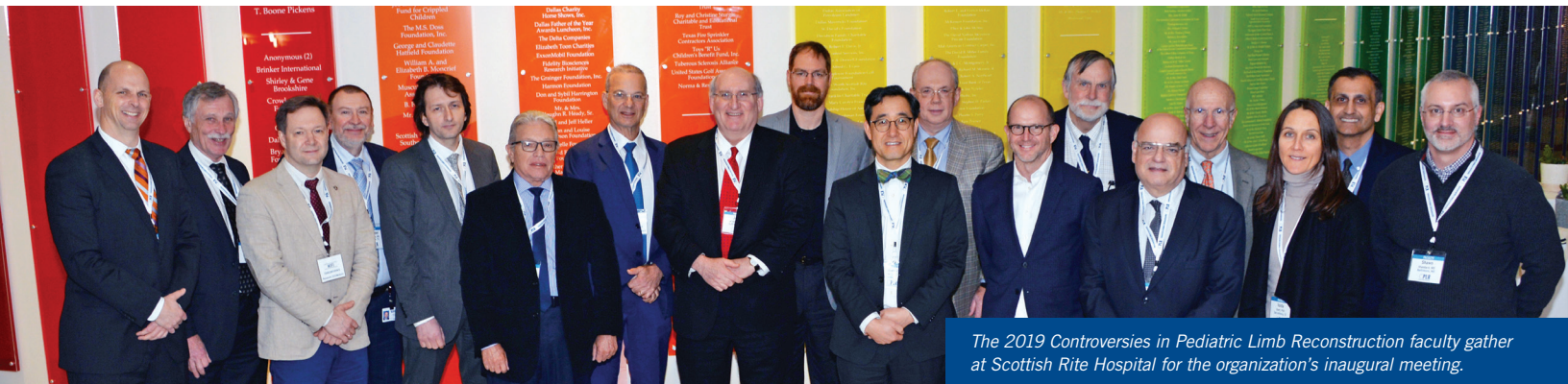
Hospital staff L to R: Ashley Erdman; Lori A. Karol, M.D.; Lauren Luginland; Kirsten Tulchin-Francis, Ph.D.; Anthony Anderson; Wilshaw Stevens; Kelly Jeans; Henry B. Ellis, M.D.; Emma Tomes; Alex Loewen and Justine Borchard

Hospital Welcomes More Than 225 Medical Professionals to Frisco for Annual Gait Meeting

IN MARCH, THE HOSPITAL HOSTED THE GAIT AND CLINICAL MOVEMENT ANALYSIS SOCIETY (GCMAS) meeting at the Frisco Convention Center. The hospital welcomed more than 225 doctors, engineers, scientists and allied health professionals from across the country. The group collaborated on the latest research and best practices regarding improving the quality of life for individuals with a movement disorder.

Scottish Rite Hospital's Division Director of Movement Science, Kirsten Tulchin-Francis, Ph.D., is an executive officer of GCMAS and was one of the 2019 conference chairs. Tulchin-Francis, her staff and others from the hospital presented original research on gait analysis. A portion of the conference was held at the hospital's Frisco campus to show live demonstrations in the state-of-the-art Movement Science Lab.

“It was an honor to have the top specialists in this field at our facility to help advance care for not only our patients but those of all ages around the world,” Tulchin-Francis says. ○



The 2019 Controversies in Pediatric Limb Reconstruction faculty gather at Scottish Rite Hospital for the organization's inaugural meeting.

Experts from Around the World Travel to Dallas for Inaugural Limb Reconstruction Meeting

IN COLLABORATION WITH UT Southwestern Medical Center and the Limb Lengthening and Reconstruction Society, the hospital hosted the inaugural Controversies in Pediatric Limb Reconstruction conference in February. The two-day symposium highlighted the latest treatments in Blount’s disease (bowed legs), Perthes disease (hip disorder), bone biology and other limb deficiency related topics.

Co-directed by pediatric orthopedic surgeon David A. Podeszwa, M.D., and researcher Mikhail Samchukov, M.D.*, the international meeting included faculty members and industry leaders from North America, South America, Russia and Australia. Doctors, researchers and other staff participated throughout the symposium sharing complex case studies and original research.

“Scottish Rite Hospital is highly regarded in this field internationally,” Podeszwa explains. “We want to continue to improve treatment methods for this patient population and collaboration is key to that objective. We were extremely pleased to host other experts from around the world who share our commitment.” ○

*Medical degree from Khabarovsk State Medical School, Russia.



Thanks to the whole-child care Jordan, age 11, of Sachse, has received through the hospital's Center for Excellence in Hand, he has the confidence to pursue basketball and any other goals he chooses.

PERFECTLY IMPERFECT

The hospital's Center for Excellence in Hand helps patients embrace their unique qualities and discover their extraordinary abilities.

By Jake Wood

AT NO POINT IN ALYSSA ANDERSON'S PREGNANCY

did she think that her baby would be born with a limb difference. There were no signs leading to that conclusion. But life doesn't always proceed as planned.

Alyssa's son, Jordan, was born with a condition called syndactyly, also known as webbed fingers, which occurs when a child's fingers do not fully separate during development. These webbed sections of extra skin usually dissolve during pregnancy, but in Jordan's case, that didn't happen.

Alyssa was unsure if her son would ever grow to be independent or even enjoy typical childhood activities. In a situation that seemed far from perfect, Alyssa received the advice she needed at just the perfect time.

"We didn't know what we were going to do next or where to go," Alyssa says. "But before we were discharged, my doctor referred us to Scottish Rite Hospital. He told us that the hospital was amazing at helping children born with hand differences and they work miracles that could improve the mobility in his hands."

Shortly after receiving the referral, the family, who reside in Sachse, brought Jordan to the hospital's Charles E. Seay, Jr., Center for Excellence in Hand

and Upper Extremity — and the rest is history. Jordan, who is now a talented basketball player, has frequented the colorful halls of Scottish Rite Hospital throughout his childhood, whether for clinic visits or hospital events.

"My favorite thing about the hospital is getting to see all of the nurses, doctors and staff, who I love," the 11-year-old athlete says. "Without them, I might be down on myself because I would not understand my condition."

Scott Oishi, M.D., FACS, the director of the Center for Excellence in Hand, is Jordan's doctor. "Jordan has grown in many ways over the years, and it's been a pleasure to see him become more confident with his hands and with himself," Oishi says. "He is an inspiration and has never let his hand difference stop him from accomplishing anything he desired."

The center is one of Scottish Rite Hospital's six Centers for Excellence and one of the leading pediatric hand programs in the nation. The hospital's expert team travels internationally and hosts others in the field to share their latest innovations in hand treatment and research.

The hospital was the first pediatric orthopedic facility in the United States to employ full-time hand surgeons and has treated tens of thousands of

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Center for Excellence in Hand team members Amy Lake, O.T.R., C.H.T., and Scott Oishi, M.D., FACS, look for ways to improve a patient's hand function and ultimately, their independence.

children over the years. Last year alone, the center treated 1,150 patients and had nearly 2,000 outpatient clinic visits.

The intricate and delicate nature of performing hand surgery requires a highly specialized level of orthopedic expertise. Therefore, the hospital's world-renowned staff is dedicated to advancing research and education in the field. The latter is achieved through two fellowship programs — the A.C. and Eleanor M. Garison Fellowship in Hand and Upper Limb Treatment and the Pediatric Upper Extremity Surgery Fellowship. In addition, the hospital's hand experts train fellows on a rotational basis from other institutions, including UT Southwestern Medical Center and Walter Reed National Military Center.

The staff provides individualized care for children with all types of hand and upper limb conditions, as well as children who need complex reconstruction following trauma. But Scottish Rite Hospital's world-class treatment does not stop with the patient's condition. It is the hospital's mission to treat the whole child — mind, body and spirit.

Amy Lake, O.T.R., C.H.T., Scottish Rite Hospital hand occupational therapist, works with each patient to help them discover their abilities. "The best part of my job is helping kids increase their self-esteem and self-confidence," Lake says. "I want to help them learn that they are defined by who they are on the inside, not what they look like on the outside."

"I love all of the people at the hospital, but Amy and Dr. Oishi are two of my favorites," Jordan says. "Amy was the first person to teach me how to tie my shoes and it reminds me every day that my fingers don't affect me in any way."

In another aspect of whole-child care, Andrea Brown, CCLS, of the hospital's Child Life department, introduced Jordan's family to a unique, therapeutic opportunity.

"Andrea was the first one to tell us about hand camp," Alyssa says. "She explained that it would help us, as concerned parents, and Jordan understand and cope with his hand difference."

The hospital offers three separate hand camps tailored for specific age groups. Each one is designed for children to meet others facing the same challenges, with a focus on enhancing the child's emotional well-being. Once a parent submits a camp application, it is reviewed, along with the child's medical record, and considered based on eligibility and availability.

"The kids often come to hand camp feeling like they are different, but by the time they leave, they feel special and accepted," Brown says. "The experience can really empower them."

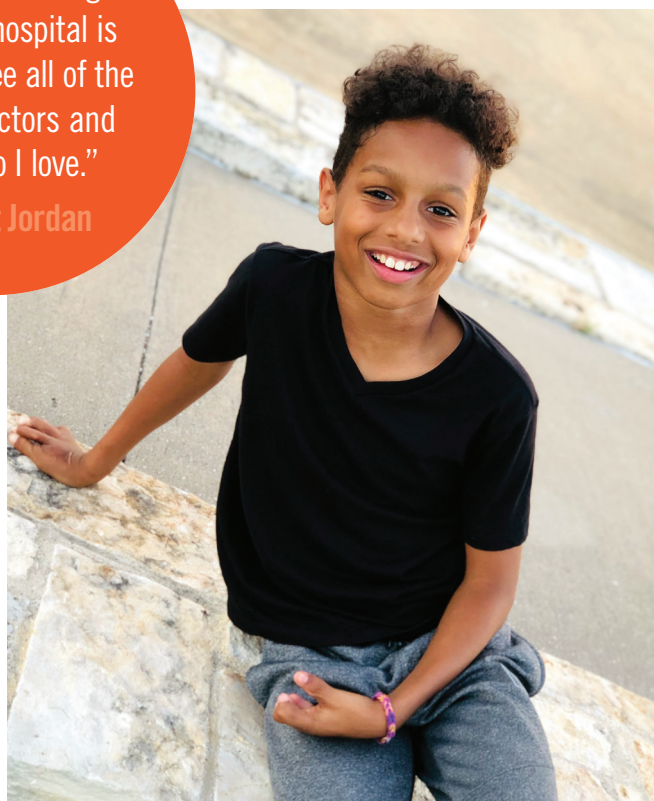
Many kids in Jordan's situation might have shied away from a sport like basketball, but Jordan embraced it head-on. Beyond family and grades, basketball is his life, and he has earned a starting role on three different teams.

He embodies Scottish Rite Hospital's mission to treat the whole child, not just their condition. Along Jordan's journey, a special bond has formed between the hospital and his family.

"Scottish Rite Hospital means everything to us," Alyssa says. "Jordan's amazing patient experience has helped him gain confidence, friendships and a helpful heart toward others who are born perfectly imperfect." ○

"My favorite thing about the hospital is getting to see all of the nurses, doctors and staff, who I love."

- Patient Jordan



BMW DALLAS MARATHON



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Registration is now open for the 2019 BMW Dallas Marathon Weekend!

December 13 – 15

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

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L to R: Oscar Garcia, Paula Lugo and Lanecia Jenkins of PlainsCapital Bank

REVERCHON



ROUNDUP

Nicole Cruz and Reshma Jose



CHEERS TO ANOTHER YEAR OF REVERCHON ROUNDUP SUCCESS! On March 2, more than 250 caring community volunteers gathered to prune, plant, regrade, relevel, clear out and clean up beautiful Reverchon Park. The Dallas Park and Recreation Department, Friends of Reverchon Park and Scottish Rite Hospital coordinate this annual beautification project. In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the first game played at the Reverchon Park Baseball Field, a crew of friends and volunteers from the North Texas Amateur Baseball League prepped the diamond and painted the dugouts. We're tremendously grateful to all the volunteers and sponsors who have supported this special event – and our community – year after year. ○



Central Texas Golf Classic

THE 12TH ANNUAL CENTRAL TEXAS GOLF CLASSIC

was held on April 29 at The University of Texas Golf Club in Austin. This tournament was created to raise funds and awareness for the hospital throughout Central Texas. The event has made more than \$1.3 million since its inception. Thank you to all of our Central Texas friends for their continued support throughout the years! ○

L to R: Hospital Trustee and CTGC Board Member Ralph Wayne, CTGC Vice Chairman Daniel Massey, hospital President Emeritus J. C. Montgomery, Jr., CTGC Chairman John Pigg and hospital Vice President of Development Stephanie Brigger

Tartan Golf Classic

DEDICATED FRIENDS SHOWED THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT for Scottish Rite Hospital at the 33rd annual Tartan Golf Classic at Brook Hollow Golf Club on May 20. Proceeds from the hospital's 2019 golf tournaments are dedicated to the purchase of specialized hydro-therapy pools for our Frisco facility. Since 1986, the Tartan tournament has made \$6.5 million for Scottish Rite Hospital! ○

2019 Tartan Golf Classic winning team from L to R: Douglas Lacy, Doug Calhoun, Tartan board member Artie Stars and David Milliom



Door Control Services Tournament

DOOR CONTROLS USA, INC. HOSTED THEIR 16TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT benefiting Scottish Rite Hospital on April 26. The tournament was held at the Van Zandt Country Club, near the company's East Texas headquarters in Ben Wheeler. Over the years, their generous staff, clients and vendors, who participate in the annual tournament, have raised nearly \$300,000 for the hospital! ○

L to R: Door Controls USA, Inc., representatives Founder/Consultant Don Gilchrist and President Paxton Gilchrist; and the hospital's Vice President of Development Stephanie Brigger and Development officer Burrell Poston





2019 KidSwing

MONDAY, JULY 22

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**Registration now open
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JOIN US FOR THE 11TH ANNUAL SUMMER COLORS ART AUCTION on Thursday, July 25. Guests can bid on original paintings by local artists, while enjoying drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Ticket prices are \$30 when pre-purchased and \$35 at the door. VIP tickets will be \$50 and include an early viewing of the art, a chance to win a commissioned piece and other exclusive perks. To learn more about our colorful celebration, visit scottishritehospital.org/summercolors. ○



Volunteer executive members and hospital staff celebrate giving back.

Volunteer Appreciation Week

VOLUNTEERS ROCK! This spring, we celebrated our more than 1,000 volunteers for rockin' and rollin' with the hospital. These dedicated individuals never miss a beat when it comes to comforting and caring for our patients and their families. To all of our volunteers, we appreciate you!

Are you interested in volunteering at our facilities or special events? Visit scottishritehospital.org/volunteer to complete an online application or call our Volunteer Services department at 214-559-7825 for more information. ○



Volunteer Sue Young serves popcorn and a smile to patient Alexis, age 9, of Waxahachie, at our Frisco campus.

MEET

Michael L. Wiggins

Member of the Scottish Rite Hospital Board of Trustees Since 2012

AS A SEVENTH GENERATION TEXAN, Trustee Michael L. Wiggins' roots in the great state run deep, as does his love of family, his career and service to others. This man, who says, "We" far more than "I," greatly values relationships and community spirit. Several communities have helped shape his life, including his hometown of Liberty, his professional field of petroleum engineering, his university alma mater and the Masonic brotherhood. As a hospital board member, he enjoys being part of yet another close-knit group, one that is bound together by a shared commitment to serving the patients of Scottish Rite Hospital.

OIL IN HIS VEINS

What began as a high school job in the oil fields, led to Wiggins' successful career as a petroleum engineer. "That summer hooked me," he says. "I can't imagine a better profession." He has held numerous leadership positions in the industry and has worked on six of the seven continents. Today, he is the senior vice president of a worldwide petroleum consulting firm.

AGGIE LOVE AND LOYALTY

Texas A&M University is where Wiggins earned his bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in petroleum engineering. "It's been a wonderful experience," he says of being an Aggie. His wife, Tanya, also from his hometown, attended the school and it was there they began dating. They have been married nearly 40 years and have two children and five grandchildren.

HEAD OF THE CLASS

In 1991, Wiggins' crossed the Red River to the University of Oklahoma, where he conducted research and taught courses related to the petroleum engineering field. "I enjoyed working with the young people, seeing them learn and grow," he explains. "It's a lot like the hospital, in the sense that everyone is working together to make the future brighter for the kids."

MASONIC ROOTS

His father, along with respected friends and civic leaders of Liberty, inspired Wiggins to become a Mason at age 21. "Freemasonry helps make us better men, husbands, fathers and members of our communities," Wiggins says. Today, he is the leader of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in Texas.

OUTSTANDING IN ITS FIELD

"The quality of care and the focus on the children at Scottish Rite Hospital is incredible," Wiggins says. "The hospital helps children facing some unique challenges with a level of expertise that you can't find anywhere else. It's a privilege to be part of something that can literally change a child's life for the better." ○





On a Course for Success

GOLFING IS A FAMILY AFFAIR FOR 9-YEAR-OLD SHALEIGH OF WAXAHACHIE. Her weekends are spent on the golf course and thanks to her unstoppable spirit and a little help from Scottish Rite Hospital, Shaleigh is right in the swing of things.

Shaleigh has been a hospital patient since she was only 4 months old. She was born with an upper-

extremity difference that resulted in her having only one hand, but her limb difference has never held her back. The hospital has helped ensure that Shaleigh can go wherever her dreams take her — like the golf course.

Dwight Putnam, Scottish Rite Hospital prosthetist, worked closely with Shaleigh’s dad, Michael, to design a custom device, which they refer to as a golf helper hand. This special piece securely joins her upper-right forearm to a golf club, allowing her to swing and putt.

“The fact that she was born with just five fingers and

uses a prosthesis only while playing golf speaks to her quiet determination and independence,” Putnam says. “I can’t wait to see what her future holds.”

Shaleigh has enjoyed getting to know the hospital staff. “The coolest thing about having a limb difference is that I get to have my very own hospital,” Shaleigh says. “When I’m there, I don’t feel different.”

Shaleigh has also had the opportunity to attend the hospital’s hand camp. The camp brings together children and their families facing similar challenges, while teaching those children life skills. “A lot of the counselors are just like me and it makes me happy to see how far they have gone in life and that I can also do the same thing,” Shaleigh says. “It helps me learn how to be brave.”

Her family takes comfort in those lessons. “The hospital means the world to us,” Michael says. “Shaleigh just wants to fit in and the hospital gives her that opportunity. As parents, it sets our mind at ease knowing that Scottish Rite is with us on our journey.”



Shaleigh hits the links with her “golf helper hand,” a custom device created by the hospital’s Prosthetics team.

All Can Play – All Day at the New Frisco Playground

JUST IN TIME FOR LONG SUMMER DAYS, THE NEW PLAYGROUND AT OUR FRISCO FACILITY IS OPEN! This inviting space is designed for children of all levels of physical ability. Its strategic location, on the east side of the campus, is shaded from the afternoon sun, providing respite and enjoyment to patients, families and community neighbors.

The playground features industry-leading inclusive play structures and a cushiony rubber safety surface. The equipment is designed to encourage activity in children, while also enhancing things like motor skills, climbing, balancing, coordination and social interaction. Other features of this recreational area include two shaded, open-air pavilions

with ceiling fans, tables and chairs for relaxation and picnics, as well as accessible restroom facilities.

The playground is open to patients, families and the community from 8 a.m. to dusk, seven days a week. Proceeds from the hospital’s 2018 and 2019 KidSwing Golf Tournaments have benefited the project.

Patient Matthias, age 6, of Dallas





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