



# The Villages Shrine Club

Dedicated To Helping Children  
With Orthopedic, Burn, And Spinal Cord Injury Conditions  
Through Our Shriners Hospitals



**Shriners**  
Children's™  
Florida



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# **Who are Shriners**

## **Shriners Believe in Brotherhood**

Shriners are a brotherhood of men committed to family, engaged in ongoing personal growth, and dedicated to providing care for children and families in need. Our backgrounds and interests are diverse, but we are bound together by our shared values and a desire to have fun, do good and build relationships that can last a lifetime.

## **Shriners Believe in Family**

Although Shriners International is a brotherhood, it is also an organization focused on bringing families together. Many of our fraternity's activities are designed to involve family members, promote our shared values and help develop the next generation of community and business leaders. A variety of affiliated groups for both women and children, emphasizing personal growth, fun and friendship, participate with Shriners.

## **Shriners Believe in Fun**

Shriners International is recognized around the world by an ancient symbol – the fez. The modern man who wears the iconic red fez is a man who values philanthropy, brotherhood, family and of course – fun.

## **Shriners Believe in Philanthropy**

Shriners Hospitals for Children was founded in 1922 with the goal of providing expert medical care for children with no financial burden to the patients or their families.

Today that philanthropic effort supports the health care system's 22 facilities across the U.S., Canada and Mexico, treating children up to 18 years of age who have orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, cleft lip and palate, and more. Our advanced care is provided in a family-centered environment that is focused on maximizing a child's quality of life, regardless of the families' ability to pay.

# **The Villages Shrine Club**

The Villages Shrine Club received their Charter on April 7, 2005. The Charter was signed by Illustrious Sir Gary J. Bergenske, Potentate of the Bahia Shrine Center and by Illustrious Sir Thomas E. Embree, PP, Recorder of the Bahia Shrine Center.

We have NO PAID staff so all proceeds from everything that we do go directly to the Shriners Children's Florida.

# The Villages Shrine Club Officers (2022)



**President—David Windmiller**



**1st Vice President - Philip Thiem**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President—Bob Leighton**



**Secretary—Larry Lace**



**Treasurer—Clifford J. Wiener**

# Shriners Children's Florida



We accept all patients regardless of the families' ability to pay. The hospital does accept many types of insurance, including Medicaid, although there are no barriers to care. For more information, or if you have additional questions, please call 866-665-5437.

[www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org](http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org)

## Types of Conditions Treated

Scoliosis & Spinal Deformities  
Clubfoot & Related Deformities  
Osteogenesis Imperfecta  
Spina Bifida/Myelodysplasia  
Neuromuscular Disorders  
Hand Problems  
Spinal Cord Injuries  
Cleft Lip & Palate

Hip Disorders  
Orthopedic Problems Resulting from Cerebral Palsy  
Missing Limb/Limbs Deficiencies  
Leg-Length Discrepancies  
Metabolic Bone Disease  
Skeletal Growth Abnormalities  
Burn Injuries

# Shriners Children's Florida

- **Who We Are:** Shriners Children's Florida is a nonprofit specialty outpatient care facility founded by Shriners International in 1985
- **Where We Are:** located on the University of South Florida's main campus, off Fowler Avenue — 12502 USF Pine Drive, Tampa, Fla.
- **Partnerships:** Tampa General Hospital & University of Florida/UF Health
- **Total number of patients served since opening:** More than 65,000 patients
- **Service coverage areas:** All of Florida and South Georgia
- **Some Conditions We Treat:** Scoliosis, hip and leg deformities, hand and arm deformities, sports injuries, concussions, fractures, osteogenesis imperfecta (brittle-bone disease), cerebral palsy, clubfoot
- **Services we provide:** MDA Care Center (for patients with muscular dystrophy), endocrine clinic, wheelchairs, braces, prosthetic limbs, physical, occupational and speech therapies. (All services are provided regardless of the families' ability to pay.)
- **2020 at a glance**
  - 321 children had outpatient surgeries (at TGH, by our surgeons)
  - 8,756 visits were made to our outpatient clinic
  - 760 visits were made to our seating department
  - 7,737 visits were made to our radiology department





# Hibiscus Recreation Center



## The Villages Shrine Club

The Villages Shrine Club Meets on the second Tuesday of every month except July and August. Social Hour starts at 6:00 pm with a short meeting beginning at 7:00 pm. Our meetings usually last about one hour. Dress is Club shirt and FEZ. Ladies are always welcome at our meetings. We meet at the following address and you do not have to live in The Villages to attend our meetings:

**Hibiscus Recreation Center**

**1740 Bailey Trail**

**The Villages, FL 32162**

**(352) 751-6761**

To be a member of The Villages Shrine Club you must be a member in good standing of a Masonic Lodge and a member in good standing of a Shrine Center somewhere. You do not have to be a member of the Bahia Shrine Center to join the our Club. Our Websites include:

[www.thevillagesshrineclub.org](http://www.thevillagesshrineclub.org)

[www.facebook.com/thevillagesshrineclub](https://www.facebook.com/thevillagesshrineclub)

[www.bahiaashriners.com](http://www.bahiaashriners.com) – The Bahia Shrine Center Website

# The Al Kora Shrine Ladies

Let's not forget the Ladies. The Al Kora Shrine Ladies also raise a lot of money for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. The Shrine Club Nobles are certainly aware that they are a tremendous help in every one of our Shrine Club functions. THANK YOU LADIES!

Here are some of the things that they do:

- Help the Shrine Club Nobles in all their activities
- Have a yearly Garage Sale
- Sponsor a play at the Melon Patch Theater in Leesburg
- Work (Belk Charity Day)
- Work (Chili's Give Back Day)



All the money that they bring in goes to help the Kids at the Hospitals. They are mentioned all over the country by Shriners International as the model for how a Shrine Ladies Club should work.

The Al Kora Shrine Ladies Monthly Meeting takes place on the Fourth Tuesday of the Month at the Cottage Inn Restaurant on Route 27/441, just a little South of Route 466. The meeting starts at 10:30 with lunch to follow. All Masonic Ladies are cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

# Shrine Clubs Activities and Events

## Bahia Charity Motorcycle Ride



“We Ride So Kids Can Walk.” Join us for the Annual Bahia Charity Ride - one of the area’s most exciting charity events on two wheels.

## Leesburg BikeFest



The World’s Largest Motorcycle and Music Event packed into 30 blocks for 3 days with Over 60 Concerts, 200 Vendors, Amazing Bike Shows, 5 Venues and a Quarter Million People!

## The Yellow Jacket Scooter Club



Several of the Shriners in The Villages Shrine Club ride Cruzin’ Coolers in Villages Parades and in Parades in the surrounding area of The Villages. They do this to let people know about Shriners Hospitals for Children and to let them know that The Villages Shrine Club is right here in The Villages.





# Phil Dirt and the Dozers Concerts



Because one of the band members, Noble Mark Frye, is a Shriner and because the band supports the Shriners Hospitals with their concerts, we're there with them at the Savannah Recreation Center to welcome people coming to see the shows and thank the people for their support.

## Alex Santoriello



Noble Alex is also a Shriner and some of his shows support the Shriners Hospital for Children. We're also there with him at the Savannah Recreation Center to welcome people coming to see the shows and thank the people for their support.

Alex Santoriello is best known for originating roles in three Broadway musicals: "Les Miserables", "Chess" & "Three Penny Opera" & as a producer on the Broadway musical, "A Tale of Two Cities". Alex starred in major North American tours of "Cats" and "J.C. Superstar" and he appeared on "All My Children" and in the Academy

Award nominated film, "Far From Heaven". Alex has performed with some of the greats including Sting, Cliff Richard, Bryan Adams, John Lodge (Moody Blues), Benny and Bjorn (ABBA), Richard Kiley and Maureen McGovern.

# Shrine Club Fundraisers

## Spring and Fall Fundraising Drives



The Villages Shrine Club Fundraising Drives benefits the Shriners Hospital for Children.

The objectives of these drives are:

- To inform the public about Shriners Hospitals and the Children we treat.
- To find local children that may need care and treatment which is provided without financial obligation at our Shriners Hospitals for Children
- To raise funds for Shriners Hospitals through voluntary donations.

## Veterans Remembrance Day Dinner/Show



Dinner and Show Honoring our Veterans  
Entertainment, Silent Auction, 50/50, and Door Prizes.

## *Shrine Facility Tours/Tampa*

We welcome visiting Shriners and their families, as well as donors and friends, to tour the public areas of the hospital. We have a host of trained volunteer Shriner tour guides who are happy to provide this service.

We request tours be scheduled in advance, especially when it comes to large groups, so that we can accommodate your needs.

Our Shriner tour guides are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for smaller groups or an individual that may come unannounced.

Due to patient privacy rules, no photographs are allowed.

Tours may be arranged by calling the volunteer coordinator at 813-975-7159.

If you are a family member of a patient who will be treated at Shriners Healthcare for Children--Florida and would like to arrange a tour prior to your first appointment, please contact 813-972-2250, ext. 7159.



## **Lobby of The Shriners Healthcare for Children—Florida**

**The “Gold Book” and the “Because We Care” Gifts Plaques.**

**Your Club Name or your Name goes in the “Gold Book” with a \$500.00 Donation.**

**The “Because We Care” Gift Plaque is for those who made larger donations. The Villages Shrine Club and some of our Partners currently have 5 Brass Nameplates on the “Because We Care” Gifts Plaque.**





**Shriners Hospitals  
for Children®**

**Love to the rescue.™**

## Donation Wish List

Thank you so much for your interest in donating to Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Tampa . With the help of businesses and groups we are able provide patients with a positive and friendly stay. Below are items that we are seeking. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

### **Infants**

Toys that have lights & sounds  
Rattles, bottles & sippy cups  
Crib Mobiles  
Sippy cups

### **Toddler/Preschool**

Dora the Explorer  
Mickey Mouse and friends  
Elmo and friends  
Dinosaurs  
Coloring books  
Coloring sheets/paper  
Large Crayons

### **School-Age**

Arts & Crafts  
Car and trucks  
Barbies and baby dolls  
Super Heroes  
Littlest Pet Shop  
My Little Pony  
Thomas the Train  
Painting supplies

### **Adolescents**

Wallets-male/female

Men's cologne & body wash  
Women's perfume , body wash, lotion  
Make-up & nail polish  
Model cars, glue & paint  
Crafts-bead art, jewelry, latch hook  
Playing cards & Uno cards  
Dominoes

### **Electronics**

Nintendo DS & games

Game Cube games  
DVDs-G, PG & PG-13

### **Gift Cards**

Amazon  
Target  
  
Walmart  
McDonald's  
Chic Fil A  
Chili's  
Barnes & Noble NOOK  
Panera  
PDQ  
VISA

*We also have a need for Spanish books, games and movies.*

### **When making a donation, please remember:**

- We are unable to use and accept the following items:
  - Used items
  - Used clothes and shoes
  - Items made of rubber and latex
  - Toys that promote violence
  - VHS tapes

# Major Sponsors



The Villages Theater  
Company (Mulberry Grove  
Rec Center)  
The Villages, Florida  
352-205-7571

Add your Name to this list  
and help us help the Kids at  
Shriners Children's Florida