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Funding Areas:

HOSPITAL SUSTAINABILITY – this supports the hospital's areas of greatest need and the sustainability of our mission through day-to-day hospital operations. Gifts allow us to advance our services in pediatric orthopaedic healthcare and adapt to new technologies to continue providing remarkable, state-of-the-art care for children and their families, *regardless of their ability to pay*. Support to specific programs are funded directly through the hospital sustainability account. The following programs and services we offer are:

1. **PATIENT NEEDS** – this program encompasses funding for several patient need areas as follows: **Patient Clothing** - provides special orthotic shoes for children who receive AFOs (ankle/foot orthoses) or KAFOs (knee /ankle/foot orthoses). These shoes enable the brace to fit correctly and increase its effectiveness. The Fund also is used to purchase general clothing for children who need it. **Patient Activities** – activities for patients both at the hospital and in the local community, including: craft projects, holiday celebrations throughout the year, adaptive baseball team, wheelchair soccer team, adaptive horseback riding, and more. **Patient Gifts** – special gifts, often to celebrate special occasions like birthdays or milestones in treatment. This also supports the purchase of **adaptive bikes and trikes**. These are provided to patients who, because of their orthopaedic condition, are not able to ride a traditional bike but who have the ability to pedal and safely steer an adaptive bike or trike. They help patients to just be kids.
2. **WHEELCHAIR SEATING & POSITIONING** – this program supports patients with assisted mobility devices, such as **crutches, walkers, and wheelchairs**. This program allows our team to conduct an individualized health and mobility assessment for each patient and provide ongoing assistance and durable medical equipment to refurbish and customize donated assistive equipment. Medical equipment is extremely costly and can become a great burden on families who already are facing numerous medical expenses. Our staff makes sure no child is denied an opportunity to gain mobility and independence, *regardless of their ability to pay*.
3. **SPECIAL PROJECTS** – the **Un-Limb-ited Camps** – two week-long camps each year for teen-aged patients who have had amputations. The winter camp focuses on skiing & snow-boarding in Utah's greatest snow. The summer camp is a raft trip (including rapids) down the Green River and camping out at night. This unique program allow patients from any Shriners Hospital to apply, attend the camps, and experience Utah's amazing outdoors. The fun, informal environment, staffed by professional medical teams, allows campers to learn active lifestyle skills and develop independence.
4. **FAMILY NEEDS** – this program supports **Family Lodging** which provides a place for out-of-town families to stay while their child is receiving care at the hospital. Many families truly need this type of financial help, plus **family meals** – food for families of patients receiving care at the hospital.

SHRINERS CHILDREN'S TRANSPORTATION FUND – this supports the travel expenses of children and a parent or guardian to travel from Mexico to Shriners Hospitals for Children — SLC to receive medical care.

SPECIAL APPROVED CAPITAL ITEMS – When needed, the hospital raises funds to purchase specific items which benefit the patients' care, and are approved for fundraising. These mini-campaigns last only as long as needed to raise the item's purchase price. If you are interested in finding out about the current mini-campaign, please contact Nathan Clark, Director of Development (naclark@shrinenet.org or 801-536-3567).