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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!
ZAMORA SHRINE BBQ &
SPORTSMAN'S GIVEAWAY
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2014
Doors open at 10:00 A.M
Lunch Served
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

See inside for more details

From the Potentate...



Wow, time flies when you're having fun and working together. Can you believe that nearly two thirds of the year is almost gone? I can't tell you how proud I am of your Divan, Unit Directors, Club Presidents, and the full time staff for all the hard work they provide for the membership of your Temple. We have already accomplished much, but have many more fun and fulfilling events and experiences to come the rest of the year.

I want to say a big thank you to Al Wortham and the Z-Lounge for the donation of \$1,400 to the Transportation Fund. Speaking of transportation, I made my first Roadrunner trip in June and loved every minute of it. To see the smile on these children's faces makes me proud to be a Shriner.

I had the pleasure of

being a guest at the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Grand Advisor banquet held at our Temple. On this night, the Rainbow Girls presented a check for our Hospital Transportation Fund for \$500. Thank you ladies - Zamora appreciates all that you do to help our Hospital program and our patients.

We had a fantastic time at the Imperial Shrine Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We had 15 of our Zamora people in attendance! Kirk Pearson "Moose" and Tim Vaughan "CoCo Da Poe Poe", represented us very well at the International Clown Competition! Congratulations! I must give big congratulations to Kirk Pearson for being one of four winners in the International Shrine Essay contest. This is the second time in three years that Kirk has won this contest. It makes me proud that he is a ZAMORA SHRINER!

Kids Day at The Park was a fun day for all who attended. Thanks to Noble Johnny Peterman, Park Director, and his Park Committee, and Gadsden Shrine Club President Chad Lipscomb for a job well done. A big thank you to Chief Rabban Ed Graves and Lady Linda Graves,

High Priest and Prophet Tom Gaskins and Lady Pat Gaskins, and the Clown Unit for the hot dog and bean cooking and serving. Another big thank you goes to Noble Johnnie Alderson, Director of the Communications Unit, for having the train and riding the kids around the Park, and to Noble David Cain from the Dune Buggies for standing watch over the water slide.

August will be a busy month. We have the Southeastern Shrine Convention August 6-9 in Jacksonville, Florida. I hope everyone is making reservations for this trip. August 16, 2014, will be our Sportsman's Giveaway. We need everyone to please sell gun tickets so that we can reach our goal of \$100,000 profit.

Then, we cannot forget September 13, 2014, for our "Temple Ball." It should prove to be one of the best balls you have ever seen or been to. A few of our Units have already given the office their \$100 for hospitality, so come on and lets have some FUN!

And now for October 3-5, 2014. The Potentate's Fun Bus Trip to New Orleans, Louisiana. The rooms are at Hilton New

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

As of August 31, 2012, the deadline is the 5th day of each month for all submitted materials for publication in the next edition of the Zamora News.

Sorry, NO EXCEPTIONS.
Thank You

Our Procedure for submitting articles and notices for the *Zamora News* has changed. Please submit all items to be published to the Zamora Shrine office.

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Pearson a winner in International Shrine Essay Contest

Note: The following essay, written by Noble Kirk Pearson, was one of four winners in the International Shrine Essay Contest.

Friday, July 13, 2013, was not a day to be scared of what might happen; in fact, it started out as a great day. We had just finished remodeling the kitchen, and as



Noble Kirk Pearson

teachers, my wife and I were out for summer vacation with our two teenage children! That particular day, we had decided to go out for lunch and then we would do some shopping. On the way home, we received an unexpected phone call. My sister-in-law called to tell us that

our house was on fire. We quickly got home to watch our home finish burning. It was a total loss. We literally only had the clothes on our backs.

That evening, as we sat at my parents' house, needless to say, we were devastated. I finally looked at my phone and to my shock had over 100 missed calls and messages. About 90 percent of them were from Shriners! As I stared at my phone deciding who to call back first, it rang. A Past Potentate was on the other end. His conversation consisted of only three sentences: "Is everyone ok?" "Where are you staying?" and "I'm on my way."

He made the hour and a half ride to my small town. He told me he figured I would need a shirt for church, handed me one and told me to hang it up. I did

so immediately. I was amazed at the thoughtful gesture, but was even more shocked Sunday when I put it on and found money in the pocket. That was only the beginning of the generosity I was to experience. Later on that evening, our current Potentate called to see what we needed. I assured him we would be fine. He told me he was going out of town on business and offered my family the use of his home. The next few days were a whirlwind of calls, gifts and support. We even had to get two storage units to hold all of the items we had received until we could get into a new home.

August came, and we had already made plans to attend the Southeastern Shrine Clown Association annual convention in New Orleans,

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Shrine License Plate Report

The following is an accounting of the funds received from the sale of Shrine auto license plates, how the money is divided and which Temple receives donations to its transportation fund.

June 1 - June 30, 2014

County	Temple	Amount
Baldwin	Abba.....	\$192.37
Choctaw	Abba.....	\$21.37
Mobile.....	Abba.....	\$42.75
Hale.....	Abba.....	\$277.81
Coffee	Alcazar.....	\$64.12
Covington.....	Alcazar.....	\$64.13
Elmore	Alcazar.....	\$21.38
Houston	Alcazar.....	\$21.37
Montgomery	Alcazar.....	\$21.38
Colbert	Cahaba.....	\$21.37
DeKalb	Cahaba.....	\$64.12
Franklin	Cahaba.....	\$42.75
Jackson.....	Cahaba.....	\$64.12
Lauderdale.....	Cahaba.....	\$21.37
Limestone.....	Cahaba.....	\$64.13
Madison.....	Cahaba.....	\$85.50
Marshall.....	Cahaba.....	\$64.12
Morgan.....	Cahaba.....	\$149.62
Blount.....	Zamora.....	\$213.75
Calhoun.....	Zamora.....	\$64.12
Cherokee.....	Zamora.....	\$42.75
Etowah	Zamora.....	\$64.12
Jefferson.....	Zamora.....	\$299.25
Marion.....	Zamora.....	\$21.38
Shelby.....	Zamora.....	\$127.70
St. Clair	Zamora.....	\$64.12
Talladega.....	Zamora.....	\$128.25
Tuscaloosa.....	Zamora.....	\$85.50
Winston	Zamora.....	\$192.37
Paid to Abba Transportation Fund		\$96.17
Paid To Alcazar Transportation Fund.....		\$34.63
Paid To Cahaba Transportation Fund		\$103.88
Paid To Zamora Transportation Fund.....		\$234.60
Paid To Shriners Hospitals.....		\$2,137.81
Pd. to Hospital Program Since 10-1-94.....		\$735,885.93
Pd. to Transportation Funds Since 10-1-94.....		\$146,349.85
Beginning balance 11-1-12.....		\$29.31
Ending balance 11-30-12.....		\$29.31

ZAMORA SPORTSMAN'S GIVE-AWAY

Saturday, August 16, 2014

Doors open at 10:00 a.m. Lunch 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Drawing to follow

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COOSA VALLEY SHRINE CLUB - 1st Monday

DIXIE SHRINE CLUB - 3rd Wednesday

EAST ALABAMA SHRINE CLUB - 4th Thursday

GADSDEN SHRINE CLUB - 2nd & 4th Monday

N.W. ALABAMA SHRINE CLUB - 2nd Monday

WALKER COUNTY SHRINE CLUB - 2nd Friday

WEST ALABAMA SHRINE CLUB - 3rd Thursday



AUGUST

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2
3	4	5	6 <i>Southeastern Shrine Convention Jacksonville, FL</i>	7 <i>Southeastern Shrine Convention Jacksonville, FL</i>	8 <i>Southeastern Shrine Convention Jacksonville, FL</i>	9 <i>Southeastern Shrine Convention Jacksonville, FL</i>
10 <i>Southeastern Shrine Convention Jacksonville, FL</i>	11 <i>N.W. Alabama Shrine Club meets</i>	12	13	14 <i>Gadsden Shrine Clubs Meets</i>	15	16
17	18 <i>Coosa Valley Shrine Club meets</i>	19	20 <i>Dixie Shrine Club meets</i>	21 <i>West Alabama Shrine Club meets</i>	22	23
24 / 31	25	26	27	28 <i>East Alabama & Gadsden Shrine Clubs meet</i>	29	30

SEPTEMBER

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 <i>Labor Day Office Closed.</i>	2	3 <i>Unit Director/Club President Meeting Unit Meetings Red Fez Assoc.</i>	4 <i>Unit Meetings Motorized Assoc.</i>	5 <i>Unit Meetings</i>	6
7	8 <i>Unit Meetings NWASC meets</i>	9	10	11 <i>Gadsden Shrine Clubs Meets</i>	12	13 <i>Potentate's Ball</i>
15	16 <i>Coosa Valley and N.W. Alabama Shrine Club meet</i>	17	18 <i>Dixie Shrine Club meets</i>	19 <i>West Alabama Shrine Club meets</i>	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 <i>East Alabama & Gadsden Shrine Club Meet</i>	27	28
29	30					

Zamora's third annual Circus set for Nov. 13-16

Zamora's Third Annual Circus will be held November 13, 14, 15 and 16th at the Pelham Civic Center. Those of you who attended in the past know that our circus is the real deal! We think it is better than Ringling's! The financial success of our circus is dependent on us selling ads in the program. We need



your help.

Business card size ads are only \$100. If we all just sell two or three ads, it would be huge! Ask people you do business with to buy an ad.

Children under 12 can get in free with a complimentary ticket, available from any Circus Committee member. If you would like to have free tickets for children you know at church, school, etc., please let us know.

Our next Circus Committee meeting will be held at the Temple on August 20th. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 6:45 p.m. All are invited! I look forward to seeing you there.

Greg Gregerson
Past Potentate
Circus Committee Chair-
man

A Night in New Orleans



Nobles, bring your special Lady and join us for an enchanted evening of enjoyment in The Big Easy at the 2014 Zamora Shrine Temple Ball

Saturday, September 13, 2014 Zamora Shrine Center

Please RSVP by September 2, 2014

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Zamora Hospital Transportation News

During the month of June there were:

9 hospital trips made

6 to Greenville

1 to Lexington

2 to Cincinnati

11 patients were transported.

4 New, First-Time Drivers

WELCOME!

We are exploring options for lifting patients in and out of vans:

A device that would lift patient from their chair to van seat and not take up much room in van. Some one suggested we have some drivers that are strong, capable of LIFTING PATIENT. This would need to be on a volunteer basis - patient might weigh as much as 100 pounds. Comments and suggestions from drivers would be appreciated.

I want to THANK everyone in the office for all the HELP you give!

Thanks

Winston "W for Wizard" Each

2014 Little Brown Jug Competition yields two champions

Zamora's World Famous Dune Buggies and Motor Corps. share the 2014 title

Due to possible inclement weather on Saturday, July 19, the annual Little Brown Jug Competition was moved to Sunday, July 20. The date change led to some scheduling conflicts, with the Motor Corps showing up prepared for their drivers to drive in positions not their own.

practice under their belts, the Motor Corps. Dune Buggies, who have won the Little Brown Jug title multiple times.

Congratulations to our own World Famous Dune Buggies and Motor Corps for a great run!

With only two hours



Zamora's Motor Corps. Unit with the Little Brown Jug.



Zamora's Dune Buggies, who have won the Little Brown Jug multiple times, pose with their prize after tying with the Motor Corps. in this year's competition, which took place on July 20.

Look for the hidden number in this month's issue of The Zamora News. If the number is the last four digits of your Zamora Membership number, call the office at 205-956-3636 to find out how to claim your prize.

In Memoriam



**We are saddened to report the black camel has visited the following nobles:
James William Mayfield, Rick H. Brown, William O. Head, III,
Kelly F. Coleman, Melvin J. Hornberger**

Rhodes wins scholarship from DeMolay Foundation

One of our members has been awarded a scholarship by the DeMolay Foundation. Joseph Tyler Rhodes, a five

year member has been notified of his \$1,000 award by the International Office of DeMolay. The scholarship is given in memory of Frank S. Land, founder of DeMolay.

Tyler demonstrated leadership ability as he rose through the ranks of DeMolay offices to Master Councilor. He has an outstanding scholastic history, as well. Tyler plans to study biological sciences at UAB.

The members and advisors of his chapter wish him well on his academic journey. Zamora should be proud to sponsor a DeMolay

chapter that fosters the development of young men such as Tyler.

If you know a young man between 12 and 21 years of age who might benefit by associating with this group of tomorrow's leaders, please call Zamora's office.

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Orleans. The room rate is \$159 plus tax per night, and the bus ride is \$100 per person. We have only 25 rooms blocked. Call me at 256-490-2685, Tom at 205-527-4356, or the Temple Office at 205-956-3636 to make reservations. The cut-off date will be August 28, 2014, to make your reservations.

October 11, 2014, will be our Fall Country Cash Giveaway. October 25, 2014, will be our Hospital Kids and Temple Kids and friends Halloween Party. Nobles Danny Williams and

Jason Vest will chair it. Contact Danny or Jason and offer to help.

THANKS TO ALL FOR THE HARD WORK YOU DO TO MAKE YOUR TEMPLE ONE OF THE BEST IN "SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL"!!!

Get a new member and ask a suspended Noble to come back. Membership is our lifeblood.

"Let's Roll in 2014"

Ron Patrick
Potentate

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Louisiana. My wife and I discussed cancelling our reservations, but I was scheduled to be installed as the President of the Southeastern Shrine Clown Association (SESCA). We decided that even though we still didn't have a home of our own yet, we would take this opportunity to relax with our children before school started the next week. I cannot tell you the love and brotherhood I felt at that convention. I received the same support from countless other Shrine Temples that I received from my own. You might expect that sort of selflessness from your own group, but it is totally unbelievable when you experience it from Nobles from across the country.

During the business meeting, one brother, Kenny, came up with his clown group and presented me with a sports coat and several SESCO shirts so I could "look like a President should." During the

fundraising auction, Nobles bought the items and put them in front of me as a gift. One man, John, placed a bid on two homemade quilts only to give them to my daughter.

The outgoing President, Jim, shocked us even more. He was making his farewell speech before I took over and said, "guys, you have really helped out our incoming President, but my wife and I wanted to do something for his children." He then proceeded to give both of my children a generous gift by replacing some items they had lost.

Finally, it was time for me to be installed. Unfortunately, my President's fez was delivered the week before our fire, and it was one of the many things we lost, so I knew that would not be a part of the ceremony. I had planned on simply taking my oath without a fez. That was not to be. After I took my oath, my daughter came up and put a NEW fez on my head and kissed my cheek. I was confused as to where it came from. I later learned that my

Shrine Temple went ahead and ordered the replacement fez as soon as they learned of our loss.

The generosity continued even after we got home. We received countless items in the mail; many did not have a return address or even a name attached. They only had a card wishing us well. I talked to the Potentate and explained how this was all too much, how it was even embarrassing. Now this man is not known for sugar coating his words. He looked me right in the eyes and said, "get over it! Accept some brotherly love and affection." That is exactly what I experienced first-hand, brotherly love and affection.

I cannot begin to repay the debt I owe. I cannot even express the gratitude I still have when we were flooded by Nobles wanting to assist us. Men I did not even know stepped up to help my family and me. Not because they like me. Not because they needed to. Not because they felt obligated. Not even because I was a high ranking or influential member. These Shriners helped us because, quite simply, that is what Shriners do. They help people.



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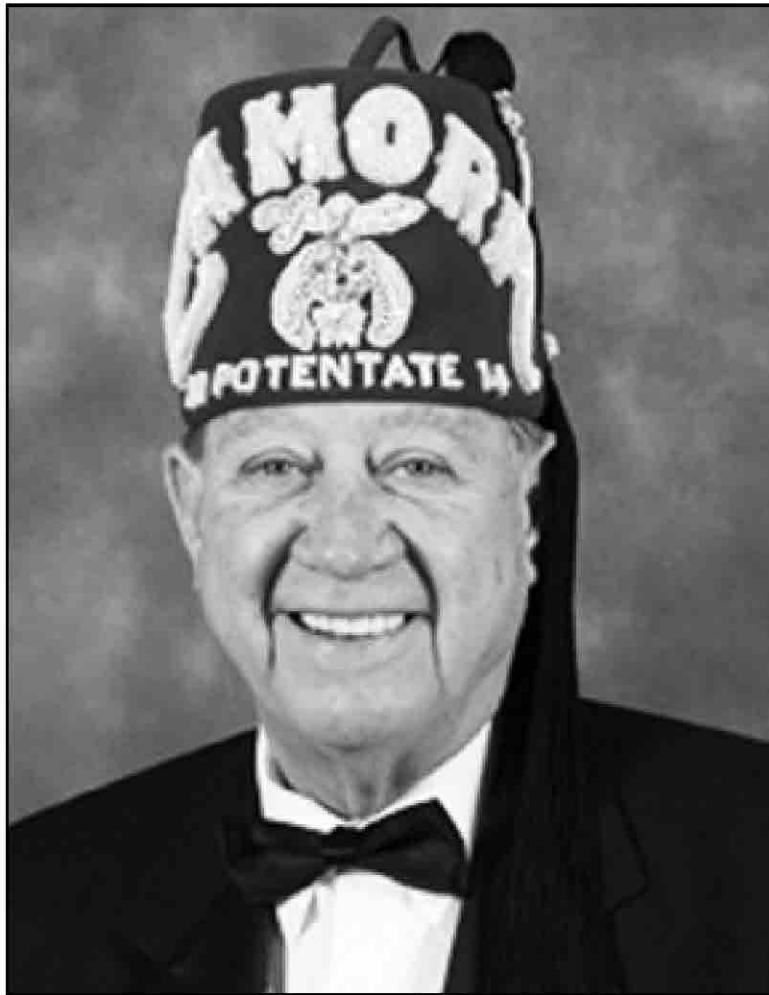
Johnny Tucker

Brotherly love behind Potentate's path to Shriners

By **Illustrious Sir Ron Patrick**

My path to the Shrine was not like that of most of the Shriners I talk to. You see, I did not have a relative who inspired me to join. In fact, I was the first in my family to join the Masons, much less the Shrine. I grew up a child of the fifties. My parents raised three sons on my father's modest steel worker salary. My older brother Wayne and I watched as both of my parents struggled to financially care for our younger brother, Ricky. Ricky not only suffered from mental deficiencies which caused him to be retained in school and receive special academic classes, but Ricky was also born with what the doctors called a "club foot." His foot was, in fact, turned completely around. Ricky was not able to walk at all. He had to literally be carried everywhere he went. It took countless doctor visits, procedures and braces on his leg and foot to get Ricky able to walk on his own. My father paid for all of these visits, procedures and braces himself. Wayne and I saw the toll this took on him. Through this bond we shared, Wayne and I became closer than most brothers are.

Even though he was five years older than me, Wayne and I were inseparable. We did everything together. You



Illustrious Sir Ron Patrick

rarely saw one of us without the other. But shortly after I had turned thirteen, my family's world was turned upside down again. Wayne was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease and given only six to ten years to live. I was devastated. My older brother, the young man I looked up to, I admired, my best friend, would not be with me. Wayne started receiving treatments for his disease, and our life continued. The closeness we shared was even stronger than ever.

When I was twenty-five

years old, I learned about the Masons. I noticed a group of men in my area who tried to make a difference in the community. After much research, I decided that was something I wanted to do; a group I wanted to be a part of. I petitioned and was raised a Master Mason early that year. Then it happened. I heard about an independent body of the Masons. I discovered the Shriners.

Initially, I heard the Shriners were just "the fun side of Masons," but I later learned that they have fun with a purpose. When I

heard about the Shriners Hospitals and what they specialize in, orthopedic and burn care for children, my thoughts immediately were drawn to my younger brother, Ricky. How I wish we had known about the world class care my brother could have received. I thought about the financial strain my parents would have been spared had we only known.

I was sold. I immediately joined the York Rite, and upon finishing that, I petitioned the Shrine and became a Noble in May of 1971. My best friend and brother, Wayne, saw the difference in me. He noticed how much time I was spending with my new friends, and he asked me about how he too could join. I was ecstatic! Being the younger of the two of us, it was not often that Wayne asked me for advice. For just a short time, we changed roles, and I became the mentor. Despite having Hodgkin's disease my brother followed my path and joined the Masonic Lodge, York Rite, and then the Shrine by the end of 1971.

Wayne and I were able to spend two years enjoying everything the Shrine had to offer together before he lost his battle with his disease in July of 1973. I cannot put into words the happiness I felt during the short time that my brother and I were able to "Shrine together." I

would not take anything for those memories.

I became consumed with trying to raise money for our hospitals. That is something I continue through this day. I am lucky to be a member of Gadsden Shrine Club, which has the hardest working group of men in Alabama. We lead our Temple in fundraising projects each year. You see, I have extra incentive. Not only am I raising money on my behalf, I am also raising Wayne's portion because there is no doubt in my mind he would be beside me today doing exactly the same thing. Because during the two years we were able to share the Shrine, each dollar we raised we saw going to help a child like Ricky and a family just like ours.

Now both of my parents have passed away, and Ricky lives with me. I lost Wayne, my physical brother, and miss him each day. The fact is, when I joined the Shrine, I gained more than a thousand brothers. "Brother" is not a term I view lightly. I have men at my Shrine center who are truly brothers to me. Men that I choose to spend my time with, confide in, and share life with. The Shrine is more than a social club-- it is a Brotherhood.

82nd annual Alabama Grand Assembly International Order of the Rainbow for Girls session held at Zamora

The Alabama Grand Assembly International Order of the Rainbow for Girls held their 82nd annual session at Zamora Shrine June 19 - 22, 2014. The session this year was named Building Alabama Rainbow Through Friendship and Service.

We were honored to have as one of our distinguished guests on Friday night at our Grand Worthy Advisor banquet Illustrrious Sir Ron Patrick - Potentate of Zamora. Our Rainbow Girls presented the Potentate with a \$500 gift to Zamora, which he was donating to the Transportation Fund.

The rainbow girls also were raising funds for the Shriners Hospital for Children and that check was



Miss Hallie Olive, Grand Worthy Advisor.



Illustrrious Sir Ron Patrick accepts a \$500 check presented by the Rainbow Girls.

sent after all the weekend Alabama Rainbow had a fundraisers were over. 20% growth in membership



Keelyn Hughes, 2014-2015 Miss Southern Belle.

this past year, and we anticipate even more growth this year.

Miss Keelyn Hughes was named 2014-2015 Miss Southern Belle. Miss Hallie Olive was installed as Grand Worthy Advisor on Sunday June 22, 2014. Alabama Grand Assembly has a full

core of officers this year, and we are looking forward to a great term of leadership by Miss Hallie.

Thanks again, Zamora, for all that you do for our youth. They are our future.

Jennifer Mulkey -
Supreme Deputy in AL

2014 New Orleans Bus Trip

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A mother's difficult choice made easier by Shriners Hospitals

Julian is an active and loving 3 year old, and like most little boys his age, he loves playing outdoors, wrestling with his dad and simply having fun. Unfortunately, Julian was born with bones missing from his feet, and without your support and Shriners Hospitals for Children, he may have been confined to a wheelchair.

Before birth, Julian's parents discovered that the bones missing from his feet were what his leg muscles needed to connect to in order to control his foot and ankle movement. They also learned that Julian was missing toes and part of his ankle.

Julian's parents were faced with an unimaginable decision - do they limit

Julian to a wheelchair for the rest of his life or amputate his feet and fit him for prosthetics?

Julian's father said, "I remember telling her they're not going to take his feet...they're going to give him the ability to walk."

Thanks to your support and our team of experts, we were there for Julian's family. We gave them the answers and the hope they needed to make the best choice for their little boy's future.

It took several seven-hour surgeries and over a year of intense specialized care, but now Julian is thriving!

Nothing holds this little firecracker back.

"My son Julian can do anything any other kid can do because of Shriners

Hospitals," Julian's mom proudly said.

Julian and his family will continue to receive care from Shriners Hospitals for Children until he grows up. He can count on physical therapy and increasingly sophisticated prosthetics. His family can take comfort in the fact that we'll always be there regardless of their ability to pay. Thank you for giving Julian the opportunity to "run and walk like every other child."

Julian is able to walk, thanks to the incredible care he received from Shriners Hospitals for Children. The team of experts helped Julian's family make the right decisions to give their son the opportunity to lead a full life.



Transportation Fund Donations

**Greeters Unit, Al Wortham and the Z Lounge,
Dixie Shrine Club, Alabama Grand Assembly
of Rainbow Girls, Larry and Sara Fox**

In Honor Of:

James "Nick" and Joanna Nicholas

By:

Crystal Buzbee

In Memory Of:

**Billy Pruitt
(a special friend from Yaarab Temple)**

By:

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