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**On front cover:** Patient Madie, age 15, of Keller, accompanied by her dad, Jason

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Letter from  
the President



**ROBERT L. WALKER**  
President/CEO

**TEXAS SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN** is often described as a special place. It's also been called a place like no other, a second home, an extended family. This environment is created in part by staff who are dedicated to its mission. *The Dallas Morning News* recently recognized our hospital as one of the **"Top 100 Places to Work"**

in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

This recognition is based on the results of a staff survey, which covers topics from career development to work/life balance. Whether a staff member is preparing nutritious meals, maintaining our beautiful grounds or assisting families during registration, we are all valued members of the care team and contribute to a positive experience at Scottish Rite Hospital.

**The hospital has a child-focused culture of caring, excellence and hope.** Our staff fosters an environment that immediately brings comfort to families by assuring them they are in expert hands.

**We now share this culture of care and compassion with patients at our Frisco campus, which opened last October.** We recently heard from a patient's mother who explained that her shy daughter was extremely anxious about her first visit to our new facility. Our friendly staff immediately put the family at ease. The young girl had such a positive experience that after her appointment she told her mother, "We should come here more often."

In this issue's cover story, you will learn about a patient named Madie, who experienced our warm and caring environment for many years. As a baby, she was treated for bilateral clubfeet. Around the age of 10, during one of her follow-up visits, our physicians discovered she had a hip condition. When Madie learned that surgery would be needed, she was not concerned. She knew that she would be well cared for by our compassionate team, whom she had grown to love in a place that felt like home.

As Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children continues to grow, so does our team and the opportunity to treat more children. **We are constantly transforming as changes occur in the field of health care.** However, one thing remains constant – our staff's commitment to deliver the best experience possible to the patients and families we serve.

Staff members gather on the front lawn to celebrate Scottish Rite Hospital being named one of the "Top 100 Places to Work" by The Dallas Morning News.





SAVE THE DATE  
THURSDAY, JULY 25

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AN ART AUCTION

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FOR CHILDREN

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**SUMMER COLORS** was an idea born out of passion for both art and the patients of Scottish Rite Hospital. In 2009, Jenny and Loren Koziol together with Jill and Dupree Scovell founded this silent art auction to raise awareness about the hospital, while also exposing the Dallas community to up-and-coming local artists. The event has grown to include more than 35 artists. Each of these talented individuals donates their custom pieces, with all proceeds benefiting Scottish Rite Hospital. To date, Summer Colors has raised more than \$130,000 to support our mission of giving children back their childhood. ○



*Summer Colors founders and artists Jenny Koziol and Jill Scovell*





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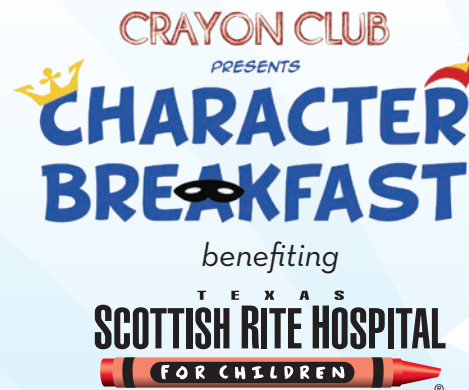
Families will enjoy a magical morning including breakfast and pictures with superheroes and princesses.

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## A Focus on Specialized Patient Care



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

**MANY OF THE CHILDREN WE TREAT** at Scottish Rite Hospital require a specialized, multidisciplinary approach to care because of the complex conditions we see. This level of expertise requires a constant commitment to research and education, which allows us to provide innovative treatment options to our patients.

Recently, the hospital hosted the Academic Network of Conservational Hip Outcomes Research study group – **an organization dedicated to improving the standard of care for adolescent patients diagnosed with various hip conditions.** This annual meeting provides an opportunity for members to review data and collaborate on groundbreaking projects.

Last November, our spine team traveled to Lisbon, Portugal, for the 12<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Early Onset Scoliosis (ICEOS) meeting. **Several members of the hospital's orthopedic team hold leadership positions within ICEOS.** During the gathering, Scottish Rite Hospital staff led numerous discussions and presentations, exploring the latest techniques in caring for patients with this pediatric spine condition.

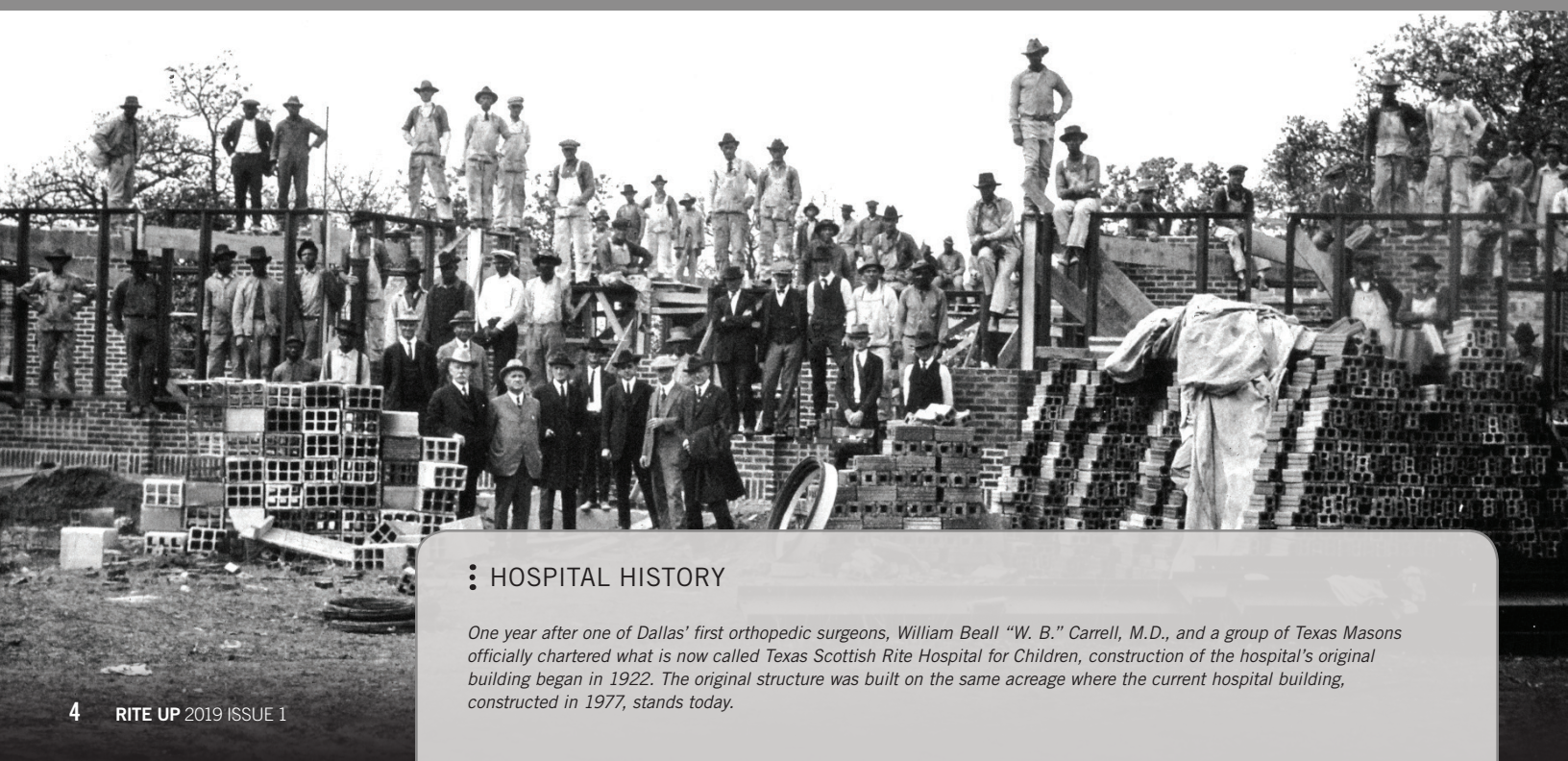
**With different backgrounds and specialty interests, the hospital's expertise reaches even into the military.** Scottish Rite Hospital pediatric orthopedic surgeon Anthony I. Riccio, M.D., is a member of the Society of Military Orthopaedic



*L to R: Scottish Rite Hospital staff Brandon A. Ramo, M.D.; Dong Tran; Charles E. Johnston, M.D.; Amy L. McIntosh, M.D.; former fellow John Vorhies, M.D.; pediatric pulmonologist Peter Schochet, M.D.; and former fellow Surya Mundluru, M.D.*

Surgeons (SOMOS). As a veteran of the U.S. Navy, SOMOS gives Riccio the opportunity to combine his military experience with his knowledge of pediatric orthopedics. This international group brings innovative approaches to the orthopedic care of U.S. military members. Many of their discoveries benefit our young patients as well.

**As leaders in pediatric orthopedics, we are passionate about providing exceptional care to every patient.** As our team continues to share research, the hospital's focus on specialized care will continue to advance innovative treatment techniques for children, locally and around the world.



### ⋮ HOSPITAL HISTORY

*One year after one of Dallas' first orthopedic surgeons, William Beall "W. B." Carrell, M.D., and a group of Texas Masons officially chartered what is now called Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, construction of the hospital's original building began in 1922. The original structure was built on the same acreage where the current hospital building, constructed in 1977, stands today.*

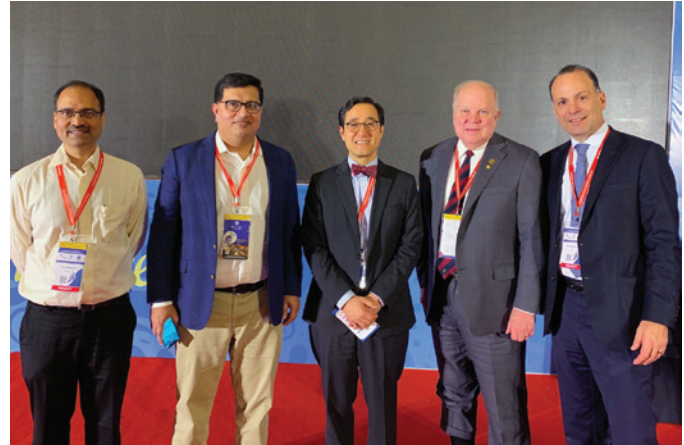


## Scottish Rite Hospital is Represented at International Conference in India

**IN JANUARY, HOSPITAL PHYSICIANS TRAVELED TO MUMBAI, INDIA,** for the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of India (POSI) conference. Established in 1994, POSI is an international society that brings together medical professionals from around the world to share the latest innovations within pediatric orthopedics.

Scottish Rite Hospital Chief of Staff Daniel J. Sucato, M.D., M.S., and Center for Excellence in Hip Director Harry Kim, M.D., M.S., led discussions alongside others from the U.K., Australia, Switzerland, New Zealand, Japan, Israel, South Korea and Singapore.

“We are leaders in pediatric orthopedics and are known for the innovative care we provide our patients,” says Kim. “This organization provides us the opportunity to connect with an international medical audience and bring better care to patients everywhere.” ○



*L to R: Hitesh Shah, MBBS, M.S.; Manoj Padman, MBBS, M.S.; Harry Kim, M.D., M.S.; George H. Thompson, M.D.; and Daniel J. Sucato, M.D., M.S.*

## Punaro Receives Distinguished Clinician Scholar Award

### THE RHEUMATOLOGY CLINIC AT SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL

is highly recognized as one of the nation’s premier pediatric rheumatic centers. During the annual meeting of the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) in Chicago, Ill., last fall, Scottish Rite Hospital’s Marilynn G. Punaro, M.D., medical director of Rheumatology, was presented with the 2018 Distinguished Clinician Scholar Award.

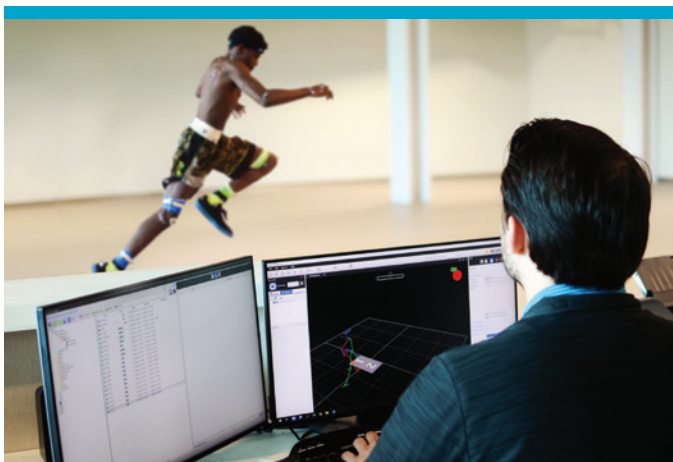


*Marilynn G. Punaro, M.D.*

“It is an honor to be recognized beside the top rheumatology experts in the world,” says Punaro. “This award is a reflection of our team’s dedication to innovation and providing leading-edge care to children with arthritis and rheumatic diseases.”

The hospital’s rheumatology research is recognized throughout the world. Scottish Rite Hospital staff were selected to present their latest research at the ACR conference, which drew nearly 16,000 attendees from more than 100 countries. ○

*The treatments developed by the hospital’s rheumatology team, led by Marilynn G. Punaro, M.D., directly benefit patients like Courtney, age 16, of McKinney.*



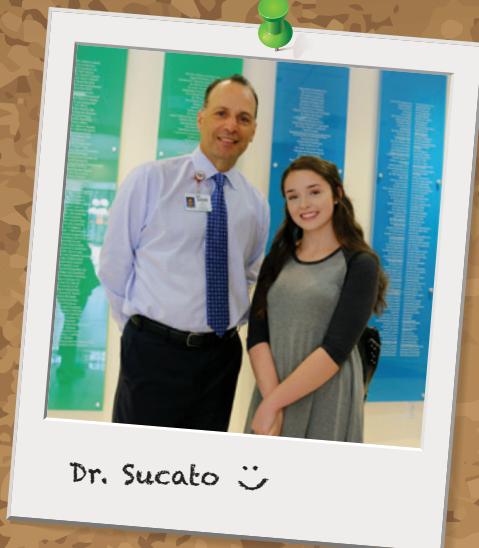
*A sports medicine researcher evaluates patient DeMarco, age 14, of Lake Dallas, in the Frisco facility’s Movement Science Lab.*

## Sports Medicine Team’s Research Gainers Attention at National Meeting

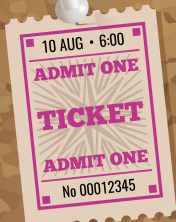
**AT SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL, OUR SPORTS MEDICINE TEAM** is dedicated to caring for young athletes both on and off the field. Recently, staff attended the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Pediatric Research in Sports Medicine Society (PRISM) meeting in Atlanta, Ga.

All 19 projects the hospital submitted for consideration were selected to be presented throughout the three-day meeting. As leaders in pediatric sports medicine, the hospital’s experts are committed to asking questions, conducting research and being involved with societies like PRISM to provide the best possible care to young athletes everywhere. ○





Dr. Sucato 😊





# A Shining Star

By Lexie Feikema

Scottish Rite Hospital experts have successfully treated patient and performer Madie for two orthopedic conditions, so she can shine on and off the stage.

**IT TAKES A LOT OF COURAGE TO BARE YOUR HEART ON STAGE**, which is something patient Madie, age 17, does regularly with an enthusiasm that makes people smile. She has spent the past three years performing Broadway-style musicals at a community theater near her hometown of Keller. However, she has been singing and dancing since she could walk – the latter being something her mom and dad thought she would never do.

Madie was born with bilateral clubfeet, a congenital foot abnormality that causes both feet to turn inward. Her parents were told she would never walk. Little did they know that one day, she would be dancing and turning cartwheels in more than 15 musical productions to date.

“You take for granted how far she’s come and how she’s gotten here,” Madie’s dad, Jason, says. “You’re proud of your kids no matter what. But to see her doing something she loves, when you didn’t think she could do *anything* like that — it’s what you live for.”

Madie’s pediatrician referred her family to Scottish Rite Hospital when she was only 3 weeks old. She received clubfoot treatment from a team of experts representing the hospital’s Center for

Excellence in Foot. Her parents met with pediatric orthopedic surgeon and hospital Chief of Staff Daniel J. Sucato, M.D., M.S., and agreed on a treatment plan involving a series of casts on their daughter’s feet.

After casting and hours of physical therapy at the hospital, the condition was corrected in Madie’s right foot. Her left foot required surgery but by age 2, she was fully recovered. The treatment of each foot was a success.

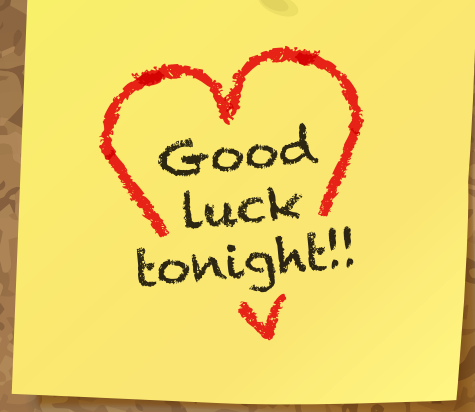
Madie’s parents remember how proud she was to wear her first pair of shoes and how thankful they were to the care team who helped her along the way. “You come to Scottish Rite for the first time and your child is so little. You don’t have a lot of perspective,” Madie’s mom, Jennifer, says. “But it doesn’t take long to figure out that this hospital is the place you want to be. These people are the best at what they do.”

Sucato and his team continued to follow Madie’s progress throughout her childhood. She experienced no complications from her clubfoot diagnosis. However, at the age of 10, she began experiencing hip pain.

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Madie returned to Scottish Rite Hospital where it was discovered she had a hip condition called femoroacetabular impingement. This occurs when the femur impinges against the socket as it flexes, which causes hip pain.

She learned surgery would be necessary to correct the issue but she wasn't worried. "The hospital is like a second home to me. I remember being excited to go there when I was little," Madie says. "All the people there have had a huge impact on my life."

Madie's hospital journey is an example of our team approach to care. For her clubfoot treatment, she was seen by Sucato and his team, radiologists and physical therapists. She then entered a new chapter of care with our Center for Excellence in Hip.

Pediatric orthopedic surgeon Henry B. Ellis, M.D., is a specialist in hip conditions as well as sports medicine. His areas of expertise were an excellent complement for treating an active patient like Madie. Ellis and Sucato worked side-by-side to perform Madie's successful hip surgery. A short while later, Madie was back to performing on stage.

"It's fairly rare that we see a child for two different orthopedic conditions," Sucato explains. "Here's a young girl who had two surgeries and while taking it all in stride, has gone on to develop a great talent."

Madie says she will never forget her second surgery date because two years later to the day, she was singing and dancing in a production of *Bye Bye Birdie*.

"Her parents were really good about always telling her, 'You can do anything,'" says John Wilkerson, director of Artisan Center Theater

in Hurst. "So she *does* try to do anything and she's usually pretty successful at it."

One of Madie's latest accomplishments includes being nominated for the 2018 Chita Rivera Dance Award – an honor given by a DFW-based nonprofit organization called The Column Awards.

"My favorite part of performing is taking the audience away from whatever might be going on in their lives and telling a story, so they can live in the character just as I do," Madie says.

She plans to go to college to study musical theater and use her knowledge to inspire other young artists someday. "I think my biggest dream for the future is to teach other teenagers what I've learned in my time of being a performer," Madie explains. "My directors, dance teachers and voice instructors are some of the most valuable people in my life. I would love to be that person for somebody else."

In addition to being a patient, Madie is also a hospital supporter. For the past five years, she has conducted an annual teddy bear drive for the hospital during the holidays. She also sings her favorite holiday songs for patients during her bear donation visit, while her dad accompanies her on the guitar (as pictured on the front cover).

"Scottish Rite Hospital helped Madie get back on her feet, but she has done all the hard work to become who she is today," Sucato says.

Madie is grateful for the care she has received throughout her healing journey, despite the obstacles along the way. "Dancing has always been a huge dream of mine and I never thought it would become a reality," Madie says. "I'm very thankful and I wouldn't do it any other way." ○





ROTARY CLUB  
OF DALLAS **BIKE  
RODEO**  
AND CHILD SAFETY DAY

**Saturday, April 27**  
**10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

at Texas Scottish Rite  
Hospital for Children  
in Dallas (Rain or Shine)

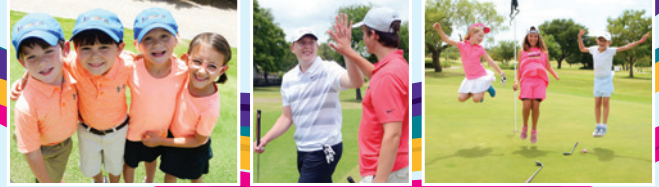
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- Helicopter landing  
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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17**

**6:30 P.M.**

**ON THE GROUNDS OF TEXAS SCOTTISH RITE  
HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN • DALLAS**

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**HONORARY CHAIRMEN:**

**Katherine and Ian Fitzsimmons**

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Cowboys players Tyrone Crawford, Sean Lee and Joe Looney, along with team cheerleader Amy, share a moment with patient Raybert, age 7, of Balch Springs.



## Dallas Cowboys Visit

**THE HOSPITAL SPARKLED IN SILVER, BLUE AND WHITE** on December 3, when the Dallas Cowboys visited our patients. Running back Ezekiel Elliott joined a number of teammates and cheerleaders in signing autographs and memorabilia for admiring fans. This highly anticipated visit has been a hospital tradition for the past 20 years. Go Cowboys!



Cowboys player Ezekiel Elliott meets fan Pierce, age 4, of Garland.



L to R: Patient Tacovien, age 12, of Tyler; Clemson Tigers quarterback Trevor Lawrence and patient Killian, age 14, of Broken Arrow, Okla.



## Cotton Bowl Visit

**ON DECEMBER 27, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM** took a timeout from the field to visit with our patients. The team's coaches and players made this 83<sup>rd</sup> annual Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic event something to remember. Congratulations to the Clemson Tigers for not only winning the Cotton Bowl but going on to win the 2019 College Football Playoff National Championship! Go Tigers!



Scottish Rite Hospital President/CEO Robert L. Walker (at left) looks on as the Clemson Tigers Head Coach, Dabo Swinney, presents a custom team jersey to patient and honorary team captain, Layton.





## Park Place Wagon Donation

**THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS AT PARK PLACE LEXUS PLANO** for commemorating the opening of our new facility in Frisco last fall with a generous wagon donation. We look forward to seeing our patients at Scottish Rite for Children Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Center enjoy these iconic red wagons for years to come!

*L to R: Park Place representatives Sandy Baker, Katie Stutts, Anish Rajput and Plano Lexus General Manager Chris Brunner (far right) present their donation to Jeremy Howell, Scottish Rite Hospital's vice president of north campus.*

As active SocialMedia.org members and representatives of Scottish Rite Hospital's Communications team, Lexie Feikema and Maggie Dingwell (pictured below) led a discussion at the meeting and shared insights with other industry leaders.



Social  
Media  
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Health



## Scottish Rite for Children Hosts 26 Hospitals for SocialMedia.org Health Meeting

**IN JANUARY, THE HOSPITAL'S COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT** participated in a SocialMedia.org Health meeting, hosted at our Frisco campus. The conference highlighted the latest trends and practices in the field and drew 38 social media leaders from 26 major hospitals across the country, including Mayo Clinic, Cedars-Sinai and Boston Medical Center.

## Dallas Mavericks Visit

**ON FEBRUARY 5, DALLAS MAVERICKS PLAYERS** lit up the day and the sports court at Scottish Rite Hospital. Our inpatients enjoyed interacting with the players, as both groups showed off their best moves in basketball and other games. It was a victory for everyone on the court!

*Mavs players Maxi Kleber and Dwight Powell shoot some hoops with patient Samantha, age 13, of Texas City.*





MEET

# Jeff W. Smith

Member of the Scottish Rite Hospital Board of Trustees Since 2013

**TRUSTEE JEFF W. SMITH** has led a mission-driven life — literally. For nearly 30 years, he has been an executive with a nonprofit foundation that manages the endowment resources and gift development for other nonprofit organizations, such as educational and human services institutions as well as churches. In essence, *his* mission is to help these organizations fulfill their own. He also advises the charitably minded individuals who support these entities. He considers his clients family and from them, he has learned that life is better when we look beyond the self. It is a lesson he takes to heart, humbly dedicating himself to the mission and the patients of Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.

## GOOD AS GOLD — AND GREEN

Smith is a lifelong Baptist. After earning a Bachelor of Arts degree at Baylor University, he participated in a two-year university development program. “We traveled and thanked donors for their support,” he explains. Inspired by attorneys he met during the experience, he returned to Baylor and earned a law degree. “I’m Baylor all the way,” he says.

## UNPLANNED GIVING

Smith was introduced to the hospital when his young nephew received care for a foot condition. “My first impression was that the hospital was a special place,” he recalls. “It comes from the staff and the culture of service.” He was immediately inspired to give back to the hospital.

## MASONIC MENTOR

A dear friend, legal colleague and fellow church member of Smith’s was a hospital board member, the late Vester T. Hughes, Jr. “I told Vester I wanted to get involved in the hospital and he asked me, ‘How involved do you want to be?’ ” Then Smith followed Hughes’ example and became a Mason, which has been an enriching experience that also prepared him to serve on the hospital’s board.

## TIME AND TALENT

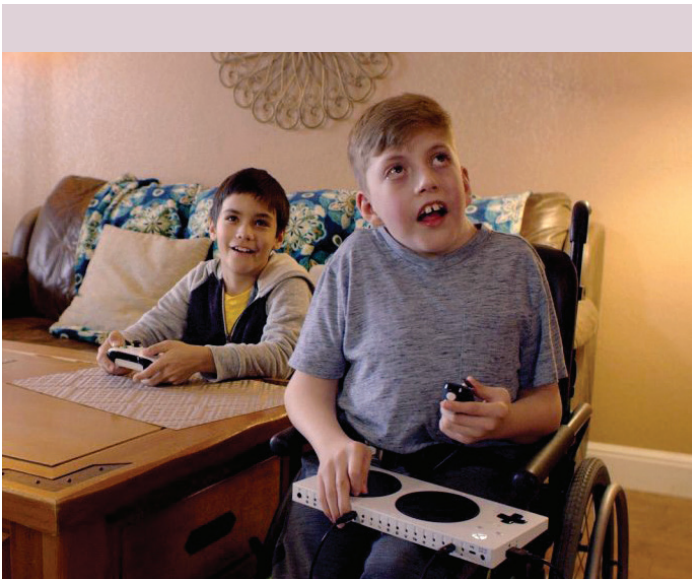
This talented artist creates watercolor paintings and handmade cards in his spare time. Smith also uses his legal and financial expertise to help create bright futures for hospital patients. “To be able to use my time, talents and experience to serve the hospital for all that it does for children is a blessing,” Smith says.

## TO WHOM MUCH IS GIVEN

Smith credits his parents for instilling in him the importance of giving to others. “I have been fortunate to witness giving firsthand, in my job and at the hospital,” Smith says. “When the hospital helps one child, it’s like a stone tossed into a pond — the ripples expand and touch so many lives.” ○







Owen, of Kyle, (at right) and his best friend and fellow video-game fan, Gunnar, star together in two Microsoft television commercials.

## Patient's Attitude is a Win for Everybody

**IN MANY WAYS, OWEN IS A TYPICAL 9-YEAR-OLD.** He enjoys time with his best friend and he loves playing video games. Loves it. He also has more than 15,000 YouTube followers, a starring television commercial role and has undergone 33 surgeries related to a rare, congenital genetic disorder. However, even for those of us who aren't TV stars, Owen believes we're all more alike than we are different.

Owen was born with Escobar Syndrome, which is accompanied by arthrogyriposis (tight joints, tendons and muscles), pterygium (excess skin webbing on joints) and

kyphoscoliosis (a spine that curves side to side and front to back). He was referred to Scottish Rite Hospital when he was just a few weeks old.

"He was born an adorable, tight little baby," his mother, Erica, says. "Many times, parents are nervous but Scottish Rite Hospital makes each visit a positive experience."

Through the years, his treatment has involved a lot of time at the hospital and a lot of waiting – waiting to grow, waiting to heal and waiting for physical strength to return for the next spinal surgery.

"I've watched Owen grow from a baby to a delightful, intelligent and humorous boy," says Owen's orthopedist and Assistant Chief of Staff, Lori A. Karol, M.D. "He is known here by his first name alone, like everyone knows Dirk Nowitzki as 'Dirk.' Owen is that way for me."

He is now on a first-name basis with a lot of people, since starring in Microsoft commercials with his best friend, Gunnar. The spots feature an adaptive video-game controller, under the theme, "When everybody plays, we all win."

"Everything that I've been through has taught me that nobody is truly different," Owen says. "Even if they look different on the outside, on the inside they are the exact same as you." ○



Owen, at age 7, with his Scottish Rite Hospital orthopedist Lori A. Karol, M.D.



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In addition to providing leading-edge sports medicine care, the facility offers a fracture clinic with walk-in hours, orthopedic outpatient clinics as well as rheumatology and radiology services.

It also has sports, occupational and physical therapy available and much more.

The center is located on the northeast corner of Lebanon Road and the Dallas North Tollway at 5700 Dallas Parkway in Frisco. The facility is open Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. For fracture clinic hours or more information, visit [scottishritehospital.org/frisco](http://scottishritehospital.org/frisco).



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