



MEDIA ADVISORY



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Attention: Editors, News Directors, Community Relations Directors

WAWA Shriners Donate \$50,000

Montreal, Quebec

The Shriners Hospital for Children in Montreal holds a special place in the hearts of many children and their families across Canada. A presence since 1925, the Canadian hospital has become an integral part of paediatric healthcare and research in Canada.

Today Illustrious Sir Don McDougall, Potentate and on behalf of the WA WA Shriners of Saskatchewan, presented a cheque in the amount of \$50,000.00 to Robert Drummond, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Shriners Hospital for Children-Canada. This donation represents the Shriners and their families and the people of Saskatchewan who have supported the activities of the WA WA Shriners.

The Shriners, an international fellowship founded in 1872 in the United States, adopted children's causes as their official charity in 1920 and opened their first hospital in Shreveport, LA, in 1922 and just three years later the Montreal hospital began serving Canadian families. Since then the Shriners have built a world-class network of 22 hospitals and have treated approximately 900,000 children, helped to train more than 8,000 physicians and, since launching a formal research program some 40 years ago, invested over \$500 million in research.

With invaluable support from the public, the Shriners Hospitals for Children-Canada has produced its share of miracles since opening its doors on the slopes of Mount Royal in 1925. A world-leading centre for patient care, teaching and research in child orthopaedics, it is unique as the country's strongest integrated research program in pediatric orthopaedics, with basic and clinical programs.

The Shriners in your community appreciate and ask for the continued support of the people of Saskatchewan for the activities of WA WA Shriners.

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