

Hospital leadership, national and local patient ambassadors alongside the California Grand Lodge, Imperial Board and the Chairman of the Board performed a traditional cornerstone ceremony. A Masonic cornerstone ritual is probably the only Masonic ritual that the public will ever see conducted. The dedication ceremony is the symbolic laying of the cornerstone that which supports the entire structure.

“It’s a culmination of a ten year effort for us to build a new facility and we bring a \$100 million dollar project to this community with the desire to help kids in need and to see that no child goes untreated,” said Chairman of the Board David Doan. “It is a fantastic feeling to have finally accomplished that and know that in this hospital thousands of children will have their lives changed for the good by the work of our doctors.”

Members of the Board presented a time capsule that contained several newspapers from the original dedication ceremony of the Los Angeles Shriners Hospital back in 1952. Along with these items from 1952 we now place new items in our time capsule including photos, memorabilia and patient stories from our Los Angeles Patient Ambassadors and National Patient Ambassadors.



Rachel Roitman, Los Angeles patient ambassador, articulated how she never once felt afraid or discouraged thanks to the care she received from her surgeons and staff. “Over the past sixteen years of my life, I’ve spent countless days at Shriners Hospital receiving IV treatments, having physical therapy, clinic appointments and surgeries with hospital stays. I’ve only recently realized how fortunate I am to have such a positive experience as a person with a chronic disability. I’m amazed when I hear stories of kids being frightened or depressed when they’re in the hospital, as that was the farthest thing from my reality when I was at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Los



Angeles.” Rachel, Brock, Marius and Karolina, patient ambassadors, placed their stories in the time capsule in hopes that when it is open everyone who reads it is made aware of what great philanthropy Shriners Hospitals for Children really is.

Our Administrator closed out the ceremony by saying, “We all know children are precious and the truth is the entire medical center-this entire effort-is because of the children. The truth is that without children, our fundamental component of our mission for Shriners Hospitals for Children could not happen without children.”

About Shriners Hospitals for Children – Los Angeles Shriners Hospitals for Children® —Los Angeles is a specialty hospital for orthopaedic conditions, prosthetics and orthotics, hand disorders, burn scars, cleft lip and palate. We provide world-class care to children under 18 regardless of the families' ability to pay.

Katie Ladlie named to U.S. Women's Sled Hockey team

In October former national patient ambassador Katie Ladlie was named to the U.S. Women’s Sled Hockey team. This past weekend we were able to see Katie on the ice with the team as they took on the Florida Bandits in Brandon, Fl.

While the Florida Bandits commanded a lead throughout most of the game, the U.S. Women’s Team came charging back in the last period, ending the game in a 2-2 tie.

Sled hockey (also known as sledge hockey) is a Paralympic sport that follows most of the typical ice hockey rules, although different equipment is used. Players sit in specially-designed sleds with two blades, and use two sticks with metal picks on the end to