

Congratulations,
Scottish Rite for Children for 100 years of service and dedication
in meeting the needs of children with challenging health issues.

These congratulations are sent to:

The Founders of Scottish Rite for Children who in many respects were pioneers in providing not only medical and health-related services but also more importantly in offering hope to the children and their families;

The Board of Trustees who have been there to support the organization in many ways including, but certainly not limited to, financial stability and the means to expand services while doing so as volunteers with compassion and dedication;

The Physicians, Nurses, Rehabilitative Therapists and various specialists who steadfastly have used their knowledge and skills to diagnose, treat and improve the lives of children with significant health challenges;

The many individuals who with their day-in and day-out care have attended to the needs of the children and their families with consistency, dedication and caring concern;

The Donors who have continued throughout the years to find unique and creative ways to support the day-to-day operations of Scottish Rite for Children, patient care costs — both inpatient and outpatient — and the development and expansion of the institution's goals and services;

The Patients — Past, Present and Future — for their courage, endurance and faith as they have become a part of Scottish Rite for Children.

As a survivor and thriver of polio, the 100th Anniversary for Scottish Rite for Children is particularly meaningful to me. At the age of 11 years, I became an inpatient at Scottish Rite thanks to my grandmother being an employee of one of the organization's board members, Clifton Linz. Throughout the years, I came to understand what a wonderful opportunity had been made possible for me via Mr. Linz. My time at Scottish Rite initially was in 1950. This was followed by several years of outpatient visits and one readmission for orthopedic surgery in 1954. With each encounter at Scottish Rite, I felt that it was a safe, smart and caring place for me to be to deal with the challenges of living with the residuals of polio. This year is my 70th Anniversary of benefitting from Scottish Rite for Children's rehabilitation services.

My heartfelt thanks and gratitude to everyone who has made and continues to make Scottish Rite for Children an outstanding place for children with challenging health issues to be served.

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