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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

ROBERT L. WALKER
President/CEO

Since 1921, Scottish Rite for Children has served as a place of hope and healing. While honoring the successes of our past, we cherish the present, meeting patients where they are today. At the same time, we keep our eyes on the horizon, anticipating uncharted needs and challenges to better serve our patients in the future. A tenet of Scottish Rite remains a sincere and profound sense of gratitude for the hearts, hands and minds dedicated to giving children back their childhood.

We have so much to be grateful for at Scottish Rite for Children. Our patient care, research and education are world-renowned because of the countless individuals who believe in our mission and support it wholeheartedly. We are thankful for our visionary board of trustees, faithful donors, dedicated volunteers, loyal community partners and outstanding staff.

To show our appreciation for a profession that gives abundantly, we have launched the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses. Scottish Rite nurses not only provide excellent treatment but also compassionately care for patients throughout their journey. Established by the DAISY Foundation, the award recognizes nurses whose contributions go above and beyond expectations in science and sensitivity. We encourage nominations from patient families and look forward to announcing extraordinary nurses each quarter. In the meantime, we congratulate nurses Michelle Maldonado and Valencia Rhone, who received *D Magazine's* 2024 Excellence in Nursing Award. *D Magazine* also announced the "Best Doctors in Collin County." Nominated by esteemed members of the medical community, the list includes Drs. John E. Arvesen, Jane S. Chung, Henry B. Ellis, Jacob C. Jones, Shane M. Miller and Philip L. Wilson.

Congratulations to pediatric nurse practitioner Michelle Maldonado (left) and registered nurse Valencia Rhone (right) who received the *D Magazine* 2024 Excellence in Nursing Award in the direct care category.

As we prepare to serve the next generation, we appreciate the opportunity to expand our services. In Dallas, we opened the Crayon Clinic, which offers same-day and next-day appointments to patients who need immediate treatment for orthopedic needs such as fractures. In Frisco, we opened Sports Therapy at The Star, which offers an additional location for patients to receive physical therapy to get kids back to their activities quickly and safely.

Through the efforts of many Scottish Rite contributors, the work we accomplish together brings a deep sense of meaning — a significant and timeless gift, one for which we will always be grateful.

Bob

CONNECTED TO THE CARE

Congratulations to Chief of Staff **Daniel J. Sucato, M.D., M.S.**, who completed a very successful term as 40th president of the **Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America (POSNA).** At the 2024 Combined EPOSNA Meeting in National Harbor, Maryland, Dr. Sucato (right) passed the presidency to Todd A. Milbrandt, M.D., (left) of the Mayo Clinic.

Assistant Chief of Staff Emeritus **Charles E. Johnston, M.D.**, received the **2024 Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America (POSNA) Distinguished Achievement Award**, the highest honor bestowed by the organization. The annual award honors a POSNA member for distinguished contributions in pediatric orthopedics.

Scottish Rite for Children hosted the **21st annual Rotary Club of Dallas Bike Rodeo and Child Safety Day**. Hundreds of children from the community participated in a bicycle safety obstacle course, met first responders and enjoyed lunch. To the delight of many families, children won bicycles and received free helmets after having their bikes inspected.

Amelia, of Irving

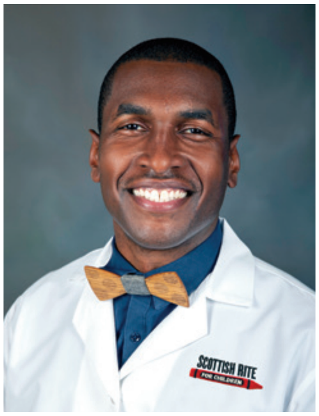
Welcome **Christine Murphy, M.D., FAAP**, our new medical director of pediatric developmental disabilities and complex care pediatrician.

President/CEO Robert L. Walker celebrated his 45th anniversary at Scottish Rite for Children. Congratulations to an exceptional servant leader who humbly dedicates his time and talent to advance Scottish Rite's mission of giving children back their childhood.

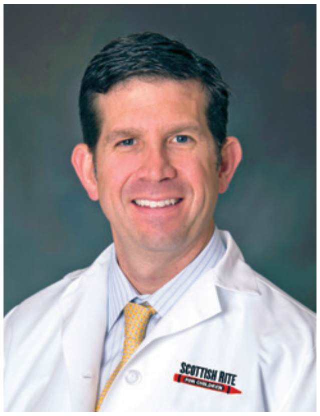
L to R: Chief of Staff Daniel J. Sucato, M.D., M.S., President/CEO Robert L. Walker and his wife, Pat, and Vice President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees Ronald L. Skaggs

Scottish Rite for Children launched the **DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses** program, which was established by the DAISY Foundation as a way to honor nurses internationally. Through nominations collected from patients, families and staff, Scottish Rite will recognize nurses each quarter for going above and beyond to make a difference in the lives of patients and their families.

L to R: Devon Jackson, M.S.N., R.N.; Shawntea McCoy, B.S.N., R.N.; Rebecca Ketch, R.N.; Jason Sawa, B.S.N., R.N.; Angie Buckmeier, M.H.A., B.S.N., R.N.; and Courtney Soliz, B.S.N., R.N.



Jaysson T. Brooks, M.D., was selected as a recipient of the **Scoliosis Research Society 2023 Edgar Dawson Traveling Fellowship**. Dr. Brooks visited CHU Sainte-Justine, a pediatric hospital center in Montreal, to enhance his knowledge of vertebral body tethering and 3D deformities of the spine.



Henry B. Ellis, M.D., was one of three emerging leaders in orthopedic sports medicine to receive the **American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine 2024 Traveling Fellowship**. Dr. Ellis visited sports medicine centers in South America in an immersion experience that builds international relationships with physicians, fosters the exchange of scientific information and stimulates research.

Antoine, a rescue-turned-therapy dog, and his therapy dog friends visited Scottish Rite to bring comfort and encouragement to our patients. All four dogs have orthopedic or neurological conditions but have overcome their challenges to bring joy to others. Antoine has his own book, written by animal advocate Janet Curran, called "Antoine's Tale" that was read to patients during the event.

Hazen, of Kiowa, Oklahoma, and Antoine

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

Discovering the Why Through Collaborative Research

Research is critical to solving complex problems in medicine. Unfortunately, diseases exist that have no cure. Idiopathic conditions, by definition, have no known cause. If we do not know why a condition occurs, it becomes more challenging to determine the best way to treat it. Scottish Rite for Children diligently searches for answers by not only conducting its own multidisciplinary research but also collaborating with other researchers and constituents across the health care landscape.

In a nationwide collaboration, Scottish Rite for Children is one of only 12 sites across the country that is part of the first multicenter patellar instability study called JUPITER — Justifying Patellar Instability Treatment by Early Results. Patellofemoral instability (PFI) occurs when the kneecap, or patella, moves outside of its groove. When the kneecap is unstable, it can become dislocated. Children with PFI can experience pain, the inability to bend or straighten the knee, put weight on the leg or walk. Comprised of 26 surgeons, including Scottish Rite Assistant Chief of Staff Philip L. Wilson, M.D., and Medical Director of Research Henry B. Ellis, M.D., the JUPITER study has enrolled more than 2,000 patients who are followed for 10 years after treatment. The goal is to gain insight into the causes of PFI and to identify the best treatments to address it.

The Cerebral Palsy (CP) Task Force met at Scottish Rite with a vision to collaboratively make decisions, conduct health care research and advocate for change that ensures equal opportunities and positive outcomes for individuals with CP and their families.

In a more localized effort, the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), an independent nonprofit organization authorized by U.S. Congress, awarded Scottish Rite for Children nearly $100,000 through its Engagement Award Program to identify early intervention research priorities for young children with cerebral palsy (CP). CP is the most common childhood physical disability. Its limitations vary in severity, are lifelong and can impact activities of daily living. Led by Scottish Rite researchers Angela Shierk, Ph.D., and Heather Roberts, Ph.D., a multi-stakeholder engagement committee, including children with CP, their parents, clinicians and researchers, will host a conference in September that focuses on early detection and intervention for CP. The aim is to better understand the needs of children with CP and their families to define research priorities and ultimately advance care for this population.

Collaboration in research is important because it encourages the pooling of ideas, perspectives, knowledge, experience and resources. When exceptional minds come together, these all-star teams are empowered to discover the why, which leads to better outcomes for patients everywhere. «

MOMENT OF IMPACT

Isabela, TrackGirlz participant

Movement Science + Olympic Sprinter = FAST

New and novel research that focuses on adolescent sprinters is coming off the blocks at Scottish Rite for Children Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Center in Frisco. FAST, short for Functional Analysis and Speed Training, is a series of data collection clinics led by Sophia Ulman, Ph.D., director of the Movement Science Laboratory. She and her team are partnering with Mechelle Lewis Freeman, USA Track and Field Olympian, Olympic coach and CEO/Founder of TrackGirlz, a Frisco nonprofit that gives girls access to mentorship and sport through track and field empowerment programs.

The goal of FAST is to reduce the risk of injury in the adolescent sprinting population. To achieve this, Ulman's team collects data that measures a sprinter's mobility, stability, strength and power. "A lot of sprinting data in the research community is in collegiate or Olympic athletes," Ulman says. "No one has really tapped into sprinting at the adolescent level." Analyzing this data helps determine the mechanical weaknesses or deficiencies that young sprinters have, which could lead to injuries. Athletes receive their data on report cards that include recommended exercises, or correctives, which sprinters can do to improve their specific areas of weakness. By participating in FAST clinics, young sprinters learn how to move correctly so that they can improve their speed and reduce their risk of injuries.

On the inaugural day of FAST, Freeman brought middle and high school sprinters from TrackGirlz to participate in a variety of functional tests on the track and in the lab at Scottish Rite. A month prior, she completed the tests herself, providing Olympic-level counsel to help identify the appropriate sprinting metrics. "When watching the girls move, it was interesting to see how the data we measured correlated to what I observed with my eye," Freeman says. "The data gives you confirmation on weaknesses that need to be addressed, removing the guesswork from their athletic development."

Beyond movement, researchers surveyed participants on their nutrition habits, sleep routines and training hours. "We can relate mechanical issues and movement deficiencies to these factors as well, which provides a more holistic message," Ulman says.

Once a large dataset is collected, the team aims to answer questions that will determine prevalence. "For example, 98% of sprinters have this mechanical deficiency or have a weakness in power that leads to this injury," Ulman says. "These overarching data points are extremely helpful and will allow us to better target our interventions for these young athletes."

Freeman punctuates the importance of TrackGirlz' collaboration with Scottish Rite. "Through the expertise of the Movement Science team, we are giving these girls world-class information, education and motivation to perform their best." «

Sophia Ulman, Ph.D., and Mechelle Lewis Freeman

To get involved, visit trackgirlz.org.

A Fab Collab With By Way of Dallas

Building *Connection* by Changing the *Conversation*

by Kristi Shewmaker

Hance Taplin is a connector. In 2011, he founded By Way of Dallas to connect both sides of U.S. Highway 75 through conversation sparked by streetwear that he creates. “I use the apparel as a vehicle,” Hance says. “When we do pop-ups, my goal is to see a Highland Park mom converse with a South Dallas high school football player while waiting in line for the same product — two different people, celebrating Dallas.” His mission is to bring people together, despite their differences, by giving them something to talk about. And now, he is doing it at Scottish Rite for Children.

Last fall, By Way of Dallas and Scottish Rite joined forces to launch a movement about movement, where fashion meets function. For decades, Scottish Rite has created custom, state-of-the-art prostheses for children of all ages, and now, they bear artwork designed by By Way of Dallas artists, athletes and influencers. The list includes Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott and photographer Jeremiah Jhass, Dwight Powell of the Dallas Mavericks, artist Temi Coker, and sports and comedy group Dude Perfect to name a few.

“Instead of the narrative being, ‘That’s Johnny who has a prosthetic leg.’ I want it to be, ‘Yo! Did you see Johnny’s leg? It’s so cool!’” Hance says. “Now, the conversation is changing.” Instead of differences separating people, whether that be through age, race or disability, Hance and his crew are creating art that builds connection and community. “We all have our own prostheses within us,” Hance says, “but through art, we can connect and understand that we’re just like each other. Through this collaboration, we can show people how art and community and culture and innovative design can converge and really make a difference.”

Now, patients at Scottish Rite for Children who need a prosthesis can choose a By Way of Dallas design that speaks to them. Owen, Elena and Miles are a few of the first to sport their designs and start their own conversations.

By Way *of* Dallas &
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Owen tries on his first prosthetic leg featuring Hance Taplin's signature By Way of Dallas design with the help of prosthetist Don Cummings, C.P., L.P.

Owen

"Owen has always been a social butterfly," Amanda says about her 17-month-old son. "He is very active and loves crawling around and climbing up onto everything. We have fun seeing how he adapts and does things his own way."

Amanda learned about Scottish Rite's collaboration with By Way of Dallas through a post on Instagram. The collaboration launched shortly before Owen underwent amputation surgery on his right leg.

"At my 20-week prenatal anatomy scan, my doctor said that they couldn't find Owen's foot," Amanda says. Later, a maternal fetal medicine doctor saw it but noticed that it was severely curved upward. It was not until Owen was born and referred to Scottish Rite for Children that he was diagnosed with tibial hemimelia, a condition in which a child is born with no tibia or one that is too short. Owen's tibia was short, and he did not have a functioning ankle joint. In his case, the choice was to amputate or undergo many reconstructive surgeries throughout his life that may not have led to mobility.

"We wanted Owen to have every opportunity to run, jump, play, try different sports, dance — whatever interest he may develop," Amanda says. "It was difficult to get the diagnosis but a relief to have a clear path forward. Knowing that we were in one of the best places in the country to have to go through this, immensely added to our relief."

A few months after surgery, Owen received a prosthetic leg with Hance Taplin's design. Amanda was drawn to the pattern and bold colors. "I chose it because my husband was born and raised in Dallas," she says. "It was a beautiful way to memorialize the landmarks, and it's a cool testament to being in Dallas."

She explained that she used to work for a British fabric company where they collaborated with brands who used their fabrics. "When I saw what By Way of Dallas was doing for these kids — taking the device and turning it into a conversation piece, but not about their disability, but about the artwork — I thought it was amazing," she says. "I was excited that Owen's first prosthesis would have this cool story behind it."

Today, Owen is learning how to use his prosthesis. He stood up on his own for the first time. "We love showing off his tiny prosthetic leg," Amanda says. "Rather than, 'Oh my God, what happened to you?' I want him to feel seen. The collaboration with By Way of Dallas is meaningful to us because Owen will be seen for something other than his limb difference."

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Hance Taplin, By Way of Dallas founder and creative lead

Elena showcases her everyday walking prosthesis featuring art designed by By Way of Dallas artist Temi Coker, who presented the leg to Elena.

Elena

P-R-O-S-T-H-E-S-I-S. Prosthesis is a big word to spell on the board of an elementary school classroom, but that is exactly what Elena and her mother, Brittany, did the first week of school each year. “We talked about Elena’s prosthetic leg and gave the children an opportunity to ask questions,” Brittany says. “After answering their questions, the kids moved on. Then, she was just Elena.”

A 12-year-old sixth grader from Temple, Elena loves to play brain games, like sudoku, and basketball in the backyard. Recently, she tried out and made the seventh grade cheerleading squad. “We’ve already started practicing after school,” she says.

Since age 3, Elena has had more than a dozen prosthetic legs as she has grown. “When we adopted her, her leg was locked at a 90 degree angle,” Brittany says. “We assumed we’d get her home and straighten it out, but you can’t just straighten out a leg that’s been locked in place for two and a half years.” Through a friend, the family discovered Scottish Rite for Children. “Elena had five major surgeries and got her leg within the first year,” Brittany says. After healing from surgery, Elena underwent physical therapy to learn how to walk with her prosthesis. “All of a sudden, she was upright, off and running,” Brittany says. “It was miraculous to watch.”

Now, Elena has two prostheses — an everyday walking leg and a sport leg that she uses for cheer. Shortly after the By Way of Dallas collaboration had begun, she had outgrown her prostheses and needed new ones. After reviewing the patterns, Elena chose artist Temi Coker’s design for her everyday leg, and she let Brittany select the design for her sport leg. Brittany chose Hance Taplin’s art, and Elena approved wholeheartedly.

On delivery day, Temi came to Elena’s appointment to meet her personally. “It was cool to see the person who designed my leg,” Elena says. “I told him, ‘The design is basically me in a leg.’ It’s very colorful, with this color here, that color there and all over the place.”

Elena kept the rest of her family in suspense until she got home to make the big reveal. “I like a surprise, and my sisters were like, ‘Show me, show me, show me!’” she says. Brittany added that her friends at school were also excited to see the By Way of Dallas designs.

Like her elementary school days, Elena still gets questions about her limb difference, but Brittany says that she has grown into the ability to answer them. They agree, it is better to ask than to stare. “I don’t remember having a real leg,” Elena says. “This is how it’s been for nine years of my life, so it’s kind of normal for me. Most of the time, it’s just me — Elena.”

Miles

"Miles doesn't know the words, 'I can't,'" says his mother, Angela. "He has always used the phrase, 'I haven't been able to yet.'"

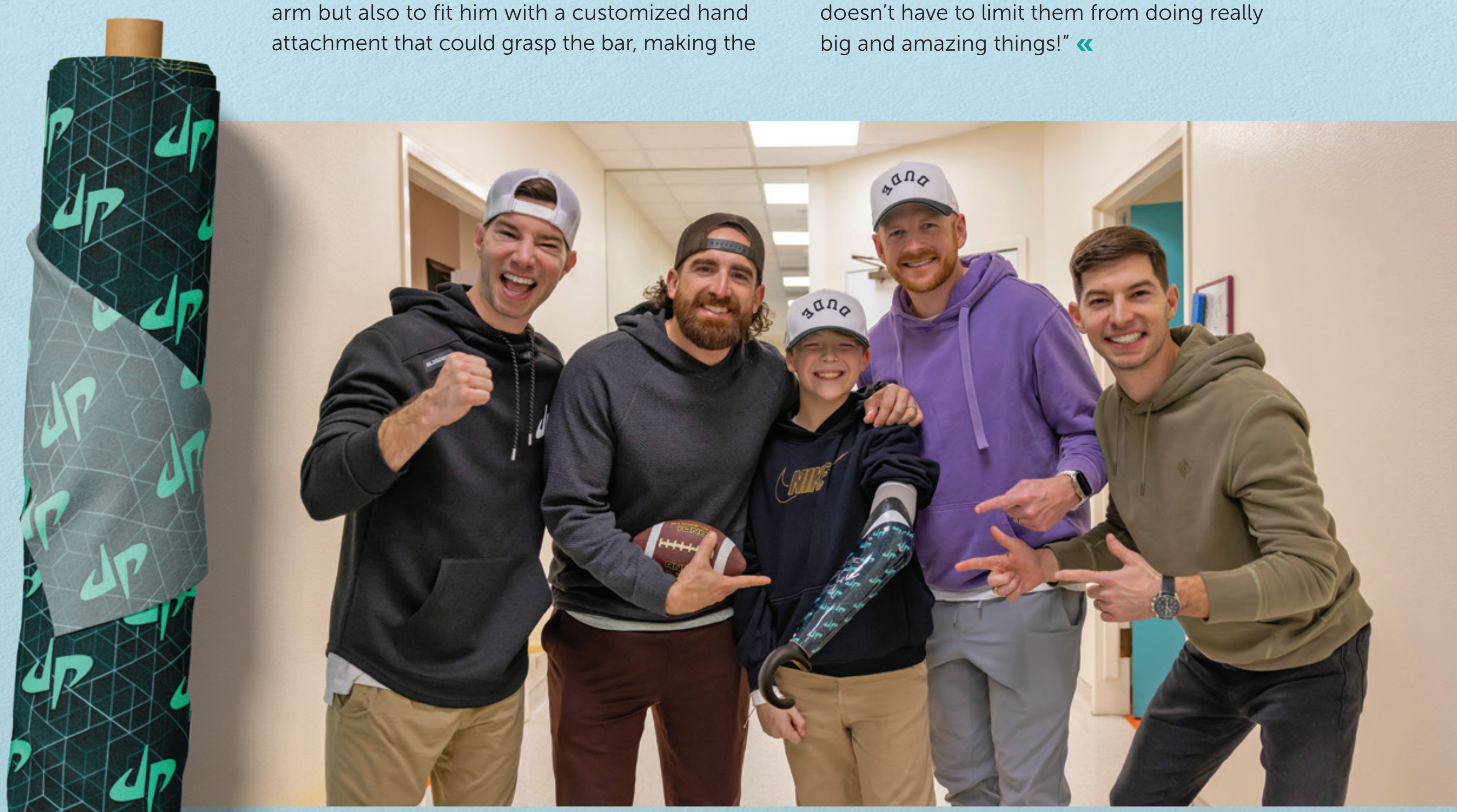
An 11-year-old from College Station, Miles was born with symbrachydactyly, a condition that occurs when a child's arm or hand does not fully develop. Miles is missing his left hand and forearm. His pediatrician referred the family to Scottish Rite for Children where he was diagnosed. "He was born exactly how he was supposed to be born because he has been able to teach so many people how to love other people better," Angela says.

Miles grew up without a prosthesis, adapting in his own way to a life full of activities. He likes to draw and solve the Rubik's cube. He finished his first season of basketball, and he loves swinging from the monkey bars at a ninja warrior gym. But, he wanted to achieve a move called the lache, where you swing from one bar, which is further than the length of your body, to reach the next bar. "He didn't have the extra wingspan to hook his arm on the bar," Angela says. "After trying for years, he was like, 'I need something to help me reach that bar.'"

Cue prosthetist Dwight Putnam, who was delighted to not only build Miles' first prosthetic arm but also to fit him with a customized hand attachment that could grasp the bar, making the lache a reality. When it came time to select a pattern, Dwight noticed that Miles was wearing a Dude Perfect hat and showed him their By Way of Dallas design. "The only YouTube video group Miles watches and is obsessed with is Dude Perfect," Angela says. "The pattern was meant for him."

At Miles' next appointment, Dude Perfect walked into the room and presented the arm. "I was very surprised and extremely happy," he says. Angela said that he was so proud, he wore it to school the next day, walking with a little extra swagger. In response to his new arm, Miles says, "A lot of people ask where I got it, say it's really cool and try to figure out a way to try it on."

Recently, Miles competed on FOX's MasterChef Junior, which gave him the opportunity to combine two more passions — cooking and advocating for children with limb differences. "It means so much that I get to represent kids with limb differences, that they get to see someone like them," Miles says. "But, I think it's actually more important for people not like us, because we know what we can do. It's everyone else that doubts us and tells us we can't. I hope I'm able to show kids and everyone watching that their limb difference doesn't have to limit them from doing really big and amazing things!" «



Sports and comedy group Dude Perfect surprised Miles with his first prosthetic arm, donning a stylish Dude Perfect design.

FRONT AND CENTER

Standing Tall After Spinal Fusion Surgery

In January of 2023, Delilah, a 12-year-old from San Antonio, was helping her mother, Angie, clean the house. As Delilah bent over to pick up something off the floor, Angie noticed that her backbone protruded from her back at an abnormal angle. "It caught me off guard," Angie says. She called her husband into the room and asked Delilah to repeat the movement. He looked at Angie with wide eyes and said, "What was that?"

Delilah's pediatrician suspected scoliosis and referred the family to an orthopedic physician. "After taking an X-ray, he gave us the news that her spine was at an 84 degree angle," Angie says. "Delilah and I had tears in our eyes." Angie explained that because of the curve's magnitude, the physician said that he would feel more comfortable recommending them to Scottish Rite for Children. "We had never heard of Scottish Rite, but it was the best advice and decision we ever made," Angie says.

At Scottish Rite, pediatric orthopedic surgeon Megan E. Johnson, M.D., diagnosed Delilah with adolescent idiopathic scoliosis, of which there is no known cause. Because her curve had surpassed the surgical magnitude of 50 degrees, Dr. Johnson recommended posterior spinal fusion, a surgery in which a rod is secured to the vertebrae to straighten the spine and hold the correction of the curve in place. "Scoliosis progresses more rapidly when kids are undergoing their big growth spurt," Dr. Johnson says. "Delilah still had a lot of growth left, so she was at a greater risk of progression."

Before surgery, Delilah asked thoughtful questions and expressed some worries. "I had a fear of like, what if I wake up during surgery?" she says. "And, what if it doesn't turn out right, or what if they miss something?" Dr. Johnson marveled at Delilah's maturity. "For being 11 at the time, Delilah asked great questions, advocated for herself and did her own research," she says.

In October, the family traveled to Dallas for Delilah's surgery and stayed at the Ronald McDonald House of Dallas, Scottish Rite's community partner. "They took such good care of my family," Angie says. "I'm very grateful for that." After a successful surgery, Delilah's curve was corrected from 95 to 20 degrees. She also got two inches taller. "Delilah exceeded our expectations," Dr. Johnson says. "She has been a champ through it all."

Six months later, Angie cannot believe that Delilah had spinal surgery. "It boggles the mind because she's back to being herself," she says. "For us, Scottish Rite means hope, that everything is going to be OK." Delilah agrees. "You can trust Scottish Rite," she says, "and know that you are in great hands." «

Mastering Daily Tasks To Help Others Feel Their Best

Fifteen-year-old Zion, of Glenn Heights, is preparing to become an esthetician when she graduates from high school. Her mother, Tiffany, bought her a mannequin that she uses to practice giving facials and applying makeup. "I want to make people feel good about themselves," Zion says. "Being an esthetician will help people relax." Recently, Zion brought her mannequin to Scottish Rite where she works with occupational therapist Lucy Ericson on mastering a host of daily activities.

Zion has cerebral palsy (CP) and has received care at Scottish Rite for Children since she was 10, after her family moved to Texas from Arizona. CP is the most common childhood disorder that affects muscles and movement. Zion's symptoms impact her mobility, muscle coordination, flexibility and posture.

"It's hard to walk around the mall, our neighborhood or around school because classes aren't close together," Zion says. She uses a wheelchair for long distances. "Sometimes, I force myself to walk, but I get very tired." She also finds it challenging to do things with her right hand, like twisting open a jar, pouring juice or writing essays. "It's hard keeping my hand straight," she says, "but that's why we go to Lucy."

In occupational therapy, Zion works through a list of tasks that she conquers one by one. Lucy has helped her find creative ways to brush her teeth, wash her skin, cook food, open a pill bottle, roll her wheelchair by herself, get binders in and out of her backpack, put on earrings and apply makeup, like eye shadow and lip gloss. "It makes me feel really good," Zion says. "I never thought I was going to be able to do all that stuff by myself."

As tasks get easier for Zion to achieve, she prepares for her future as an esthetician. "Zion wants to be ready when she graduates so there aren't any barriers," Tiffany says. In a session with Lucy, Zion massages the mannequin's face with shaving cream. "We're not using the high-end stuff on a mannequin," Tiffany says, laughing, but then, her tone turns bittersweet as she considers the years they have spent at Scottish Rite. "They make us feel like we are part of one big family," she says. Zion underscores how much it means to her. "I really love, gosh, all the people," she says. "I couldn't imagine myself being able to do what I can do without Scottish Rite's help." «

TRUSTEE PROFILE

> “SCOTTISH RITE HAS A ‘WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?’ ATTITUDE.”

ADAM J. WALKER
Advisory Trustee Since 2014

When **Adam J. Walker** joined the Scottish Rite for Children Board of Trustees a decade ago, President/CEO Bob Walker gave him a personal tour of the hospital. Down one hallway, they found themselves walking behind a mother and her young son who was on crutches and wore braces on both legs. Adam recalls that the child’s mother motioned to her son to move out of the way, and Bob said, “Please, go ahead. This is your hospital. We are here for you.” The memory stuck with Adam. “That moment set the tone,” Adam says. “From the CEO to the volunteer at the front desk, everyone at Scottish Rite has a ‘What can we do for you?’ attitude, which I love.”

Adam also values integrity and hard work. “If you’re going to do something, do it right and work hard at it,” he says. That mindset took root at age 15 when he got his first job, sacking groceries at United Supermarkets in Lubbock where he grew up. Later, he paid for college and law school through his diligent work ethic. While holding various jobs, Adam earned his Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics at Texas Tech University. In 2004, he graduated from Oklahoma City University School of Law and moved to Midland where he began his career as an attorney at Johnston & Associates, P.C., a law firm that specializes in the oil and gas industry.

In 2007, when a position opened at Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP in Lubbock, Adam jumped at the opportunity. There, he represents governmental entities, including cities, counties and schools by collecting receivables to ensure the continuation of services to the community. After practicing law only six years, he was offered partner in 2011. “Making partner is the pinnacle of my career,” Adam says.

After years of striving and long hours, Adam enjoys a balance between his professional and home life. “My marriage is important to me, and I wanted to watch my kids grow up,” he says. Adam met his wife, Kristi, at Texas Tech, and together, they instill their values of integrity and hard work into their son, Mason, an eighth grader, and daughter, Kaylee, who is valedictorian of her high school senior class. “I’m extremely proud of my kids,” Adam says.

In addition to providing for his own children, Adam considers serving on the board of Scottish Rite for Children an honor. “The big decisions that the board, the executive committee and the executive staff make every day all serve one mission — giving children back their childhood,” he says. “To me, this means helping these kids be as successful as they can possibly be.” With integrity, hard work and a “What can we do for you?” attitude, Adam has not only built a successful life for his family but also contributes to the success of those served at Scottish Rite. «

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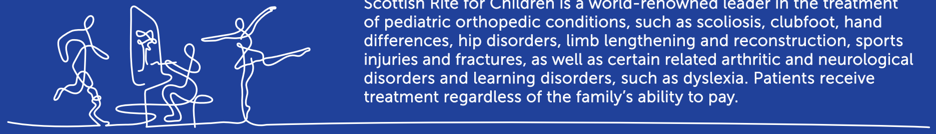

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