

The Shriners Hospitals for Children were founded with the philanthropic purpose of aiding children with orthopedic disabilities, cleft palate or cleft lip. Today, there are 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children, treating a range of disabilities in children, with each location having its own areas of specialty.

The Shriners Hospitals treat every child referred to them, regardless of the ability of the family to pay for treatment. If the family has insurance coverage, the insurer is initially billed for treatment. If the family does not have insurance coverage, or has no ability to pay whatever cost their insurance does not cover, the Shriners will pay for all remaining cost of treatment. Once a child is a "Shriners Kid" they receive treatment, follow-up visits, and any corrective means necessary regardless of the ability of the family to pay for such on-going care.

The medical professionals at the Shriners Hospitals are among the best practitioners in their respective fields when it comes to treating children. We in the Danville area are fortunate to have 2 hospitals in close proximity. Parents may call either location to arrange an initial visit at any time. Here is information on those hospitals:

Shriners Hospital for Children, Chicago IL Orthopedic, Spinal Cord, Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate 1-773-622-5400

Shriners Hospital for Children, St. Louis MO *Orthopedic* 1-314-432-3600

In addition, the Eastern Illinois Shrine Club provides transportation assistance for the patient and a parent. This can take the form of being driven to the appointment by club members, or parents/guardians can be reimbursed for their trip on a per-mile basis. Contact the Ansar Temple (217-525-1771) for details.

IF YOU HAVE A CHILD IN NEED, CALL TODAY!!