

## About our Philanthropy: Shriners Hospitals

**The Shriners Hospital** in Springfield is a 40-bed orthopedic facility licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and accredited with commendation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. It provides treatments for diseases of the bones, muscles and joints for children from birth to 18 years of age. All care, while at Shriners Hospital, is provided regardless of the patients ability to pay. The Hospital is funded by the Shriners, the Shriners Hospital endowment fund, and gifts from the public.

It is one of 19 orthopedic Shriners Hospitals in North America. The Springfield facility incorporates three operating rooms, state of the art medical and therapeutic equipment and advanced treatment programs in a family-centered care environment.

While the hospital is equipped and staffed to provide care for most pediatric orthopedic deformities and disorders, a special expertise has been developed in the following areas: Club Foot, Developmental Dysplasia of the hip and other hip disorders, Legg-Calve-Perthes Disease,, Congenital and Acquired Limb Deficiencies, Scoliosis and other Spine Deformities and Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis, Hand and Shoulder Deformities, Cleft Lip/Palate, Neuromuscular Disorders including Cerebral Palsy, Myelodysplasia (Spine Bifida), Genetic Counseling for Orthopedic Conditions, Metabolic Bone Disease and Chest Wall Deformities.



*Shriners Hospital for Children  
Springfield, MA*

The medical staff includes three Board Certified Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeons, two pediatric Anesthesiologists, a Pediatric Rheumatologist, several part time orthopedic surgeons and over 90 consulting physicians to meet the needs of 1,000 inpatients and 12,000 outpatients annually.

Any child, regardless of race, religion or national origin is eligible for care at Shriners Hospitals if they are under the age of 18, their orthopedic/burn care needs can be treated by the staff and the applications is complete. There is no need to have an affiliation with a Shriner or be related to one.

**The Shriners Burns Hospital** in Boston is one of three burns hospitals with the three fold purpose of treating children, conducting burn research and training medical personnel in the treatment of burn injuries. The hospitals remain pioneers in burn treatment and are actively involved in the development of artificial skin and other major advancements that will continue to revolutionize treatment of burn patients. They are staffed and equipped to treat children with acute fresh burns, children needing plastic reconstructive or restorative surgery as a result of healed burns, patients with scarring and deformity of the face and children with severe scarring resulting in contractures or inference with proper mobility of the limbs.

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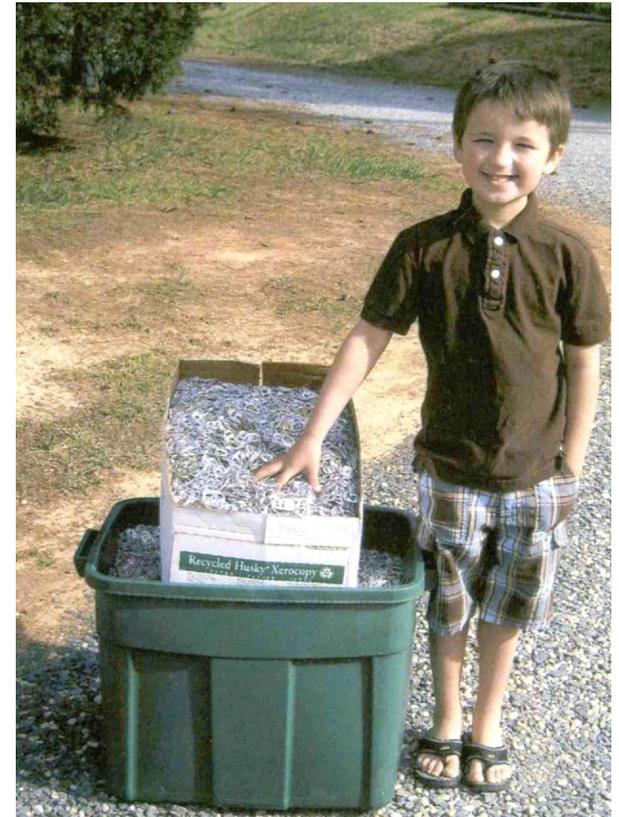
[www.bektashshriners.org](http://www.bektashshriners.org)



*We thank you so much for your support of our  
Aluminum Tab Collection/Recycling Project.*

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# You Can help a Shriner Help a child.



# Donate Pull-Tabs For Recycling

## What is the “Pull-Tab Collection Program”?

Pull-tabs or “pop-tops”, from beverage cans can be saved and donated to the Bektash Shriners. The tabs are sold to a recycling company and the money collected is used to fund transportation for needy children to and from our Shriners Hospitals. Shriners Hospitals for Children is a health care system of 22 hospitals 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 orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the patients’ ability to pay.

## Why Collect the Pull-Tabs and not the Entire Can?

Aluminum has recycling value and the tab is the only pure aluminum part of the can. The can itself can be returned for the deposit (in states that have can and bottle deposit laws) after the tab has been removed.

## Who Collects Tabs?

Tabs are collected by individuals, church groups, youth groups, schools, businesses, and the like. Donors come from all over New England, New York, New Jersey, and beyond.

## How are the Tabs Delivered?

Tabs can be dropped off at Bektash Shrine Center, 189 Pembroke Road, Concord, NH 03301 during our office hours of 9am-5pm Monday thru Friday. If you have large quantities in excess of 200 lbs. and delivery to Bektash Shrine Center is not possible, please call the Office at 603-225-5372 to arrange a pick up.

## Who Runs the Program?

The Bektash Shrine Center located in Concord collects these tabs for our own Transportation Fund with the proceeds used to transport children to and from our Shriners Hospitals. Bektash is one of the 193 local Shrine Chapters located throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, South America and the Far East.

The collection of tabs has grown due to the efforts of so many people like you. Your donation of tabs has and will continue to benefit the children in the Shriners Hospitals for Children Orthopaedic and Burns Facilities.

For more information about the Shriners and Shriners Hospitals for Children, visit:

[www.shrinersinternational.org](http://www.shrinersinternational.org)



## Who are the Shriners?

Shriners International is a fraternity of approximately 350,000 members who belong to local Shrine chapters throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, South America and the Far East. Founded in New York City in 1872, the organization is composed solely of Master Masons. Since 1922, they have operated the Shriners Hospitals for Children, a 22-hospital system providing medical care to any child under the age of 18 with burn injuries, spinal cord injuries, orthopaedic conditions, and cleft lip and palate. They are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the patients’ ability to pay.

Shriners come from every faith, from all walks of life, all ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Their common bond is membership in Freemasonry, the world’s oldest fraternity.

Founders Billy Florence, a celebrated actor, and Walter Fleming, a respected physician, recognized that the fledgling fraternity could benefit from a colorful and exciting backdrop. An Arabic theme was conceived by Florence while on a tour of Europe. Legend has it that he attended an embassy party in France hosted by an Arabian diplomat, with entertainment provided by a troupe of Arabic performers. At the conclusion of the performance the guests were inducted into a “secret society” which caused all attendees much amusement. Florence took copious notes and presented them to his brethren who received the idea with enthusiasm. Thus was born the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Although the Shrine is not an actual “secret society”, it still retains the colorful mysticism of its origin.

