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Since it first entered the burn care field in the 1960's, Shriners' Hospital for Children has made a firm commitment to burn research. The Shriners Hospitals, specializing in burns, have been instrumental in developing the advanced techniques used today to treat burn injuries. New

ways of preventing and fighting infection—a serious threat to patients with burn injuries—are among the many issues being investigated at Shriners Hospitals.

Researchers at Shriners Hospitals have been significant contributors to the development of revolutionary techniques such as cultured skin and improved wound healing.

Clowns belonging to the International Shrine Clown Association (ISCA) are dedicated to helping the children in our hospitals.

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contributes thousands of dollars each year to the vital research programs underway at Shriners Hospitals. Since its inception in 1973, the Sneaker Fund has raised more than \$5 million for research aimed at finding improved treatments and techniques

In the U.S.A., please make checks to: **ISCA Sneaker Fund*** and mail to:

ISCA Secretary
PO Box 3104
Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027-9194

*Note: If you want a letter for tax purposes, please contact the ISCA Secretary directly at (913)683-2339 for instructions.

In Canada, please make checks to:

"Shriners Hospital—Sneaker Fund"

All Canadian contributions stay in Canada and are used for Osteogenesis Imperfecta research. Mail contributions to:

Shriners Hospitals for Children
1003 Decarie Boulevard
Montreal, Quebec H4A 0A9

Please mail a copy to:

Sneaker Fund Chairman
75 Pioneer Crescent N.E.
Medicine Hat, Alberta T1C 1S4

Note for Members: Please include your ID Number from your dues card on all correspondence.

Shriners Hospitals for Children relies on the generosity of donors past and present to accomplish its mission. This includes the support of Shriners International and fund raisers like:

The Sneaker Fund

For more information, go to:

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Shriners Hospitals for Children

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Many of us know Shrine Clowns for their merry entertaining personalities, but there is a serious side to the men with funny faces.

Clowns belonging to the International Shrine Clown Association are

dedicated to supporting Shriners International official philanthropy.

The association also operates a very special program called "**The Sneaker Fund**" which directly supports research being conducted at the Shriner's Hospitals specializing in providing burn care.



Recognized as leaders in pediatric burn care, Shriners Hospitals for Children operates four hospitals specifically dedicated to treating children with burn injuries.

Because of strides made in both research and clinical care since the mid-1960's a burned child's chance of survival has more than doubled.

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Shriners Hospitals for Children is a health care system at 22 locations dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research, and outstanding teaching programs for medical professionals.

Children up to age 18 with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care and receive all services in a family center environment regardless of the patients ability to pay.

The Sneaker Fund was established by the Northeast Shrine Clowns Association for the purpose of purchasing sneakers for patients at the Boston Shriners Hospital

Doctors recommended that patients with burn injuries wear sneakers because of the comfort and sturdiness they provide.

To raise funds to buy sneakers, clown units in the Northeast use a large plastic sneaker to collect donations during their performances.

Other Shrine Clown units became involved in the program and as contributions substantially increased, the International Shrine Clown Association (ISCA) decided to direct its efforts toward supporting research.



The original plaster sneaker is on display at the Boston Shriners Hospital and clown units now use large red and white canvas sneakers to collect funds during performances



"The Sneaker Fund" program is approved annually by the Imperial Council as a fundraising project for the Shriners Hospitals specializing in Burns and Osteogenesis Imperfecta research

In 1922 the Shriners founded the first Shriners Hospitals for Children in Shreveport, LA. Since then this unique philanthropy has grown to an extraordinary health care system with 22 facilities in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is changing lives every day through innovative pediatric specialty care, world-class research and outstanding medical education. Our hospitals provide advanced care for children with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate.

For more information go to:

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