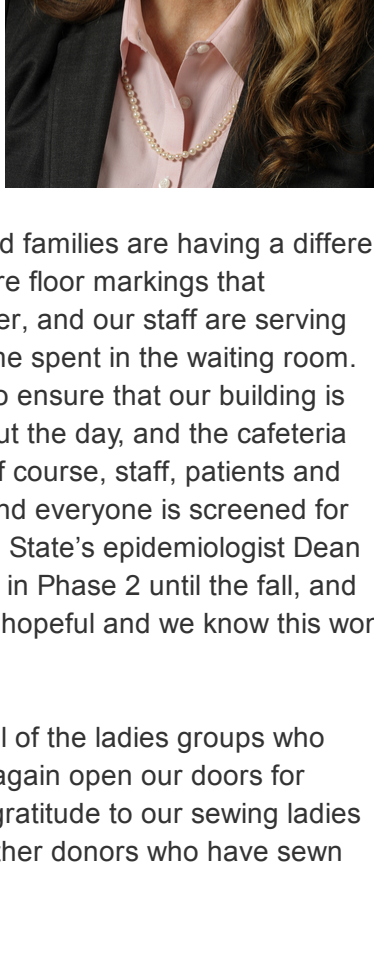


A note from our Administrator

The changes at the Portland Shriners Hospital are almost daily as we adapt to the new normal with COVID-19. I am so impressed with how our entire team has adapted to all the new requirements for reopening our hospital!

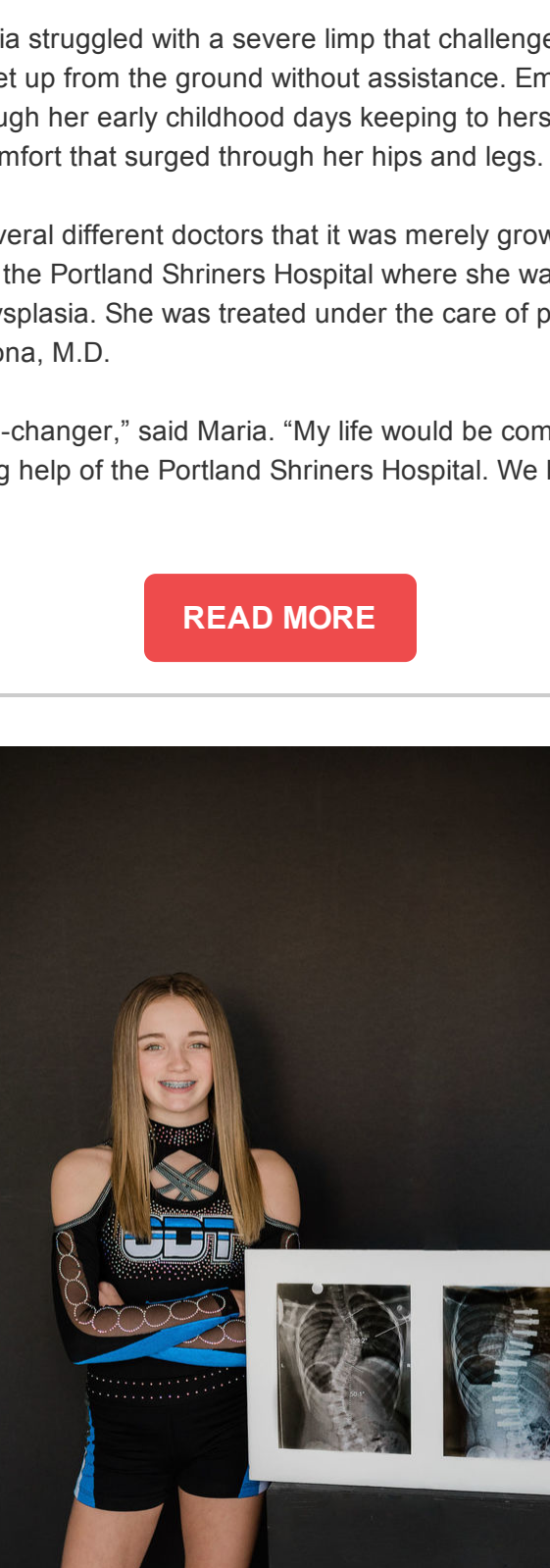
As always, the safety of our patients and employees are our top priority. As the Pacific Northwest begins to reopen, our physicians, registration staff, and clinic teams are working hard to fill up our clinics – and our patients are certainly returning! However, as we all know, our world is a different place right now. Patients and families are having a different experience at the hospital than before the virus – there are floor markings that encourage families to social distance between one another, and our staff are serving patients more rapidly in order to reduce the amount of time spent in the waiting room. Our Environmental Services team are working tirelessly to ensure that our building is clean by sanitizing commonly touched surfaces throughout the day, and the cafeteria has implemented social distancing between the tables. Of course, staff, patients and families are all abiding by the Universal Masking Policy, and everyone is screened for COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival to the hospital. Oregon State's epidemiologist Dean Sidelinger has said that all counties in Oregon will remain in Phase 2 until the fall, and possibly even longer. With all of that said, we are staying hopeful and we know this won't be forever!

In closing, I want to express thanks to the Shriners and all of the ladies groups who support us! We can't wait for the day when we can once again open our doors for volunteers and events. I'd like to share a special note of gratitude to our sewing ladies (from Daughters of the Nile), employees and countless other donors who have sewn and donated cloth masks to our hospital.



Thank you!

Dereesa Reid, MBA
Hospital Administrator at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Portland



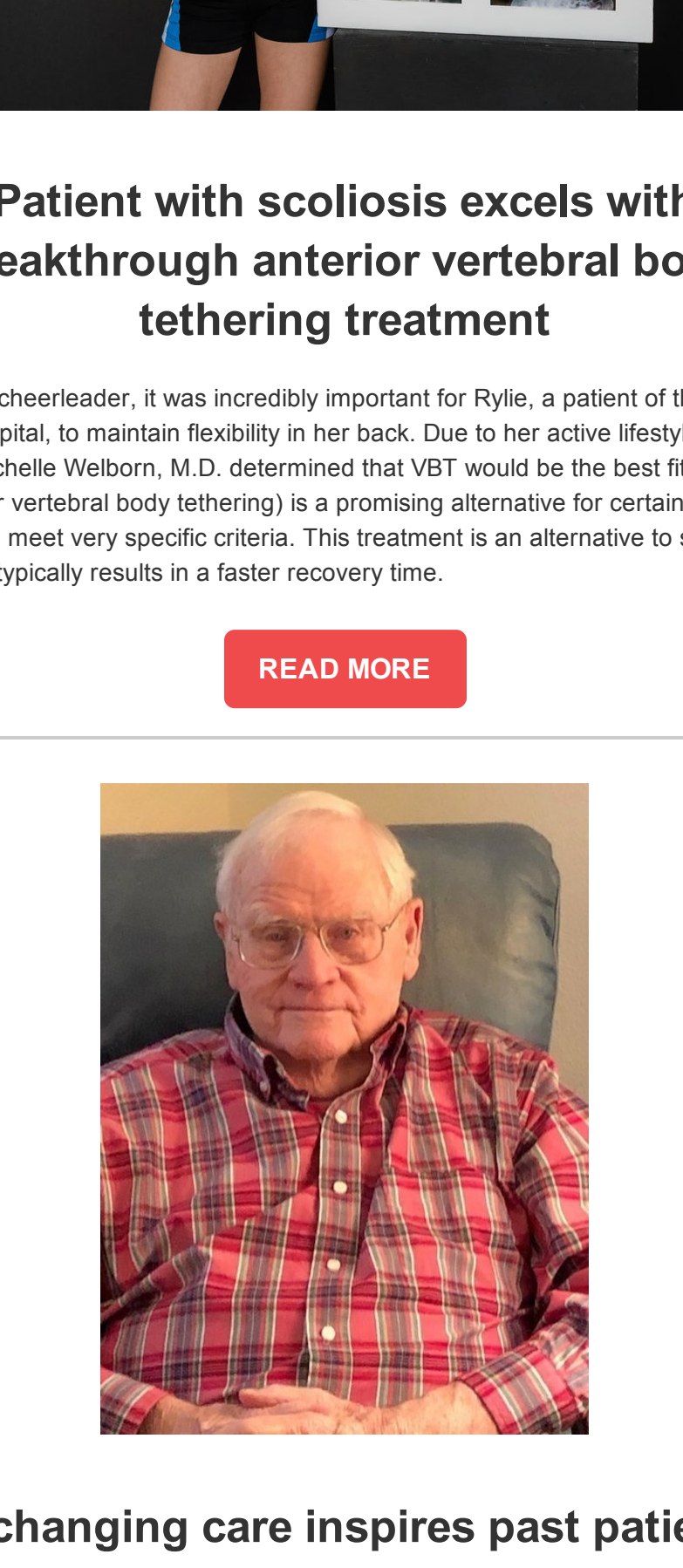
Former patient Maria shares about the life-changing care she received at the Portland Shriners Hospital

As a young child, Maria struggled with a severe limp that challenged her physically. Maria fought just to get up from the ground without assistance. Embarrassed and in pain, Maria went through her early childhood days keeping to herself while quietly dealing with the discomfort that surged through her hips and legs.

After being told by several different doctors that it was merely growing pains, she was eventually referred to the Portland Shriners Hospital where she was diagnosed with severe bilateral hip dysplasia. She was treated under the care of pediatric orthopaedic physician, Michael Aiona, M.D.

"It was a complete life-changer," said Maria. "My life would be completely different if it were not for the caring help of the Portland Shriners Hospital. We had so little and they gave us so much".

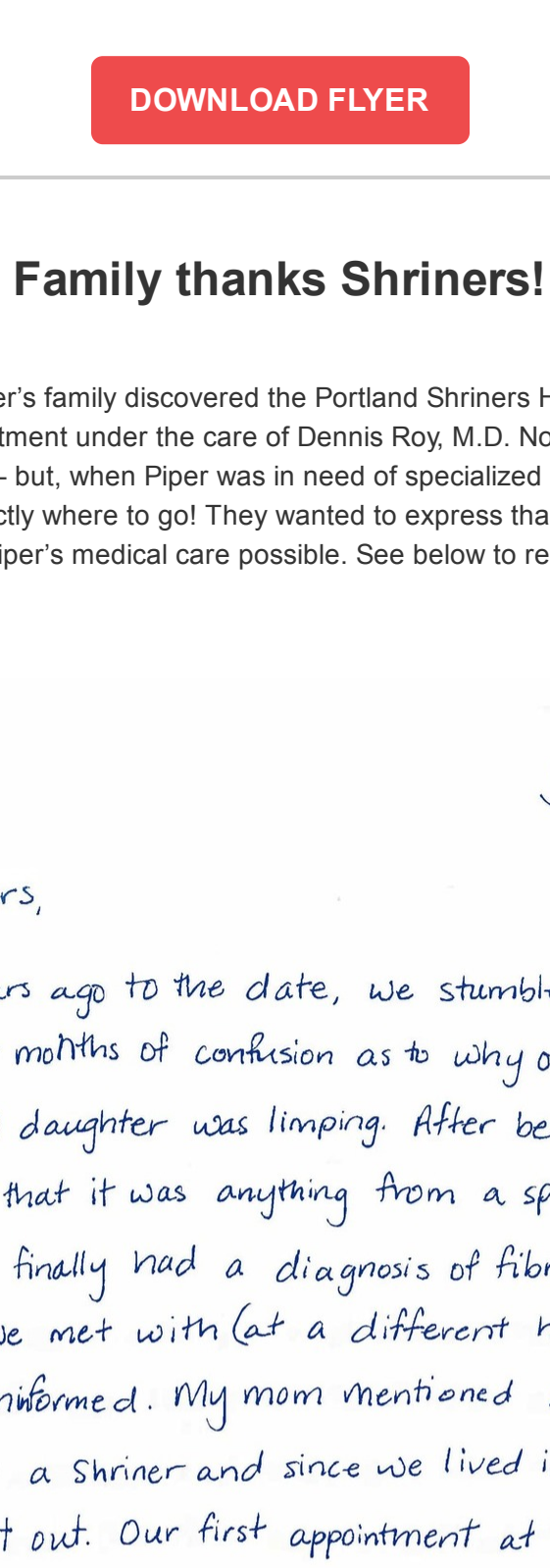
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Patient with scoliosis excels with breakthrough anterior vertebral body tethering treatment

As an active cheerleader, it was incredibly important for Rylie, a patient of the Portland Shriners Hospital, to maintain flexibility in her back. Due to her active lifestyle, her physician Michelle Weiborn, M.D. determined that VBT would be the best fit for Rylie. VBT (anterior vertebral body tethering) is a promising alternative for certain patients with scoliosis who meet very specific criteria. This treatment is an alternative to spinal fusion surgery and typically results in a faster recovery time.

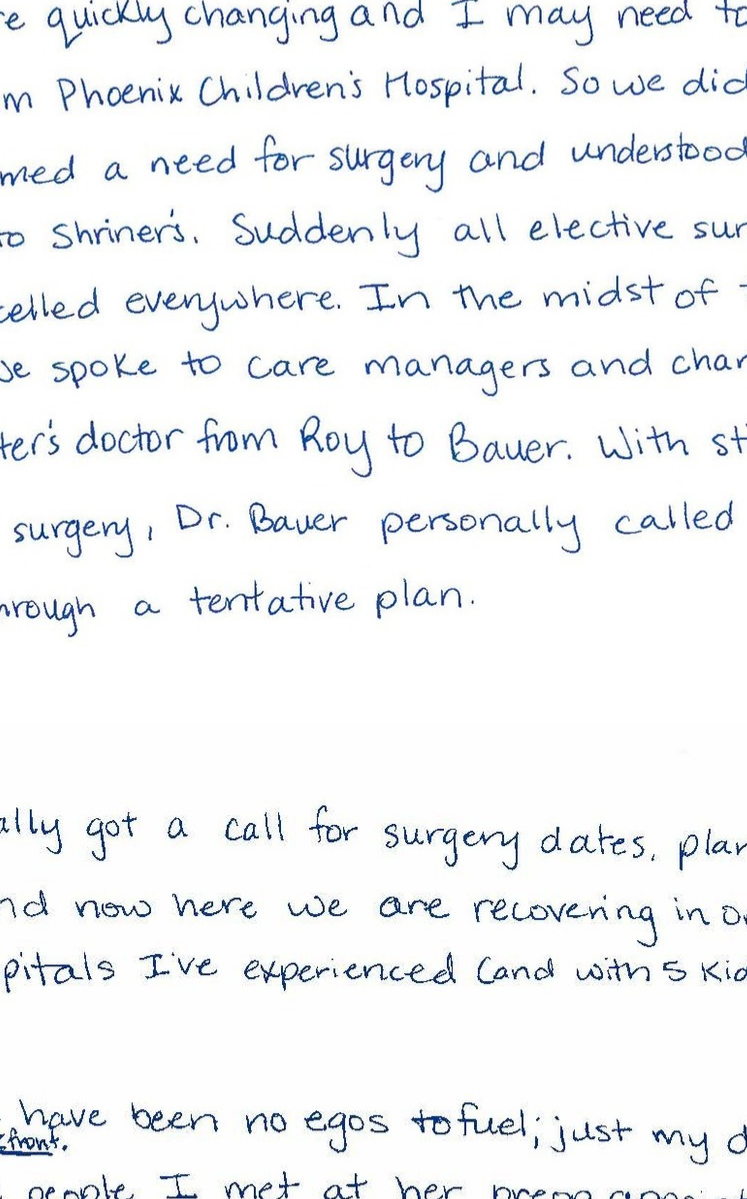
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Life-changing care inspires past patient to give back

We recently had the pleasure of speaking with a past patient of the Portland Shriners Hospital, Garrett. Born in 1925, Garrett was diagnosed with polio when he was just under 2 years old. He recently contacted us in hopes of sharing his story and to give back to the organization that changed his life!

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Our Walk-in Fracture and Sports Injury Clinic is back to 5 days a week!

On Monday June 15, the Walk-in Fracture & Sports Injury Clinic returned to normal hours. During COVID-19, we expanded the clinic to 7 days a week to help relieve the burden on urgent care centers and emergency rooms. However, as things slowly begin to open in our community, we want to change our focus to treating patient procedures that were delayed due to COVID-19. The final weekend with the expanded clinic was June 13-14.

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Family thanks Shriners!

Three years ago, Piper's family discovered the Portland Shriners Hospital when Piper received medical treatment under the care of Dennis Roy, M.D. Now, Piper and her family live in Arizona – but, when Piper was in need of specialized orthopaedic care once again, they knew exactly where to go! They wanted to express thanks directly to the Shriners who made Piper's medical care possible. See below to read the letter from Piper's family!

June 2, 2020

Dear Shriners,

Almost 3 years ago to the date, we stumbled upon your hospital after months of confusion as to why our seemingly healthy three year old daughter was limping. After being told by several doctors that it was anything from a sprained ankle to leukemia, we finally had a diagnosis of fibrous dysplasia.

The doctor we met with (at a different hospital) was kind, but uninformed. My mom mentioned a distant family member being a Shriner and since we lived in Portland, we should check it out. Our first appointment at The Shriners Hospital for children was first class. From the parking garage to the xrays and the snacks in the hall, the experience was something to write home about. Dr. Roy was extremely knowledgeable about her condition and set our worried hearts at ease.

Fast forward 3 years and here we are, in patient with our year old daughter who is recovering from a surgery by Dr. Bauer. I remain just as impressed today as I was at her very first appointment.

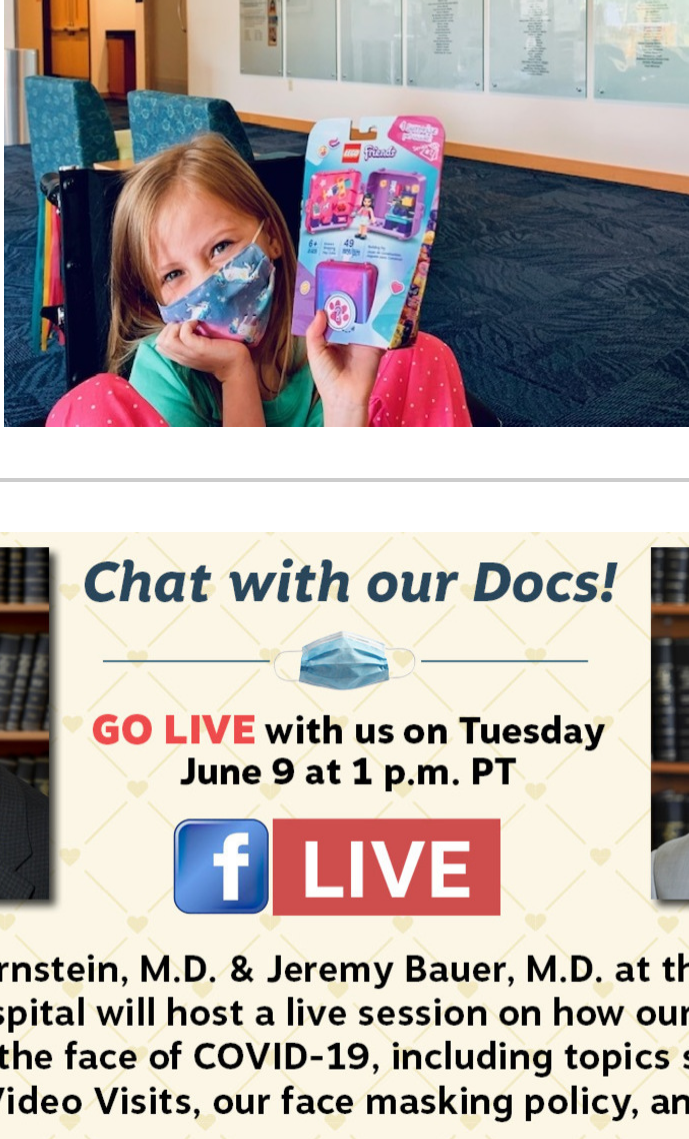
Let me back up a little though. No one wants to be in need of medical attention ever, let alone during a world pandemic with much changing every single day. I reached back out to Shriners in February following a June 2019 all clear appointment. I noticed a new limp, but this time, we lived in Arizona, not in Oregon. Where do you go when your child has a rare bone condition? To the very best of course. Shriners is always worth the trip. We got some scans in Arizona and were ready to travel for an appointment with Dr. Roy. Two days before our flight, Dr. Roy personally called me to say that things were quickly changing and I may need to get an opinion from Phoenix Children's Hospital. So we did. The doc confirmed a need for surgery and understood if we'd rather go to Shriners. Suddenly all elective surgeries were cancelled everywhere. In the midst of the waiting, we spoke to care managers and changed our daughter's doctor from Roy to Bauer. With still no date for surgery, Dr. Bauer personally called me to talk through a tentative plan.

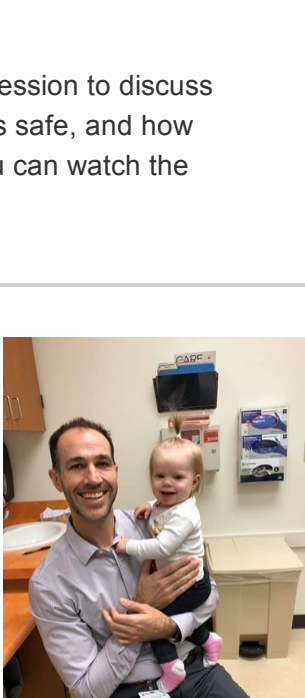
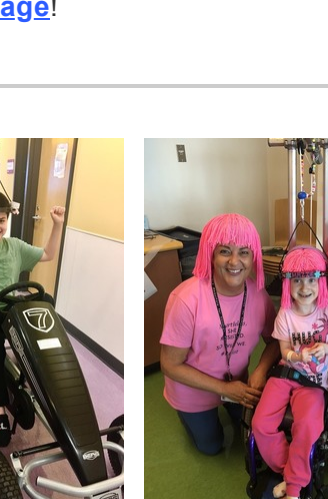
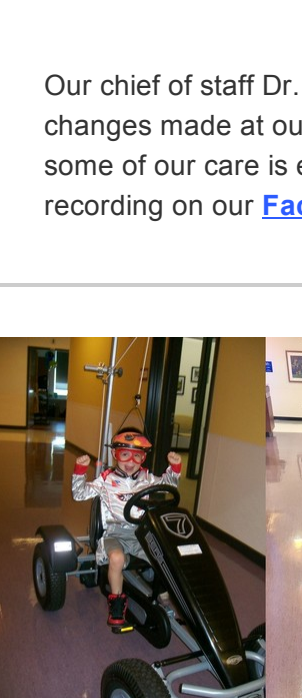
We finally got a call for surgery dates, plans for travel, and now here we are recovering in one of the best hospitals I've experienced (and with 5 kids, I've seen a few).

There have been no egos to fuel; just my daughter's care. The people I met at her preop appointment are the same people we have seen during our stay. The nurses and aides are excellent across the board. PT is amazing. The cafeteria is attentive and quick.

Most of all though, I'd wait longer and travel more to experience the level of care we have. Dr. Bauer and Dr. Roy made decisions just prior to surgery that I can trust and appreciate. I would have second guessed it had I stayed in Arizona. Their level of expertise and motivation will have us singing the praises of Shriners Hospitals for Children for years to come. Thank you for giving so much. We are reaping the benefits of what you have sewn in.

God Bless,
-Robert, Julie & Piper





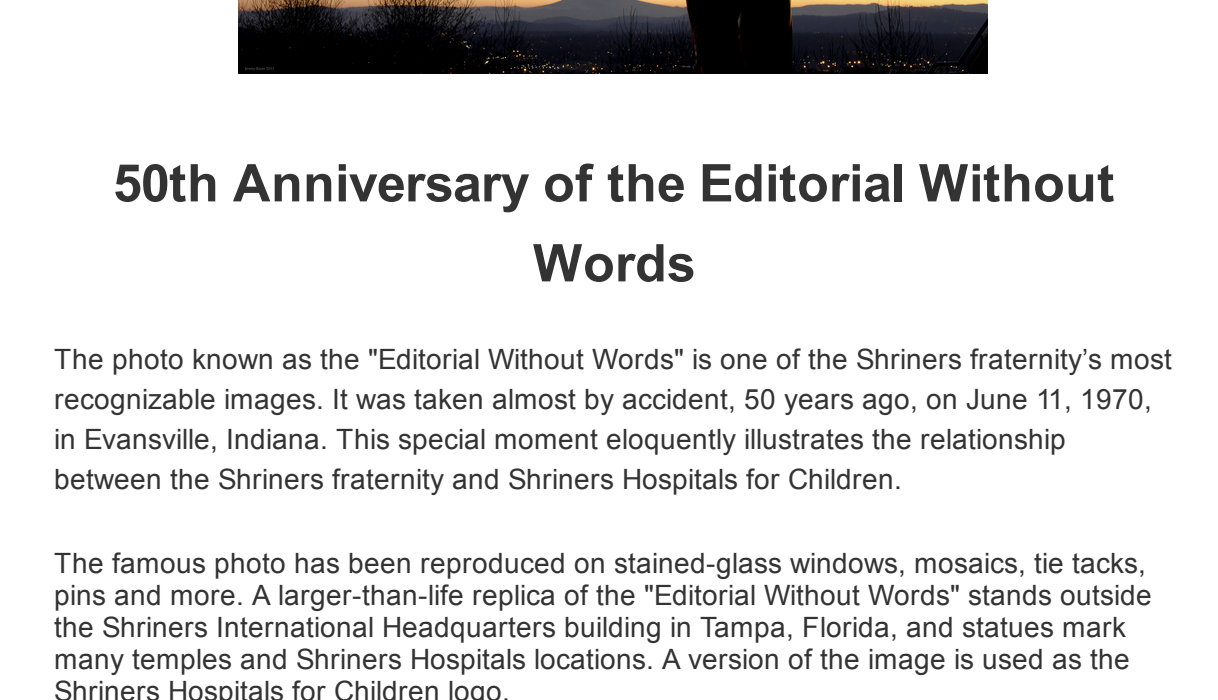
Chat with our Docs!

**GO LIVE with us on Tuesday
June 9 at 1 p.m. PT**

Robert Bernstein, M.D. & Jeremy Bauer, M.D. at the Portland Shriners Hospital will host a live session on how our hospital has evolved in the face of COVID-19, including topics such as Fast Track Video Visits, our face masking policy, and more.

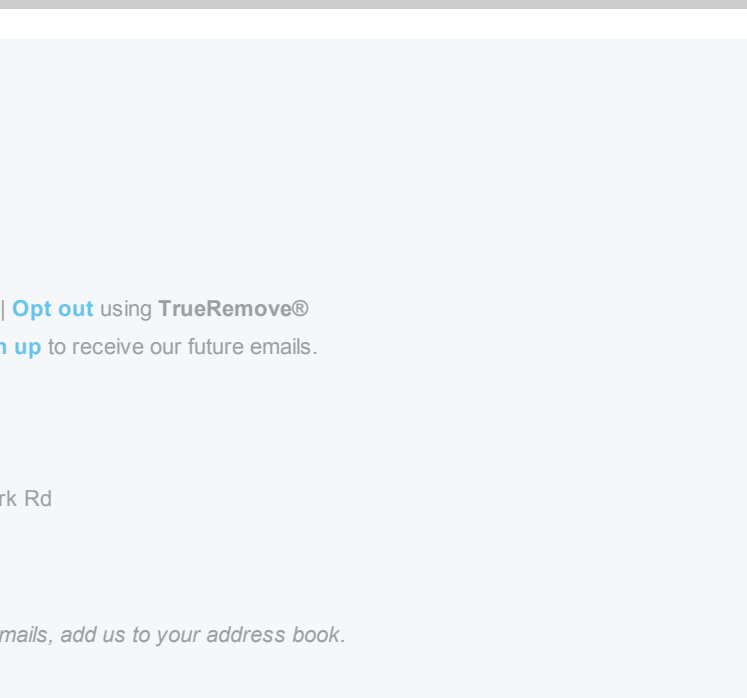
Did you catch us for Facebook Live?

Our chief of staff Dr. Bernstein, along with Dr. Bauer hosted a live session to discuss changes made at our hospital to help keep our patients and families safe, and how some of our care is even more accessible now! If you missed it, you can watch the recording on our [Facebook page!](#)



KodakPlus Collaboration

Last week, through a partnership with KodakPlus, all locations of Shriners Hospitals for Children participated in a week-long (June 8th-14th) social media campaign to help bring smiles to our virtual community. This was a great fundraising opportunity for each hospital as donors were able to choose specific hospitals to donate to. In addition this partnership allowed us to take advantage of KodakPlus's large base of followers and help spread awareness about Shriners Hospitals for Children and what we do. Above are a few images that we posted on our social media pages for the campaign.



50th Anniversary of the Editorial Without Words

The photo known as the "Editorial Without Words" is one of the Shriners fraternity's most recognizable images. It was taken almost by accident, 50 years ago, on June 11, 1970, in Evansville, Indiana. This special moment eloquently illustrates the relationship between the Shriners fraternity and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The famous photo has been reproduced on stained-glass windows, mosaics, tie tacks, pins and more. A larger-than-life replica of the "Editorial Without Words" stands outside the Shriners International Headquarters building in Tampa, Florida, and statues mark many temples and Shriners Hospitals locations. A version of the image is used as the Shriners Hospitals for Children logo.

Here at the Portland Shriners Hospital, we have two of these statues proudly featured outside of our building right along Sam Jackson Park Rd.

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