

# Fezzy Focus

Official Newsletter of  
Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie



## Shriners Hospitals for Children – Erie #1 in the Nation

Shriners Hospitals for Children – Erie was named #1 among healthcare providers in the nation by Modern Healthcare's 2019 Best Place to Work in Healthcare. Each year, this exciting program singles out and recognizes outstanding employers in the healthcare industry on a national level.

"Being one of the 2019 award winners is such wonderful recognition for our employees and SHC – Erie," said Mary Jane Antoon, administrator, SHC – Erie, "Ranking #1 is a tremendous honor and tribute to our staff, who come to work each and every day living the mission of Shriners Hospitals for Children."

Modern Healthcare and its Best Places to Work in Healthcare award winners have accomplished much over the years, empowering healthcare organizations, and the people who work for them, to realize their full potential. Modern Healthcare partners with the Best Companies Group on the assessment process, which includes an extensive employee survey.



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## Don't forget:

**Shredding for Shriners**  
October 5th 10am - 2pm



**Second Annual**

# **Children's Charity Cup**

The second annual Children's Charity Cup 24-hour hockey fundraiser took place on September 13 - 14 at the Erie Bank Sports Park. This year's event featured twenty games of hockey including high school teams, college teams, adult leagues, Shriner teams, youth teams, sled hockey and even retired pros in the final "Pros and Joes" game.

Not only was the Children's Charity Cup a lot of fun, but it also raised over \$70,000 to support Shriners Hospitals of Children. Additionally, Team Shriners ended up taking home the Charity Cup with a final score of 123 - 113 over Team Highmark! Thank you to everyone of you who helped make this second annual event such a success.





# Patient Experience: Ambulatory Surgery Center

When Christie and Bryan's daughter Lucy presented with a blister on her leg and mouth that were bleeding at birth, they knew she had epidermolysis bullosa. Elise, their older daughter with the same condition, had nearly the same presentation at birth. Epidermolysis bullosa is a rare condition that causes fragile blistering skin. The disease gene may be inherited from one or both parents, or arise as a new mutation in the affected person. Having a family history of epidermolysis bullosa is the biggest risk factor for developing the disorder.

Lucy is a 16 year old patient who has been coming to SHC - Erie since she was 2 years old. While her parents would have traveled anywhere for her to receive the best care possible, they knew they did not have to travel very far. Living in Erie themselves, they are thankful for the Erie Shriners Medical Center. "The convenience of Shriners is wonderful, everything we need is right here." They also already knew and trusted Dr. Cermak from caring for their older daughter, Elise. Christie stated, "Dr. Cermak is amazing! It was like she was our personal family doctor for our girls." They also are thankful for the personal attentiveness and kindness the staff in the whole facility has given them over the years.



Lucy has grown up with us here at SHC - Erie. We have enjoyed watching her grow from the cute toddler that she was to the beautiful teenager that she is now. Lucy has syndactyly and upper extremity contractures that require surgical releases approximately twice a year. Therefore, Lucy has had many surgeries here. Lucy and her family are grateful for the opportunities Dr. Cermak has given her. Bryan noted, "She (Dr. Cermak) has provided her with tools to allow her to be the best she can be." With Dr. Cermak's help, Lucy's surgeries, especially when she was younger, have allowed her to be able to perform her activities of daily living and learn her writing skills. Lucy and her parents acknowledged that over the years, "We have seen many changes at SHC - Erie, from having to stay overnight for her surgeries to same day surgeries, from the Buffalo Anesthesia group to the UPMC Hamot group, and changes in staff." Through it all, they are grateful for the care Lucy is able to receive here. "The entire ASC staff has helped Lucy overcome her fears about surgery." We diligently perfected our techniques over the years, to ensure that Lucy has the best possible outcome! We have all enjoyed, along with her parents, seeing her accomplish so much. Lucy has always been an honor student and she is an amazing artist--she loves to draw and is very good at it! Recently in June she got her driver's license, and along with enjoying the freedom of driving, this has boosted her confidence greatly, which she attributes to Dr. Cermak and the entire ASC staff!



# Shredding For Shriners

Do you have a growing collection of important documents you want to dispose of in the safest way possible? Join Shriners Hospitals for Children – Erie and Pirrello Enterprises, Inc. for Shredding for Shriners, Saturday, October 5, 10am - 2pm, and protect yourself from identity theft.

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## Therapy Playground Ribbon Cutting

On Wednesday, September 18, SHC - Erie welcomed the Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership, the Board of Governors and other community members for a ribbon cutting for the new therapy playground.

The therapy playground is an extension of treatment space for the therapists to assess and treat our patients. The primary purpose of the playground is to allow therapy patients to progress from land-based therapy indoors to the increased challenge of negotiating community-based functional challenges and obstacles in a safe, therapeutic and fun environment. It allows them to receive therapy in an environment that feels more like "play."

The therapy playground was generously funded by Ronald McDonald House Charities of Erie and the John M. and Gertrude E. Petersen Foundation, with additional support from the Henry E. Niles Foundation. The wood chips surface was donated by Emeritus Board Member Steve Ongley, and Walter Lipinski of Lipinski Logging and Lumber.

