

SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a health care system with locations in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. The staff at our 22 facilities is dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, conducting innovative research, and offering outstanding teaching programs for medical professionals. Children up to age 18 with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care, regardless of the families' ability to pay.



Children up to age 18 are eligible for care at Shriners Hospitals for Children if there is a reasonable possibility they can benefit from the specialized services available. Generally, care is provided up to age 18, although it may be extended to age 21 in some cases. Acceptance is based solely on a child's medical needs, regardless of the families' ability to pay.

In 2012, Shriners Hospitals for Children provided care to 121,271 patients regardless of the families' ability to pay for services.



Since the first Shriners Hospital opened in 1922, we have provided care for more than one million children, regardless of the families' ability to pay.

The operating budget for Shriners Hospitals for Children for 2013 is \$751 million, the capital budget is \$91 million, the total budget for 2013 is \$842 million.

SHRINERS CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS OF NORTH AMERICA

BOSTON, MA • SPRINGFIELD, MA • PHILADELPHIA, PA
 ERIE, PA • GALVESTON, TX • HOUSTON, TX
 GREENVILLE, SC • HONOLULU, HI
 INTERMOUNTAIN-SALT LAKE CITY, UT
 LEXINGTON, KY • LOS ANGELES, CA • SACRAMENTO, CA
 CHICAGO, IL • PORTLAND, OR • SPOKANE, WA
 CINCINNATI, OH • TAMPA, FL • ST. LOUIS, MO
 SHREVEPORT, LA-THE VERY FIRST SHRINERS HOSPITAL
 • TWIN CITIES MINNEAPOLIS
 MONTREAL, CANADA • MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

WHO ARE THE SHRINERS?

A brotherhood of men...dedicated to fun and fellowship...but with a serious purpose.

Shriners are distinguished by an enjoyment of life and a commitment to philanthropy. They enjoy parades, trips, dances, dinners, sporting events and other social occasions.

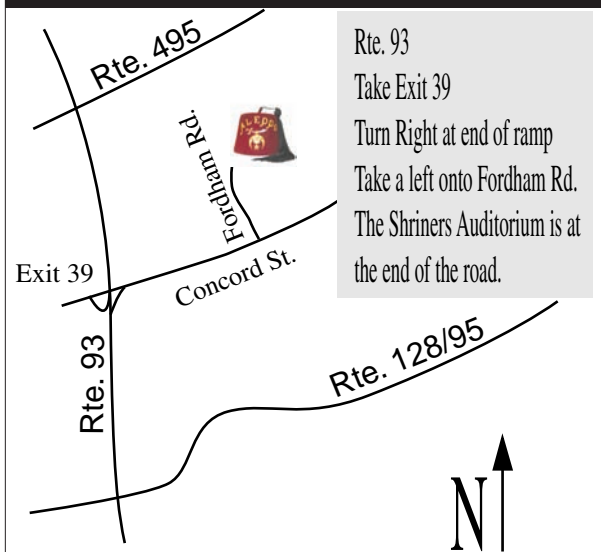


They support what has been called the "World's Greatest Philanthropy," Shriners Hospitals for Children, a network of 22 pediatric specialty hospitals, operated and maintained by the Shriners. All children, up to 18 years old, may be eligible for treatment at Shriners Hospitals, **at no charge**, if they, in the opinion of the hospital's chief of staff, could benefit from the specialized care available at Shriners Hospitals. Eligibility is not based on financial need, race or relationship to a Shriner.



Shriners are all Master Masons of the fraternal organization "Freemasonry." For more information go to www.askafreemason.org

DIRECTIONS



Aleppo Shriners

Children's Transportation Fund

for Shriners Hospital's



Pull-Tab
Collection
Program

What is the Pull-Tab Program?

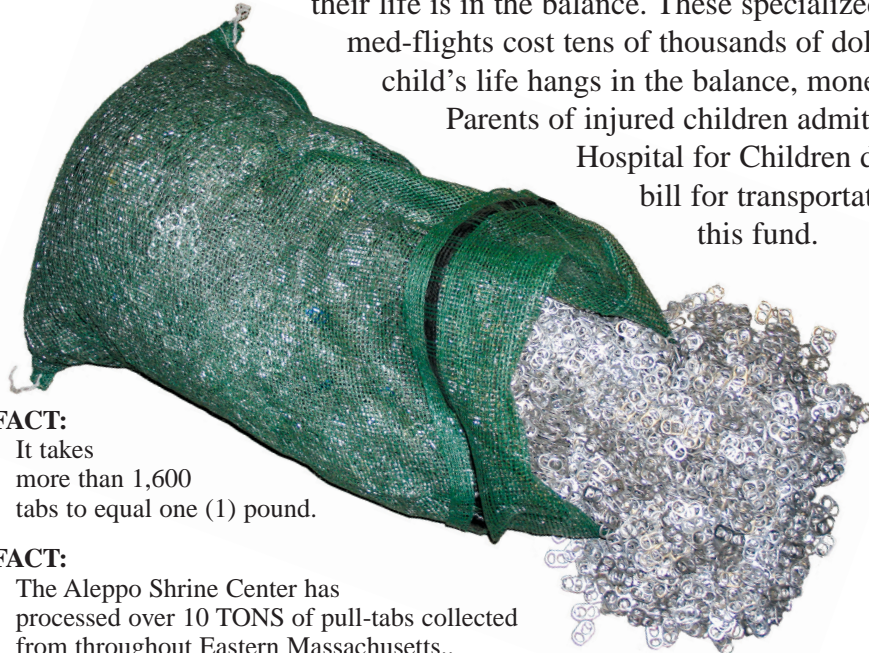
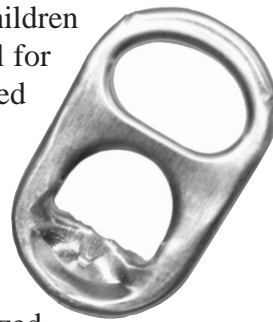
The pull-tab program at Aleppo Shriners in Wilmington, Massachusetts was founded several years ago and as a way for the public to help raise funds for the humanitarian and life-saving services provided by Shriners Hospitals for Children. In Eastern Massachusetts, tabs are collected by many different organizations and collected at the Shrine Center in Wilmington, Massachusetts. The tabs are redeemed at a recycling center and the proceeds benefit the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund. Donations range from small baggies and jars to 40 lb. bags like the one below.

What is the Children's Transportation Fund?

Funds generated in the pull-tab program are used to transport children and their parent or guardian, **free of charge** to a Shriners Hospital for Children. Volunteers from local shrine organizations use specialized vans, small buses and automobiles and give freely of countless hours of their time providing transportation to and from doctor's visits. One very important mode of transportation this fund pays for are the life-saving med-flights transporting children from all over the world to a Shriners Hospital when

their life is in the balance. These specialized med-flights cost tens of thousands of dollars, but when a child's life hangs in the balance, money is no object.

Parents of injured children admitted to a Shriners Hospital for Children do not see a single bill for transportation provided thru this fund.



FACT:
It takes more than 1,600 tabs to equal one (1) pound.

FACT:
The Aleppo Shrine Center has processed over 10 TONS of pull-tabs collected from throughout Eastern Massachusetts..

FACT:
Each year, the Aleppo Shriners of Wilmington, MA, spend over \$300,000 supplying transportation, housing and food for children and their families.



Local Shriners load over 900 pounds of pull-tabs to be recycled.

How Can I Help?

You can help by saving aluminum can pull-tabs and bringing them to the Shrine Center in Wilmington. Better yet, bring your returnable cans and bottles and they will also be redeemed with the proceeds going to the Transportation Fund.

You can also encourage community awareness of the tab program by getting groups such as schools, church groups, boy and girl scouts, family members and businesses in your area to participate.

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