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Pictured on front cover: Lucius "Luke" Waites, Jr., M.D., instructs a dyslexia patient, circa 1979.

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Letter from the President



ROBERT L. WALKER
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TEXAS SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN IS AN INTERNATIONAL LEADER IN PEDIATRIC ORTHOPEDICS.

It is a reputation we value greatly and one that has been built over the years through the sacrifice, courage and commitment of individuals dedicated to improving the lives of children.

That pioneering spirit is felt throughout the hospital, as our leadership role

encompasses many areas of expertise. In fact, many of you may not realize that Scottish Rite Hospital is recognized around the world for establishing standards in the testing and treatment of learning disorders, such as dyslexia.

This fall, we are pleased to celebrate the **50th anniversary of the Luke Waites Center for Dyslexia and Learning Disorders**. Currently, the center is led by Medical Director Jeffrey Black, M.D., and Administrative Director Gladys Kolenovsky, who follow the guiding principles of the man for which it is named — **Lucius “Luke” Waites, Jr., M.D.**

Waites was one of the first physicians to recognize that dyslexia called for an educational treatment approach. Although his protocol was unorthodox in 1965, he remained committed to his groundbreaking work, which has been recognized by the Texas State Board of Education and educators nationwide.

Today, children throughout Texas, across the country and around the world are benefiting from his methods. My own children, Allison and Matt, are each former patients of the Luke Waites Center for Dyslexia. The center’s skilled and caring staff reminded them what they could achieve and equipped them with tools to pursue their goals.

Allison recently graduated from the George W. Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University with a master’s degree in theology. Meanwhile, Matt is earning his master’s degree in business administration at the University of Texas at Dallas. As a parent, I could not be more grateful for our dyslexia program; as a member of this hospital staff, I could not be more proud of our team and how **we embrace pioneers, visionaries and innovators.**

There is a painting on the wall leading into our dyslexia center. It is an image of an airplane flying over a field and it reads, “**The sky is the limit.**” Today we celebrate that message and the legacy, fearlessness and dedication of individuals like Dr. Waites. It is a message of limitless possibilities that defines our past and shapes our future, while inspiring many of the pioneers and leaders of tomorrow whom we serve — the patients of Texas Scottish Rite Hospital.

Patients and families visiting the Luke Waites Center for Dyslexia and Learning Disorders are reminded that there is no limit to what a child can achieve.





L to R: TSRHC friend Jacqueline; TSRHC staff Libby Powell, R.N., M.S.N., F.N.P.-C.; TSRHC patient Nyomee; TSRHC staff Hong Putman, P.A.-C.; TSRHC patients Antoria, Alejandro, Brenden; and TSRHC friend Nathan

A Gift That Never Goes Out of Style

..... NorthPark Center Honors TSRHC in its 50 Years of Giving Campaign

 **NORTHPARK 50**
FIFTY YEARS OF STYLE

NORTHPARK CENTER, DALLAS' PREMIER SHOPPING CENTER, celebrated its 50th

anniversary with something that never goes out of style — giving.

To commemorate its golden milestone, the fashion and retail giant chose to honor 50 local organizations over a 50-day period through its NorthPark50: Fifty Years of Giving campaign. NorthPark selected organizations that have been long-standing community partners in the areas of arts, health, education, social work and community service. The center then worked with each charity to select a gift tailored to the organization's specific need.

TSRHC was fortunate to be chosen as one of the beneficiaries of NorthPark's generosity. Thanks to NorthPark, the hospital can now provide a sturdy new

fleet of 100 Red Radio Flyer Wagons to patient families for use during their visit. For a small child who may be in a cast or restricting brace, these wagons provide a means of comfortably exploring the hospital for medical appointments, lunch in the Crayon Café and playtime outside in Allan Shivers Park.

"We are thankful for our partnership with NorthPark Center and its dedication to the community," Robert L. Walker, TSRHC president/CEO says. "These wagons represent our unique culture and inspire patients to create adventures as they navigate through our hospital halls."

If you or your organization would like to make a gift to the hospital, please contact the hospital's Development department at 214-559-8374 or visit tsrhc.org/give. ○

TIME TO ORDER TSRHC HOLIDAY ITEMS!

PLACE YOUR ORDER TODAY FOR THE HOSPITAL'S "HAPPY HOLIDAYS" GIFT CARDS, ORNAMENT AND ONE-OF-A-KIND HOLIDAY GREETING CARDS!

"Happy Holidays" Gift Card

This year, give a gift that helps give children back their childhood. Honor your friends and family with a gift to TSRHC in their name. The hospital will acknowledge your donation by sending a "Happy Holidays" gift card to your list of recipients.

Please visit tsrhc.org/give, print the gift card order form and mail it to the address listed on the form, or call 214-559-8322 or 800-421-1121, ext. 8322.



TSRHC Holiday Ornament

Commemorate 2015 with a colorful, 3-D, crayon-inspired ornament from TSRHC. Purchase your annual collectible ornament for \$17.95 in the hospital Gift Shop. To purchase this ornament by phone, please call 214-559-7825 or 800-421-1121, ext. 7825.

Holiday Greeting Cards

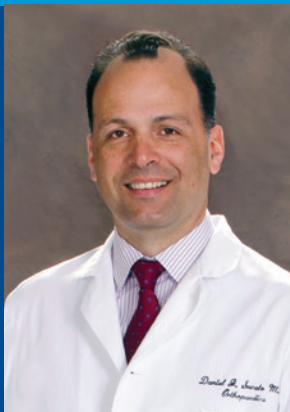
Spread holiday cheer to your friends, family, clients and colleagues by sending holiday cards designed by TSRHC patients. The cost is \$20 per package, which includes 20 cards and 22 envelopes.

Order standard or personalized, imprinted cards by calling 214-559-8323 or 800-421-1121, ext. 8323; or visit tsrhc.org/give, download the order form and mail it to the address listed on the form.

Cards may be purchased at the TSRHC Gift Shop. ○



On the Path to Excellence



DANIEL J. SUCATO, M.D., M.S.
TSRHC Chief of Staff

AT TSRHC, OUR PATIENTS ARE AT THE CENTER OF EVERYTHING WE DO.

Whether we are studying individual patient cases or conducting large-scale, multi-center research studies, delivering the highest standard of care to our patients is our primary objective.

This commitment was recently recognized by the National Research Corporation

at the annual **NRC Picker Patient-Centered Care Symposium** on Sept. 20, in Washington, D.C.

In our first year of eligibility, TSRHC was one of only two children's hospitals in the U.S. to be recognized as a Top Performing Facility and selected to receive the **Path to Excellence Award**. The National Research Corporation presents the award annually to recognize health care organizations for their dedication to

improving the patient experience.

Establishing and adhering to these standards attracts some of the brightest physicians and researchers in the country and from around the world to TSRHC.

This fall we are pleased to welcome such a group — the 2015-16 fellows participating in our **Dorothy and Bryant Edwards Fellowship in Pediatric Orthopedics and Scoliosis**. This program is one of the most sought-after pediatric orthopedic fellowships in the nation. Its reputation for enriching, hands-on experiences continues to grow, since Chief of Staff Emeritus John A. “Tony” Herring, M.D., founded the program in 1978.

An invaluable benefit to the program is that the fellows become ambassadors of TSRHC, extending our

standard of care to children throughout the country and the world.

The Path to Excellence Award reminds all of us in the medical community that when we keep the patient at the center of our efforts, we are on the right path.



TSRHC welcomes the 2015-16 class of the Dorothy and Bryant Edwards Fellowship in Pediatric Orthopedics and Scoliosis. L to R: Elizabeth Hubbard, M.D.; Connor Green, M.D.; Shawn Funk, M.D.; Rachel Thompson, M.D.; and Philip McClure, M.D.

TSRHC PIONEER



James F. Chambers, Jr. | 1913 – 2006

JAMES F. CHAMBERS, JR. was born in Houston and moved to Dallas with his family at an early age. He was expected to join his father's construction business after completing school, but Chambers discovered a passion for writing during a summer job at the *The Dallas Dispatch*. In 1933, the *Dispatch* hired him and helped launch his newspaper career.

Soon after, Chambers joined the *Dallas Times Herald*. He worked his way up from news editor to chairman and publisher and retired in 1980 after nearly 50 years in the business.

Chambers had a passion for serving others and was a mentor to many. He was appointed to the TSRHC Board of Trustees in 1966 and served on many hospital committees, including heading the hospital's building committee.

Chambers was also a founder of the hospital's Tartan Golf Classic, which will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2016.

In 1997, TSRHC honored the contributions Chambers made to the hospital as well as the community with the opening of the four-acre Jas. F. Chambers, Jr. Youth Fitness Park. The park sits on the northwest corner of the hospital's main campus for all children to enjoy.

Though he passed away in 2006, Chambers' legacy of service is felt throughout the hospital, making him a true TSRHC pioneer. His dedication to service also lives on through his son, Jim Chambers, who serves on the TSRHC Board of Trustees and is honorary chairman of the Tartan Golf Classic. ○



TSRHC patient Heaven, age 11, of Blossom

TSRHC Releases Revolutionary Limb-Lengthening Device

THE HOSPITAL'S LATEST ADVANCE IN LIMB LENGTHENING

was recently released domestically and has been used in more than 200 surgical cases across the U.S.

The TRUE/LOK™ Hexapod System, or TL-HEX, was developed in the hospital's Center for Excellence in Limb Lengthening and Reconstruction and has been available internationally since November 2012.

The frame, like its predecessor, the TRUE/LOK™ External Fixation System, is manufactured and distributed by Lewisville, Texas-based Orthofix, International N.V.

Both devices employ a pair of aluminum rings that encircle a patient's leg, ankle or foot and are secured to the bone by wires and pins. Limb-length and deformity correction is achieved through gradual manipulation.

The difference with the TL-HEX is that it uses six struts instead of three or four, allowing

the device to handle complex and multi-planar corrections simultaneously and increasing patient comfort. The new system also includes software that guides the adjustments made by physicians over the course of treatment.

This center for excellence was founded in 1992 and introduced the TRUE/LOK™ External Fixation System a year later. The improvements to the original Ilizarov device, developed in Russia in the 1950s, established TSRHC as a leader in the field.

The TRUE/LOK™ development has been led by David Ross, the hospital's director of Bioengineering and Biomechanics; John Birch, M.D., and Mikhail Samchukov, M.D.,* co-directors of the center; and Alex Cherkashin, M.D.,** division director. ○

*Medical degree from Khabarovsk State Medical School, Russia.

**Medical degree from Novosibirsk State Medical School, Russia.

Oishi Named Director of TSRHC Hand Center

SCOTT OISHI, M.D., F.A.C.S., has been named the director of the Charles E. Seay, Jr. Hand Center. Oishi assumes the role of former director Marybeth Ezaki, M.D., who served in the role for more than 16 years and helped establish the center as one of the premier pediatric upper extremity services in the world.

Oishi joined TSRHC in the mid-'90s and became a full-time staff member in 2008. He also serves as the program director for the hospital's A.C. and Eleanor M. Garison Fellowship in Hand and Upper Limb Treatment. He is an associate professor at UT Southwestern Medical Center in the departments of Orthopedic Surgery and Plastic Surgery. ○



TSRHC's Scott Oishi, M.D., F.A.C.S., with patient Ruthie, age 6, of Houston



Wise Named Director of Basic Research at TSRHC

CAROL WISE, PH.D., director of Molecular Genetics, has also been named director of TSRHC Basic Research. In her expanded role, she will be responsible for strategic planning, growth and promotion of the hospital's basic research program.

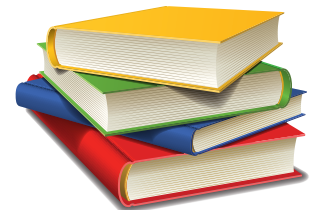
Wise also serves as a professor of Orthopedic Surgery, Pediatrics and in the McDermott Center for Human Growth and Development at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Wise's research, which is focused on the genomics of musculoskeletal conditions, has defined multiple genes involved in pediatric disorders. ○

THE GOLD STANDARD



Celebrating Fifty Years of Excellence in
Dyslexia Treatment, Education and Research
at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children



By Chandler Crawley



Luke Waites Center for Dyslexia and Learning Disorders staff who have each served the department for 20 years or more:

Back row, L to R: Vennecia Jackson, M.D., Lynne Reynolds, Karen Avrit, Sue Jones and Karen Yerger

Front row, L to R: Gladys Kolenovsky, Jeffrey Black, M.D., and Veda Childs



IN 1924, LUCIUS WAITES, JR. WAS BORN IN HATTIESBURG, MISS. , during a formative time in the study of learning disorders, such as dyslexia. The condition is characterized by a difficulty connecting letter symbols to sounds. It makes reading challenging and affects roughly 10 percent of all public school children.

For a child with dyslexia, the world can be a daunting place. Feelings of failure or isolation can often accompany the condition. Little did anyone know that one day Waites would not only study dyslexia, but he would also help define it and ultimately change perceptions, treatment approaches, education, legislation and the lives of countless children in the process.

While playing football for Ole Miss, Waites gained a reputation for being a fierce competitor, playing in the era of no protective facemasks. That fearless spirit and drive to succeed would serve him well throughout his career. He graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in 1947 and began his work as a neurologist. He came to Dallas in 1961 to join the faculty at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. From 1961-65, he also assisted the TSRHC medical staff in the area of neurology.

During that period, Waites began to investigate the phenomenon of smart children who struggled to read. This condition was initially described as “word blindness” and “twisted symbols” (aka: Strephosymbolia). Research into this condition was considered fringe medicine at the time and often mocked as “quackery,” but the determined

FIFTY YEARS AGO, A MAN WITH AN UNWAVERING CONVICTION TO HELP CHILDREN JOINED TSRHC’S STAFF.

His name was Lucius ‘Luke’ Waites, Jr., M.D., and his pioneering work changed the world of learning disorders forever.

football player from Mississippi refused to give up.

Then Scottish Rite Hospital Chief of Staff Brandon Carrell, M.D., observed the positive effect Waites’ methods were having on his patients and stood by his efforts. In 1965, Waites moved to TSRHC full time and the Luke Waites Center for Dyslexia and Learning Disorders was born. With the support of TSRHC and the Masonic community, Waites set out to build a program dedicated to diagnosing and treating children with the condition. Along with language therapist Aylett Royall Cox, Waites developed the hospital’s first dyslexia curriculum called *Alphabetic Phonics*. This new approach, with its dramatic and positive results, made waves in Dallas, across Texas and beyond.

“The support of the hospital, the administration and the board of trustees continues to be strong and crucial to our work,” says Gladys Kolenovsky, the center’s administrative director and a 39-year staff member. “From the beginning, they believed in what this center could do for children.”

In 1968, Waites organized a meeting of the World Federation of Neurology at the hospital, at which the medical term “developmental dyslexia” was defined. For the first time, dyslexia was recognized as a medical condition that called for an educational treatment.

But Waites did not stop there. In 1985, he enlisted the help of two equally tenacious colleagues — Kolenovsky and Geraldine ‘Tincy’ Miller, a former staff member who has gone on to serve more than 26 years on the Texas

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State Board of Education. Together, they facilitated two major changes in Texas education laws — separating dyslexia from special education programs and requiring dyslexia screening and testing in all public schools. As a result of their efforts, Texas became a leader in public policy for learning disorders.

“Because of this incredible group of individuals who were willing to take a chance, so many people are able to stand on the shoulders of their legacy and their bravery,” says Karen Avrit, the center’s educational director, who recently helped pass House Bill 866. This bill ensures that all undergraduate education majors in Texas learn how to recognize, identify and make basic accommodations for children in their classrooms who may be dyslexic.

In 1990, Jeffrey Black, M.D., joined the TSRHC medical staff and the crusade, alongside Waites. Where Waites drew from clinical knowledge and child-focused intuition, Black revels in the scientific process. He set a high bar for data collection, results-driven experimentation and extensive research.

Black used precise, quantifiable measurements to prove that dyslexia could be remediated. From there, he proceeded to improve and adjust the existing curriculum based on his findings. It was through his unflinching dedication to data analysis that a new curriculum, *Take Flight: A Comprehensive Intervention for Students with Dyslexia*, was developed.

The curriculum allows children to learn the course material faster, with a higher retention rate. The first edition was printed in 2006. Today, *Take Flight* is used across America, in Canada and as far away as Dubai. The morning Avrit got a call from the Middle East inquiring about the program, she recalls saying,

“Wow, we’ve gone international!”

The future of *Take Flight* looks bright, as Black and the team embark on the next journey in dyslexia education. Together with The University of Texas at Dallas, they are taking the curriculum into the digital arena. Through interactive technology, they will share the program with the next generation of children as well as increase its reach and scope for teachers.

Black is also pushing dyslexia research into the world of genetics. In collaboration with Jerry Ring, Ph.D., the center’s research scientist, and TSRHC’s remarkable genetics research team, work is being conducted to better understand dyslexia on a genetic level.

In 2013, the strong-willed Waites passed away at the age of 89, leaving behind a legacy that has changed the lives of individuals with dyslexia forever.

“It is wonderful to recognize Luke Waites’ legacy, while also paying tribute to the core values of the dyslexia department and the hospital,” Kolenovsky says. “The child comes first — always.” ○

Top: Lucius “Luke” Waites, Jr., M.D., and Jeffrey Black, M.D., medical director of the Luke Waites Center for Dyslexia and Learning Disorders

Right: Gladys Kolenovsky, administrative director of the Luke Waites Center for Dyslexia and Learning Disorders, with TSRHC Chairman of the Board Lyndon L. Olson, Jr.



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KidSwing

IT WAS ANOTHER FANTASTIC SUMMER OF KIDS HELPING KIDS during the KidSwing Golf Tournaments in Dallas, McKinney and Trophy Club. A special thanks goes to sponsors of the event — Geico, Ryan Foundation, Topgolf and Janet and Joe Tydlaska as well as Barbi and Scott Cohen, J. Small Investments, The Mary Kay Family Foundation and Stonebridge Orthodontics. Participants raised more than \$82,000 to provide specialized prostheses to TSRHC patients. To date, the event has raised \$1.9 million. ○



1. L to R: KidSwing participants Tate, Jacob and Sam



2. L to R: KidSwing participants Callie, Jake, TSRHC patient Cassie, Gavin and Kyra



3. L to R: TSRHC patients Taylor, Kamyra and Bryanna





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L to R: TSRHC patients America, age 14, of Tyler; Logan, age 15, of Arlington; Jordan, age 16, of Grand Prairie; and Jesus, age 15, Grand Prairie



JCPenney Successful Bridges Fashion Show

JCPENNEY RECENTLY HOSTED its eighth annual Successful Bridges Fashion Show featuring 26 TSRHC patients at its corporate headquarters in Plano. These patients are part of the hospital's Successful Bridges program, which assists teens with spina bifida in "building bridges" to self-sufficiency as they achieve developmental milestones and transition into adulthood. JCPenney also presented TSRHC Vice President of Development Stephanie Brigger with a generous donation of \$5,000. ○

L to R: Richard Ledbetter, JCPenney vice president of Visual Merchandising; Rebecca McComb, JCPenney divisional vice president; Stephanie Brigger, TSRHC vice president of Development; and Sue Liebold, R.N., M.S.N., C.N.S.-P.



L to R: TSRHC Chief of Staff Daniel J. Sucato, M.D., M.S.; TSRHC Fellows Kevin Smit, F.R.C.S.C., M.D., and Lise Leveille, F.R.C.S.C., M.D.; T. Boone Pickens; TSRHC Fellow Megan Mignemi, M.D.; Toni Pickens; TSRHC Fellows Lauren LaMont, M.D., and Franklin Gettys, M.D.; and TSRHC Chief of Staff Emeritus John A. "Tony" Herring, M.D.



T. Boone Pickens Research Award

TSRHC RECENTLY WELCOMED LONGTIME FRIEND T. BOONE PICKENS for an annual luncheon honoring TSRHC's 2014-15 pediatric orthopedic fellows and their exceptional research. Pickens' family, staff and friends established the T. Boone Pickens Birthday Fund at TSRHC in 2004 in honor of his 75th birthday. The fund supports the annual Fall Spine Symposium and Spine Research Fellowship. It also provides the fellows with awards for their outstanding research in spine disorders and orthopedics. ○



Runners and Nonrunners Alike Can Support TSRHC at the 2015 Dallas Marathon

TSRHC IS EXCITED TO BE PART OF THE 2015 DALLAS MARATHON®, scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 13. The hospital has been the event's primary beneficiary since 1997.

The marathon offers numerous opportunities to support the hospital. If you consider running to be a spectator sport, you can support TSRHC by walking, volunteering or cheering. You can also make a donation or launch an online fundraising campaign. Please visit crowdrise.com/TSRHChamps for details.

If you would like to run in the marathon, registration is filling quickly. Please visit dallasmarathon.com for more information. ○



TSRHC patient Audrey, age 5, of Paradise



Kids 'R' Kids Summer Olympics

KIDS 'R' KIDS LEARNING ACADEMY named TSRHC as the beneficiary of its annual Summer Olympics event, held Friday, July 31, at AT&T Stadium in Arlington. Approximately 700 children, representing 11 area Kids 'R' Kids locations, gathered to participate in field day activities and raised more than \$17,000 for the hospital. Kids 'R' Kids President and CEO David Vinson matched the donation, bringing it to more than \$34,000! TSRHC patient Zackery, age 16, of Gun Barrel City, (pictured above) was invited to open the festivities by singing the national anthem. ○



Knox-Corinthian Golf Tournament

THE 10TH ANNUAL KNOX-CORINTHIAN GOLF TOURNAMENT was held Monday, Sept. 21, at TPC Craig Ranch in McKinney. Proceeds from the tournament benefited TSRHC's Charles E. Seay, Jr. Hand Center. The center provides specialized care for children with hand and upper limb differences. To date, this event has raised more than \$400,000 for TSRHC and the Dallas Scottish Rite Library and Museum. ○

1. L to R: TSRHC Volunteer Executive Committee President Stephen Apple and President-Elect Karen Apple, TSRHC Trustee Larry Winkle and KCGT Chairman Jeff Haven

2. L to R: Rob Rose, Mike Grayson, Tom Madine and Buddy Goode

3. TSRHC staff Tony Rios and TSRHC Trustee Dan Turner





Shining a Light on Others

☰ TSRHC Trustee David Dibrell has found that the greatest reward doesn't come from being in the spotlight but, rather, putting others in it.

IF TSRHC TRUSTEE DAVID DIBRELL were part of a Broadway production, he would not be the actor stealing the show. He would be the person in the background, making sure it runs smoothly — a part he is happy to play. In his dual role as a hospital trustee and volunteer, he reserves the spotlight for those whom he enjoys shining it upon — the patients, families and supporters of TSRHC.

“It’s fun to be involved in the inner-workings,” Dibrell says. “I like being in the background and supporting things behind the scenes.”

Like most humble people, he doesn’t recognize his own humility, but his hard-working parents and grounded West Texas upbringing are likely sources.

“My parents encouraged me to join DeMolay International [a youth organization teaching young men to be better people and leaders],” Dibrell explains. “I was exposed to strong values at an early age.”

While in high school, Dibrell discovered an affinity

for mathematics. When he was a college senior studying mathematics at the University of Texas at Austin, he enrolled in the school’s first-ever computer programming class.

“I fell in love with it,” Dibrell says, a self-proclaimed computer geek.

A few years earlier he had discovered another love, a young lady named Marlene. The two were high school sweethearts at Big Spring High School. They married while in college and have been married more than 50 years.

“She’s a very tolerant woman,” Dibrell says with a grin.

It turned out that his timing was perfect and Dibrell went on to enjoy a successful career in the information technology field, moving from Dallas to Boston to Atlanta. In the late ’60s, the Dibrells returned to the Dallas area, where Dibrell served as president of Logic, Inc., a computer software and services company.

It was at that time that Dibrell followed the suggestion his father, a Mason, had made to him years earlier, to join Masonry. A church acquaintance of Dibrell, Ellis Clark, also inspired his interest and became his Masonic mentor.

Dibrell has held many roles in Masonry. While serving on the Grand Lodge committees, he developed the Grand Lodge Insurance Program and later implemented the Grand Lodge Warden’s Retreat Program.

“David is such a fine gentleman,” Marlene says. “He’s kind, he’s giving and has all the attributes of a true Mason.”

Those qualities did not go unnoticed by his fellow Masons and in 2001 Dibrell was elected the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, over all Masons in the state.

“Being in Masonry has given me a chance to grow as a person, learn leadership skills and improve myself in many ways,” says Dibrell. “Giving back to your community is extremely rewarding.”

Since 2007, Dibrell has been giving back to TSRHC as a trustee and prior to that, in 2005, he became a hospital volunteer.

“On my first visit to the hospital, I fell in love with the place,” Dibrell says. “I wanted to be a part of it and its mission.”

He and Marlene volunteer together each week. They

also enjoy traveling and spending time with their two daughters and two grandsons.

This successful businessman, distinguished Mason and dedicated volunteer also has a love of history and genealogy, and enjoys sharing lessons he has learned with others. Perhaps one of the biggest lessons is about the importance of serving others.

In his role as a TSRHC volunteer he spends time on the phone each week, behind the scenes — of course, calling hospital friends and thanking them for their support. “The calls are to express the hospital’s appreciation for our donor’s support,” Dibrell says. “But in turn, you learn how much people appreciate the hospital and helping the kids. Being part of that, it just doesn’t get any better.”

TSRHC Trustee David Dibrell and his wife, Marlene, volunteer together weekly at the hospital. “It strengthens our bond with the hospital,” he says.



Patient’s Wish Touches Lives at TSRHC and Around the World

TSRHC PATIENT ADDIE had one simple wish for her 8th birthday. She wanted to raise \$8,000 for the hospital that helped her walk. Addie has been a TSRHC patient since birth, when doctors determined she had Larsen’s Syndrome. It is a rare condition that affects the development of bones such as in the feet, knees and hips. Thanks to her treatment and care, along with her go-getter attitude, today Addie is up and running.

To fulfill her birthday wish, she spent her summer collecting donations at a busy intersection in her hometown of Rockwall. Addie’s generous spirit soon spread across the globe after a local news affiliate highlighted her wish in a feature story that went viral. As a result, Addie’s fundraising efforts were seen in both national and international publications, and donations poured in.

“Everyone involved in our community stepped up to help Addie reach her dream,” her father, Jeff Bryan, told their hometown paper, *Blue Ribbon News*. “To be here and see her accomplish what she wanted to do, I’m a proud father.”

Addie raised more than \$19,500. “I thought, ‘Wow, that is a lot of money,’” she told Channel 8, WFAA-TV’s Jason

Wheeler. But Addie’s fundraising was not yet complete. Her selfless birthday gesture inspired an anonymous \$50,000 donation in Addie’s name, bringing her total gift to nearly \$70,000.

Despite the attention she received, Addie remained focused on her original goal.

“I think all the kids are going to be happy,” Addie said when she presented her check to TSRHC. “And they can get out of the hospital faster.”



Patient Addie, age 8, of Rockwall, with her doctor, Karl E. Rathjen, M.D., assistant chief of staff and TSRHC Foundation president



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TSRHC IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE that the hospital's Center for Excellence in Sports Medicine has moved to a new, larger location where the center will be operating until the permanent North Campus facility opens in 2017.

The center is located in Plano at 7000 West Plano Parkway, Suite 110, in the Plano Pediatric and Medical Pavilion. (Please see map at right.)

The nationally recognized team of Philip L. Wilson, M.D., Henry B. Ellis, M.D., and Shane M. Miller, M.D., and specialized sports staff, will continue delivering world-class pediatric sports medicine care to young athletes throughout the region.

TSRHC hand surgeon Christine Ho, M.D., is serving North Texas patients with hand and upper limb differences at the center as well.

More services will be available at the new Plano location soon. Please watch for details and updates!

If you would like to schedule an appointment or receive more information, contact the center at its new number, 469-515-7100, or visit scottishritehospital.org/sports.



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