

The 58th Annual *Mizpah* Horse Show Continues the Tradition of Giving



Mizpah Noble Steve Sickafoose, Director of the 2012 *Mizpah* Horse Show—the 58th Annual event on the horse grounds of *Mizpah* Shrine, Columbia City, IN—declared he was pleased with this year’s event. “We’re not getting the turnout we once had,” he said, “but we’ve added some new features this year that will help.” One of the new features was the addition of musical groups, on Friday and Saturday evening events. More than 2,000 guests visited the grounds, enjoyed the antique tractor display (photo, right), listened to the musical groups, and enjoyed the excellent performances and presentations



of horsemen and horseladies in the various events presented with Friday evening’s flag presentation (photo above), and continuing throughout Saturday and Sunday. Potentate Owen Stiles expressed pleasure in the hard work and great success by *Mizpah* Nobles for this event, which has been so significant as a fundraising enterprise for SHC – Chicago since 1954. The event is carried on local radio—“Willie” – 103.5, Warsaw, IN—and the renowned horseman, Wayne Williams (www.HorseTradeShow.com) provided the excellent commentary throughout the three-day event. And the Nobles from Whitley County Shrine Club brought their “Big Fez” and sold “elephant ears”—everyone’s favorite pastry. Thanks, to all—for the tradition and this year’s event.

Widow’s Sons Motorcycle Unit Launches Fundraising for Kids

Orlando Morales and Ivan Lugo, representing the membership of the Widow’s Sons motorcycle group, presented their first-ever check for a philanthropic endeavor to SHC – Chicago—and we were delighted to be the first recipients from these hardworking Masons out of Ravenswood Lodge. Founded in 2006, Noble Ivan reports, the Widow’s Sons is growing, and reports, “We wanted to contribute to the Shrine cause.” He wrote after his visit, “Our Masonic Motorcycle Association is very proud to be Masons in the State of Illinois, who enjoy motorcycling. It is our expectation that our donations will continue to grow year after year.” In the photo right, *Medinah* Nobles Orlando and Ivan present the group’s first gift to Yours Truly on their recent visit here. We are both pleased and honored to have our children and the cause of children’s health, as represented in this hospital, recognized as Ivan, Orlando, and their colleagues have done.



Drivers from South Dakota and Oklahoma Drive Long for Kids



Naja Noble Roger Horton and his Lady Shirley drove 16 hours, covering 900 miles to transport a child from Rapid City, SD to our hospital. *Bedouin* Nobles Bill Herenden and C.R. Harris drove 12 hours, covering 700 miles from Muskogee, OK to transport another child. The drivers pose (left) with Administrator Mark Niederpruem on recent trips to Chicago. Few organizations command the commitment exhibited by drivers in their love of children and their devotion to our hospital system. They make it work—and we stand grateful for their endurance, devotion, and driving skills.