



# CAMEL Tales

## POTENTATE'S MESSAGE *Shriners the "Weigh" to go!*

Greetings to you all and  
Happy October!



Shriners. Can you think of someone that would be a good candidate who would enjoy great social connections, fun experiences and a sense of belonging—all while helping raise funds and awareness for Shriners Children's? Please continue to share, after all, aren't you happy someone shared what our fraternity has to offer with you!

October looks to be a fun filled month as well. On October 4th David Rott and his crew will be cooking up crab for the All You Can Eat Crab Feed at El Zagal. On October 8th there will be a stated meeting. Nobels, if you really want to see what is going on at our center or have items that you would like to share, this is your time. On October 10th there will be a dinner at El Zagal followed by a Town Hall meeting with delegates from Shriners Children's Twin Cities Board of Governors. PLEASE plan to attend if you are able. There will be nobles from other Shrine Centers that will travel for this event, so having a poor EZ turnout should not even be an option – call Andrea and get registered – Ladies are encouraged to attend as well.

On October 14th the Shriners Open starts in Las Vegas and runs through October 20th. I know this is last minute, but if you have an interest in coming down and volunteering please reach out to the office, and they can get you the info. I believe we are up to 12-15 nobles and ladies from EZ that will be Marshalls on Hole 15. If you can't make the tournament, plan to watch it on TV.

October 22nd and 24th consecutively are the Appreciation Dinners in Fargo and Bismarck. These FREE dinners are a great way to relax, enjoy good food, great company, and honor our brothers who have given 25 years plus to our organization. Again, I did say it is FREE to attend, please call Andrea in the office to get registered. My hope is to shut down registration due to full venues!

As we finish preparing for the fall season and the coming of colder weather, please don't forget to join in on all the fun that is still to come to finish out 2024 and begin 2025. AND invite a friend or two along to the events, we would love to see them!

Until Next month - Keep "Shrining"  
Yours in Faith,  
Travis Will  
El Zagal  
2024 Potentate

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### Mark Your Calendar!

Stated Meeting	October 8
Pumpkin Patch	Now - October 13
Town Hall (Shriners Children's)	Oct. 17
Trunk Or Treat	October 20
Appreciation Dinners	October 22 & 24
Halloween Party	October 26
Gun Show	November 23-24
Pizza, Puzzles, Beverages	November 27

I was told the other day that El Zagal always has something going on—apparently, that is not the norm with other Shrine Centers in this region, but yes, we do, and we should be very proud of this fact!

On September 8th Bismarck's Masonic Lodges along with the local Shrine units hosted the 13th annual Fly-in free will breakfast at the Bismarck Aero Center. This event fed over 1000 people. What a wonderful fundraiser for the Bismarck Scottish Rite Speech Center. We had balloon art for the kids (Thank you Holden for coming home from college to do this!), airplane rides were also available, planes and helicopters on display, and even a small car show featuring more than just the Duster cars this year!

September 12th the Provosts hosted their annual Bierstube. This event is truly becoming famous as the Kem Shriners brought down a bus load of Nobles and ladies to partake in the festivities. Thank you, Illustrious Sir Steve, for putting this together, it was a lot of fun having Kem here! If you like Brats, German Potato Salad and Beer and you missed this event, you really did miss one heck of a good time catching up with friends over good food and beer. Saturday September 14th was stacked full too, the A-Mazin Clown Pumpkin Patch opened for another year. The Pumpkin Patch will run on Saturdays and Sundays from now through the weekend of October 13th. There was a One Day class in Fargo, the Color Guard had Septoberfest in Detroit Lakes, and the Directors Staff hosted their annual Fall Ride. I was not able to attend any of these wonderful events as we had a

family friend get married in Duluth on the 14th. But if history holds true, I am sure they were fun and successful as always. As I am writing this, we are preparing for a fun weekend in Bismarck at the Fall Ceremonial. To my knowledge, there will be 5 new Nobels joining our fraternity – how exciting, BUT why not more? These brothers will share in the fun and supportive network of

## Official Call

The regular stated meeting of El Zagal Temple will be held on  
**Tuesday, OCTOBER 8, 2024 at 7pm**  
at El Zagal Shrine Center.

The purpose of this meeting is as follows:  
To conduct any business properly brought before the chair.  
Please wear your fez.

Attest William R Wedberg Jr. PP, Recorder

Yours in faith, Travis Will, Potentate.

## TUESDAY BURGER UNIT SCHEDULE

5:30PM - 7PM

OCTOBER 1 - DIRECTORS STAFF

OCTOBER 8 - NO BURGERS

OCTOBER 15 - MISFITS

OCTOBER 22 - NO BURGERS

OCTOBER 29 - ARAB PATROL

NOVEMBER 5 - EMP

NOVEMBER 12 - MISFITS

NOVEMBER 19 - DIVAN

NOVEMBER 26 - PROVOST

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## Director's Staff

The Director's Staff Fall Motorcycle Ride took place on Saturday September 14th. We had 23 motorcycles leave from El Zagal and off to Tap That Bar in Hillsboro, Twisted Sisters in Ada, MN, Cty Rd 38 Bar & Grill in Flom, MN, Minnie's Stillhouse Bar & Grill in Felton, MN and return to El Zagal for food and fellowship. PP Roger E. had a great route planned and the weather was perfect. Thanks to all those that came out, it was a great day.

Our annual Pre-Turkey Day **Pizza, Puzzles & Beverages** will be back on Wednesday Nov. 27th, \$100 per team of 4, always a great turnout for this event, come check it out. A lot of fun for friends and family that are in town for Thanksgiving.

Salute,  
Casey Schoer

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## Misfit Munchies

Our little porker's tail is wagging big time. President Mike Hennebry submitted the club for Project 3-5-7, and we were chosen as a spotlight! And they had not even tasted our food!

What an honor for our club to be recognized. The club has been busy supporting the ND/MN Honor Flight with their summer blast and golf outing. If you have noticed some changes near the entrance of the Temple, The Misfits are working with an Eagle Scout project to revamp the seating area. It will be a refreshing place to sit and reflect once done.

Baconmasters Don Roos and Mike Dow PP, recently had the Misfits cooking for an employee appreciation luncheon for The Forum. Staff munched down on smoked pork loin, cheesy hashbrowns, and the Misfits special smoked beans. What a meal that was, no one left hungry. **Another positive image to an employer of a El Zagal Shrine Noble.**

Upcoming cooks include the Town Hall Meeting for Shriners Children, Thursday October 10th. Plan to attend that. Then onto the BIGGEST and BEST Thanksgiving Turkey Smoking, pumpkin spice event of the year. Details will be forthcoming. Order a bird for yourself or someone in need. Stop into the Temple parking lot on Thanksgiving Day and see what a Misfits cook is all about. You will need a break from politics and relatives.

Keep the napkins handy and your plate full

Misfits MR

Misfit BBQ will be  
smoking Thanksgiving  
turkey again in 2024



**TUESDAY  
BURGERS**  
5:30PM TO 7PM



## Townhall Meeting

*The town hall meeting for Shriners Children's-TCs has been moved up to Thursday Oct 10th, to accommodate our Drvan and Imperial members who will be attending the Shriners Children's Golf Tournament in Nevada.*

We will have reps from the clinic in Woodbury as well as execs from our midwest region coming from Chicago. This has been a great way for the nobility to learn about all the changes and opportunities we have. The TCs board has held these in Sioux Falls, Deadwood, Des moines and Omaha with really good attendance and now it is North Dakota's turn. We need a good turn out from you all to help spread our mission. If we have 80 plus for the dinner and presentation following, Kelly Wentz promises to speak extremely briefly at the annual meeting. Dinner will be at 6:30 downstairs followed by the meeting upstairs at 7:15. Our Misfits will be cooking for us as an added bonus for attending.

We need your reservation/payment of \$20/person in to Andrea at the temple by Sept 30th. Credit cards can be taken by Andrea over the phone with a 4% fee. If you call in and reserve you will be responsible for the \$20.

This is a big deal for us to have at our temple and an important opportunity to increase your knowledge of the future for Shriners Children's. I respectfully ask that you make the effort to attend and learn more about our philanthropy. We probably will not have this chance for maybe 5 years. (This is not to be confused with the stated meeting earlier that week.)

**RSVP and checks to:**  
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## Jamestown Mystics

Hello everyone in El Zagal, hope all is well.

September 3rd Trip on a Tankful we had 15 cruise out to The Decoy Bar and Grill for supper and a few adult beverages to thank them for all they do to support our FFAC event. Thanks again for the hospitality

Is it a plane? Is it a Bird? No, it's The Prez. driving the silver Bullet. (The Fridge) Colin W. pulling the trailer heading back out to Medina to parade in their fall festival parade. What a great event as The El Zagal Mystics were driving the little cars waving, handing out candy, and shaking hands to all the parade goers. It's great to see all the smiling people. We want to give Craig Hoffman a big thank you for his hospitality. He served all the Mystics a fantastic pork chop dinner with all the fixings. Thanks again!

When the sun went down there were about 17 Mystics family members that supported Moment of Freedom Barn Dance fundraiser. They had food trucks, ice cold beverages, silent auction, live auction and live music by The Train Wrecks. It was a great time had by all.

We got the last parade in the books for our parade units. Brock and Kyle will be busy now winterizing, pulling out dents, replacing parts and maybe putting brakes on some.

That's all for now, catch you next month.

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## Ladies Auxiliary

Before we start our meetings, we say our Auxiliary prayer:

*God of grace and healing.*

*We come before you thankful for the strength you give us to serve the needs of children. You inspire us to service the needs of children.*

*You inspire us to serve and give out time so that children may know the blessings of love, of hope, and of healing.*

*You have chosen us for a wonderful, but emotionally challenging opportunity.*

*Continue to touch the lives and bodies of the children we serve, that we may have a more comforting today, and the hope of a healthier tomorrow.*

-Amen

This prayer reminds us of our purpose.

Our next meeting is Saturday, October 12, 10 am, at the Shrine. We will be making blanket throws for our kids, and we will also go over the details of our past and present meetings for the remainder of 2024. Hope to see you there.

You will be receiving some brain busters rather than our normal "thought for the day".

★ Some months have 30 days, some 31.  
How many have 28?

(Answer in next month's issue)

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Youth Party: 3:30-5:30pm  
Adult (21+) Party: 6-9pm

**WHERE:** Bismarck Masonic Center  
1009 Basin Ave Bismarck, ND

**WHAT:** Games - Drinks - Potluck  
Costume Contest:  
Scariest, Best Couple, Funniest, Best Costume.

## Jamestown Clowns

Hello to All Nobles and Ladies,

Now it's fall and most of you say "trees are turning", while us in my industry say "leaves are starting to drop". Same thing.

The Patch is going on and "our area" is supporting us once again. Clowns are again stepping up and getting things done. All of us need to support our endeavors to the max. We are the best unit in El Zagal!!!!!! My opinion is the Parade of Glory does not reflect the intrinsic nature of the units, but camaraderie and ebullience for our magnanimous cause is key to a triumphant unit. The Clowns do all this with ease. But our continuing endurance at the Parade of Glory does help.

Next month I may be busy, and the article may be shorter than normal, however the content will be just as momentous as always... you get the drift...

As for now, September has been wet, and warm, which is awful if you are doing outside stuff (combining). But great for your lawn, ours is greener and thicker than June. October should be a wonderful month to be part of. The "Patch" will finish once again. I'm sure a triumphant result will be had. Richie, Steve, all those that made it happen will feel content. That is my prediction for the next article..... Just Sayin!

Thanks for Reading This.....Weezer.



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- Hayride
- Corn County Jail
- Gourd Flinger
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- Old West Shooting Gallery
- Scenic Old Time Train Ride

**Items to Purchase:**

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- Corn Shocks
- Gourds
- Fall Novelties
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- Pumpkin Hats/Shirts
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**Puzzles, Pizza & Beverages**

**Cash Prizes 1st 3 teams**

**Hosted by: El Zagal Directors Staff**

**Sign up online**



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# TRUNK OR Treat

**OCTOBER 20**  
**2 - 4 PM**  
1405 3rd St N Parking Lot

We would like to see all Lodges, Chapters, Bethels, and Units participate.  
Decorate a car, truck, unit vehicle.  
Order a bunch of candy, or make cotton candy bags and hand out to the public.  
Advertise an upcoming event on your hand out.  
Let's get the public out to see who we are!

RSVP - D Hennebry - fargomasoniccenter@gmail.com - by Oct 10

## Shriner's Appreciation Dinner & Awards

You and your Lady are cordially invited to El Zagal's Annual Award Appreciation Dinners

Fargo - El Zagal Temple.  
October 22  
Bismarck - Apple Creek Country Club  
October 24

Social at 6  
Dinner at 6:30  
Awards to follow  
Please wear your fez.

RSVP by October 16  
please call Andrea at 701-235-7521  
or email at info@elzagal.org

## "ALL YOU CAN EAT CRAB"

El Zagal Shrine  
October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
\$35.00 per person  
5-7 pm



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**COMEDY**  
**JESSI  
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**SOCIAL 5:30PM**  
**DINNER 6:00PM**  
**COMEDIAN 7:30PM**  
**BAND 9:00PM**

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**"TRAIN  
WRECKS"**

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One Mission, One Future:  
Vision 2035

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Many of you are familiar with Vision 2035, our plan to make sure we can provide Shriners Children's life-changing care to as many children as possible, far into the future. To help us ensure the successful implementation of Vision 2035, we hired Kaufman Hall as external, expert advisors. Kaufman Hall helped us devise an enhanced strategic plan, and it has been approved by the Joint Boards.

Our vision hasn't changed, but it is evolving. This month we unveiled details of Shriners Children's strategic plan. Here are some highlights.

## One Mission, One Future: Vision 2035

### The Vision:

Vision 2035 is evolving to position Shriners Children's as the best pediatric sub-specialty healthcare system, setting a course for prominence. How we'll get there:

**Best Care:** Intensive focus on excellence for patients and employees, while delivering on the tripartite mission — clinical care, research and education

**More Kids:** Focus on seeing "More Kids" in terms of more individual patients within each service line, from the routine to the rare

**Right Places:** Focus on providing our services in the right markets with the right care delivery model(s) where we can most effectively compete and win

**More Value:** Work not just to reduce costs but also to prioritize value, pursuing cost efficiency and quality and focusing on sustainability

We're proud that this road map sets us on a course for growth. Shriners Children's has come a long way since our founding in 1922. Your commitment and support will continue to change the lives of children around the world in new, innovative ways.

Yours in the Faith,

Richard G. Burke  
Imperial Potentate  
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# 100 Years of Gridiron Thrills

100th East-West Shrine Bowl to  
be played in Arlington, Texas

When the weather starts getting cooler and leaves begin to fall, that means one thing: It's football season! The storied East-West Shrine Bowl will play its centennial game at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, home of the Dallas Cowboys, on Thursday, January 30, 2025.

"The East-West Shrine Bowl has had a transformational impact on the lives of children for a century," said Bob Roller, vice president of sports for Shriners Children's. "The nation's best college football all-stars taking the field at AT&T Stadium, one of the world's most incredible sports venues, is truly a fitting celebration of this historic milestone."

For nobles who have never attended the East-West Shrine Bowl, the 100th edition of this exciting athletic contest is the perfect time to take the plunge. And nobles and families who have had the opportunity to attend before know the excitement that's in store. It is not too soon to start planning your trip to Texas! Temples can also plan watch parties for members and families, or even make it a community event!

100th East-West Shrine Bowl  
January 30, 2025



AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas

TV: NFL Network

Tickets: Available soon



For 26 years nobility and the community have been beating a little white ball around the Oxbow Country Club all to raise money for the Shriners Children, 2024 was no exception. With each and every year this tournament continues to grow and be a highlight of the golfing season for many. Watch for more new and exciting things to happen in 2025!

2024 saw Bryce Mattson get a HOLE in ONE on # 7. Bryce plays on the Strand & Marcy Insurance team, long time supporters of the PRO/AM. The odds of a hole in one are 12,500 to 1, considering the wind that day, it had to have been much worse. Congratulations Bryce !

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2024 PRO-AM COMMITTEE - THE ULTIMATE GROUP

## Dusters

By the time this is published, the greatest of ceremonials will have occurred in Bismarck. Thank you to all that made it happen and all that were part of the happenings. A special thanks to Bob Bartosh, Bob and Carol Simmers, Kim Lewis, Jim Martin, and Chad and Marcey Bartosh for doing the heavy lifting and all the other who helped take on the planning of the ceremonial.

The Dusters held our summer social at the Simmers Compound in August. It was also a coming out party for . . . our new bar trailer. We purchased a small trailer that stores our libations and allows us to serve beverages from the trailer. It was used for the first time at the summer social. We will be fixing the trailer up with jacks, rails, trays, led lights, a disco ball, black lights, and a full DJ system. Our socials will soon be raves. Eat, sleep, rave, repeat! At the summer social, we also had a shrimp and Wishek sausage boil that was organized by our President, Paul Wilkins, with the help of his father-in-law. It was the bomb.

The Fly-In/Drive-In breakfast was money. It was held at the Aero Center (not a drive-in movie theater) and people could fly to it or drive to it and see planes and old cars. The breakfast is pancakes, eggs, and sausage. If you were not there, you missed out. We had approximately 960 people attend. The event is organized by the Dusters and is for the benefit of the Scottish Rite Speech Therapy Center that is housed in the Masonic Center in Bismarck.

The other main events for the Dusters are the Car Show and the Circus. The planning for the Car Show has begun. These are great events that make most of the money we raise. Please take the time to be involved by attending, working, and organizing. Participation is the key to our organization.

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## SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL Misfits BBQ

05 sept. 2024 3-5-7 Spotlight



### El Zagal Fargo, North Dakota

For four years, 20 nobles of El Zagal temple have been cooking up a storm as part of the Misfits BBQ club, but it hasn't been easy. They officially became a club in January 2020 - just before COVID hit-yet members persevered, operating "drive-thru" BBQ events with the help of social media. It was a huge hit, and the good times have continued to roll since then. But Misfits BBQ isn't just about gathering to cook and eat tasty meals, though. They provide low-cost or no-cost meals to good causes and participate in fundraising projects regularly. Nobles also focus on fraternal membership by assisting other units, clubs and events in addition to bringing awareness to Be a Shriner Now.

Misfits BBQ's roaster is shaped like a pig, complete with snout and ears.

# Shrine Success Story

## About Bronwyn

Bronwyn Lundmark was born in Fargo, North Dakota and is the second child of three. Her older sister is 19 and her younger sister is 11. Bronwyn's father works as a mechanical engineer and during the time of Bronwyn's birth her mother was a substitute teacher in the field of Early Childhood Education before transitioning to a registered nurse. Bronwyn is now in middle school and a member of the speech team. Bronwyn likes to read and is also part of the 8th grade reading club that reads to 5th graders. When Bronwyn is at home she loves to bake and find tons of new recipes. She loves to find new recipes online and has quite a collection of recipe books. Bronwyn also likes to stay busy. She likes to go swimming, shopping, rides bikes a lot in the summer, crochets, loves arts and crafts activities, loves to travel, hike and crossfit.



## Bronwyn's Story

While talking with Bronwyn's mom, Tanya, she said that her pregnancy with Bronwyn was very normal and she was born very healthily in 2010 as a spontaneous vaginal delivery without any drugs. Bronwyn was what appeared to be a normal infant to her parents and her doctors until she continuously stopped meeting her gross motor milestones. Her legs started to continuously bow so her parents knew something was most likely "wrong" with her physical development.



For instance, she was only sitting up and feeding herself at age one, not rolling, crawling, or even attempting to stand on her own. Her fine motor skills developed normally but her family noticed that she wouldn't cross her midline, like reaching across or kicking across her body during playtime. Bronwyn's parents also noticed she was more of a "floppy baby," meaning she had low muscle tone. Tanya spent almost two years seeking the "why" behind her daughter's difficulties. It wasn't until Bronwyn was referred to a pediatric geneticist in the fall of 2013 at Sanford Children's in Sioux Falls, SD that the family discovered Bronwyn had X-Linked Hypophosphatemic Rickets.

Around this same time, Tanya knew the family would be moving, so she searched online for facilities that treat pediatric patients with XLH closer to where they were considering moving to. She came across Shriners Children's Hospital on East River Parkway in Minneapolis, MN. Brownyn's very first appointments with a pediatrician, pediatric endocrinologist and pediatric orthopaedist were in the fall of 2013. She was 3.5 years old at her first visit and will remain a Shriners patient until she ages out of their care. Brownyn always has her height, weight and vitals taken during visits, and she walks and runs for her pediatric endocrinologist and orthopaedist. The goal set by her pediatrician and endocrinologist was to get her to 5' and she has surpassed that. Bronwyn had frequent, routine lab draws during appointments. When the Lundmarks first visited Shriners, they went for check-ups and lab draws every 2-4 months. After an extended period of time Bronwyn transitioned to visiting every 6 months. She has routine lower extremity x-rays to assess bone growth and routine ultrasounds of her kidneys. In April of 2018, the medication "Crysvita" was approved by the FDA. Bronwyn began bi-weekly injections, as well as routine lab checks to determine its effectiveness. Fortunately, the drug worked. She still receives these injections at home or in the local lab every three months to have her fasting serum phosphorus level checked. This happens to see if Bronwyn's Crysvita dosage needs to change.



It is important to note that XLH is a continual, life-long disorder, not one that affects the pediatric population only. There is only treatment, no cure. The incidence for this disorder is approximately 1:20,000, and it is classified as a rare disorder in the medical field. Bronwyn is a spontaneous case (otherwise known as de novo) and she will pass XLH on to roughly 50% of her children (if not all).

## Shriners Help

The family firmly feels that with the assistance of Shriners, and the close knit bond they have formed with her physicians, Bronwyn has blossomed and grown into the spunky teenager she is today. Their role in starting her on medication they knew could help, even though neither drug was ever FDA approved for the treatment of XLH but were the only ones available, allowed for her growth, reduction in pain with physical activity, and an increase in her physical endurance. It is also through Shriners that Brownyn has met other kids with a variety of disorders at Camp Joy, who also receive treatment at Shriners. Had Shriners not been available, Bronwyn's parents are almost certain she would be severely physically limited and in pain the vast majority of the time. Brownyn would likely not be on Crysvida and she would not be doing as well as she is today. If Bronwyn's medical needs hadn't been met her parents fear thinking of what kind of mental state she would be in at such a young age.



## Written By Brinley Buechler

Brinley, a Bismarck Public Schools Empower[Ed] student, got in contact with Bronwyn's mother to discuss how the Shriners made an impact on their family's life. Thank you for reading about one of the Shriners' many success stories!

If you know of any other family that is willing to share their Shrine Success Story, contact El Zagal at [info@elzagal.org](mailto:info@elzagal.org)

# "On Angels' Wings"

## Supports Shriners Children's Burn Care

*Women*  
IMPACTING CARE

Women Impacting  
Care program is led by  
First Lady Judy Burke



Women Impacting Care, chaired by Shriners International's First Lady, is a thoughtful group of women donors, supporters and advocates who have bonded together to help highlight services and programs of Shriners Children's.

First Lady Judy Burke is leading the initiative this year with the theme, "On Angels' Wings." Her program supports the exceptional burn care and wraparound services provided by Shriners Children's to children and their families who have experienced devastating burn injuries.

### Care that embraces the family

Pediatric burns can be among the most painful and difficult injuries a child can sustain and are frightening and stressful for the whole family. Shriners Children's treats all levels and types of burns, including scalds, chemical burns, electrical burns and flame burns. The highly specialized teams are known around the world for their expertise and their innovative, caring and personalized approach to treating burns in children.

After a patient arrives at one of our hospitals, the medical team develops a treatment plan for the child. They share what to expect with the family and continue to partner with them throughout the healing journey. Parents play a large part in caring for the child. Shriners Children's is a special place where compassionate nurses, care managers, therapists and physicians care for the whole family as well as the child.

### Wraparound support services

Shriners Children's has the resources to support patients throughout their treatment, including occupational, physical and child life therapy, scar management, prosthetics and orthotics. They also focus on the emotional healing that comes after a burn injury. Patients have access to psychological services, as well as school and community re-entry programs to help children adjust to life outside the hospital.

### Education and prevention

Education and prevention are essential in reducing the number of burn injuries sustained by children and adults every year. Shriners Children's burn care teams work with local organizations to promote health and safety through education and research. They also conduct burn prevention programs for schoolchildren. In addition to supporting the burn care services at Shriners Children's, "On Angels' Wings" seeks to raise awareness and support programs that educate the public on how to keep their families safe from burn injuries.



### ON ANGELS' WINGS

First Lady Judy invites you to join her in making an impact on the lives of our patients. Donors who would like to support Women Impacting Care may purchase "On Angels' Wings" products or make donations online.

[lovetotherescue.org/women-impacting-care](https://lovetotherescue.org/women-impacting-care)



UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 2024

- November 5 - Burgers
- November 12 - Burgers
- November 19 - Burgers
- November 23-24 - Gun Show
- November 26 - Burgers



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
OCTOBER 2024		1  Tuesday Burgers	2	3	4  Crab Feed	5		
		6	7	8  Stated Meeting No Burgers	9	10  Shriners Childrens Twin Cities Town Hall	11  Shriners Childrens Board Meeting	12
		13	14	15  Tuesday Burgers	16	17	18	19
		20	21	22  Appreciation Dinner (Fargo) No Burgers	23	24  Appreciation Dinner (Bismarck)	25	26
		27	28	29  Tuesday Burgers	30	31		



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