



# What's New in Erie!

## Shriners Hospitals for Children®

Erie Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Specialty Care Center

An Update for our Temple Affiliates

May 2015

### GE Transportation Awarded

At the April meeting of the Board of Governors for Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie, the planning committee for GE Transportation's *Bids for Kids* were presented a fundraising award. The award is to honor their outstanding fundraising efforts. *Bids for Kids* has raised close to \$300,000 for Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie in the last five years.

*Bids for Kids* is GE Transportation's premier fundraiser for local children's charities. This year, each charity, including Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie, received more than \$61,000 from the event. The *Bids for Kids* evening included a cocktail reception and dinner, as well as live and silent auctions for a variety of great merchandise and gifts. This year's auction featured trip packages, gourmet dinners, pieces of fine art, large-screen televisions and much more.

On hand for the presentation, from left to right, were Bob Lee, Chairman of the Board of Governors at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie, Justin Norris, Bids for Kids Event Chair, Nicole Himmelwright, Bids for Kids VP-Night of Events, Mary Jane Antoon, Director of Operations at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie, Genna Gold, Bids for Kids VP of Marketing, and Jordan Shields, Bids for Kids VP of Operations.



### Fox & Hound Event Exceeds Expectations

Nationwide Fox & Hound holds celebrations for local nonprofits. Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie was honored to be chosen by the Erie Fox & Hound franchise to be their local partner. On Thursday, March 26, 10 percent of proceeds from sales for the entire day and night at Fox & Hound was collected to be donated to SHC-Erie.



Additionally, Fox & Hound also threw a party in honor of SHC-Erie. The party featured  
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complimentary samplings of Fox & Hound's signature dishes and great drink specials. Unexpectedly, the staff of Fox & Hound went over and above. They secured several wonderful baskets for a Chinese auction, had a SHC themed cake made, and featured SHC colored candies.

The event not only allowed SHC-Erie to raise funds but increase awareness as well. SHC-Erie had the opportunity to have an information table. Bob Lee, Chairman of the Board of Governors, also was able to say a few words about the good works done by SHC-Erie. Bob's remarks then led into a heartwarming video about Emily Mellish.

A total of over \$1,200 was raised in sale proceeds and cash donations. Fox & Hound truly exceeded all expectations and all the staff, patients, and Board members thank Fox & Hound for everything.

### **Springtime Visitors Make Patients Hoppy**



On Monday, March 23, SHC-Erie received spring time visitors; Easter Bunnies! Members of the Daughters of the Nile, Athor Temple No. 19, Buffalo, NY, visited the health center dressed as Easter Bunnies. They spent the day in the outpatient waiting room bringing joy and cheer to many of the children and families.

The mother of a patient posted a thank you note on the SHC-Erie Facebook page, which read, "He had a really rough appt [*sic*] in Erie yesterday and those ladies sure did make him feel better!"

Thank you to the members of the Daughters of the Nile from all the staff and patients at SHC-Erie.

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