

SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN

Is a network of 22 pediatric hospitals in the U.S., Canada and Mexico providing specialized care for orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palate. **All services are provided at no charge.**

Eligibility for care is not based on financial need, race, religion or relationship to a Shriner, children up to the age of 18 are eligible for help at the Shriners Hospitals.

In 2006, Shriners Hospitals approved 38,984 new patient applications, attended to the needs of 128,578 patients and provided the following:

- 251,461 radiology procedures
- 296,859 outpatient, outreach and telemedicine visits
- 61,103 orthotic and prosthetic devices
- 24,609 surgical procedures
- 412,387 physical therapy treatments
- 181,174 occupational therapy treatments

To date more than 835,000 children have been helped at the 22 Shriners Hospitals. The operating budget for 2007 is \$721 million, of which \$655 million is targeted for operating expenses and \$66 million for buildings and equipment.

SHRINERS CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS OF NORTH AMERICA

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 SHREVEPORT, LA-THE VERY FIRST SHRINERS HOSPITAL
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WHO ARE THE SHRINERS?

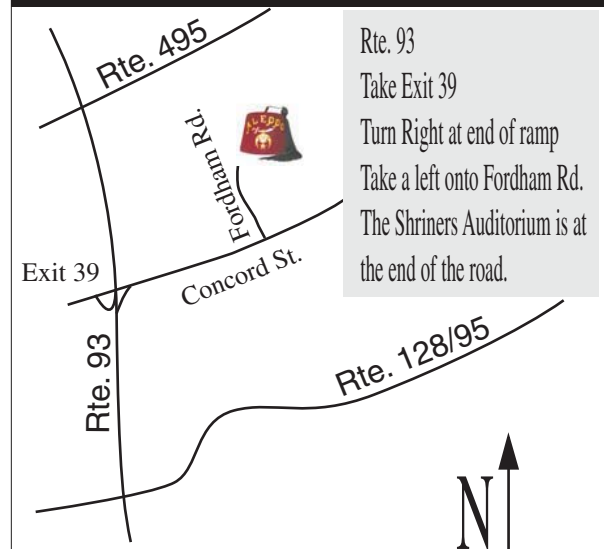
A brotherhood of men...dedicated to fun and fellowship...but with a serious purpose.

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



Pull-Tab Collection Program



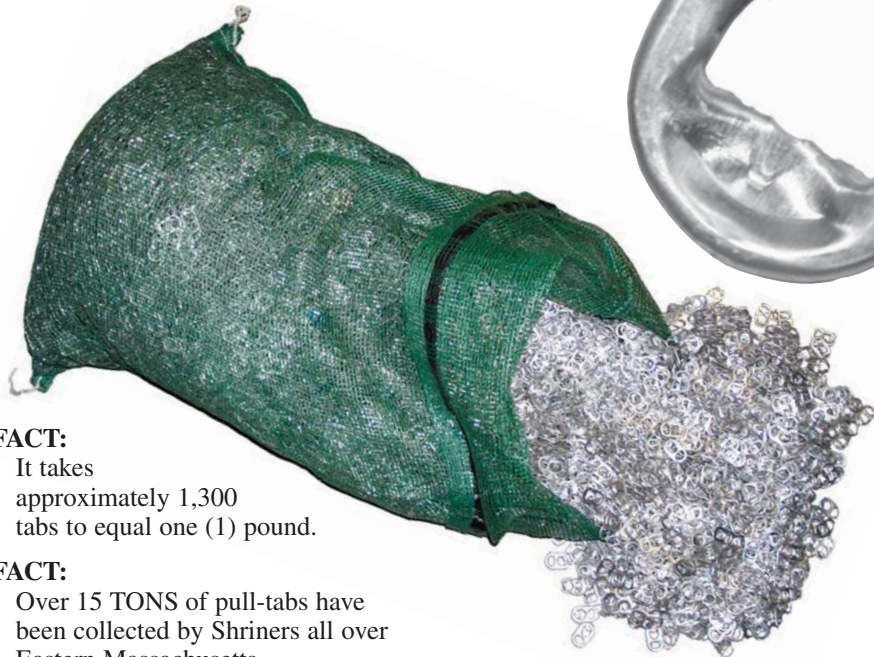
**Aleppo Shriners
 Children's
 Transportation
 Fund
 for Shriners Hospital's**

What is the Pull-Tab Program?

The pull-tab program at Aleppo Shrine in Wilmington, MA was founded several years ago as an easy way for the public to help raise funds to support the humanitarian and life-saving services the Shriners Hospitals provide. Many different organizations all over the Eastern Massachusetts collect pull tabs from cans and bring them to the Shriners Auditorium in Wilmington. From there, they are redeemed at a recycling center, and the proceeds go to the Shriners Hospitals for Children Transportation Fund.

What is the Children's Transportation Fund?

The Children's Transportation Fund exists in order to provide transportation to Shriners Hospitals for needy children and their parents, **free of charge**. The Fund pays for transportation to Shriners Hospitals by bus, train and air. The Fund also provides for MedFlight transportation when a child's life hangs in the balance. A parent never sees a single bill for one of these flights, which can cost thousands of dollars. That amount, however, is small when compared to the life of a child who was saved thanks to the Transportation Fund.



FACT:
It takes approximately 1,300 tabs to equal one (1) pound.

FACT:
Over 15 TONS of pull-tabs have been collected by Shriners all over Eastern Massachusetts..

FACT:
In one year, the Aleppo Shriners of Wilmington, MA, raised over \$310,000 to provide transportation, housing and food for patients 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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