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**April 21**  
**thru**  
**April 25, 2010**  
 During School Vacation Week

# “Canning” Beyond the North Shore



By MARK STOUGHT

ON November 21, 2009, Nobles **Leon Golden, Danny Nager, and Lester M. Oshry** went to Roche Bros. in Westwood to do some canning to raise money for the Aleppo Shriners Children’s Transportation Fund. Of course, none of that would have been possible without Leon’s hard work and the willingness of the store manager, **Rich Broderick**, to allow us to come in. Then again, Leon had a sold customer when he walked in the door (although he didn’t know it): Rich was well aware of the Shriners Hospitals for Children and the work they do, because his son was treated at Shriners in Boston a few years ago.

On Christmas in 2007, at the age of two, Rich’s son **Kevin** was burned, and thanks to some quick thinking on Rich’s part, things didn’t get any worse. After going to Norwood Hospital, they were transferred to Shriners in Boston. As Rich tells it, “**Karen** and I were freaking out, I’m sitting there feeling like the worst parent in the world and worried about my son, and the doctor came in. I asked who I needed to give my insurance card to because I didn’t know that the hospital was free, and he said ‘It’s on me’. That little bit of humor really helped. The doctors were fantastic, and after completing treatment in the summer of 2008, Kevin doesn’t have a mark on him. To look at him, no one would know anything happened.”

As a store manager, Rich also has to look out for his customers. “We want our customers to have a positive shopping experience, so we need to balance that with our civic obligations to the community. So, we don’t let every group that

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# 26 New Nobles at the November Ceremonial

Aleppo Shriners has three Ceremonials each year. One in January where the Officers are installed, June where a fantastic steak dinner is on the menu, and in the fall (either October or November). At these Ceremonials the new candidates are initiated and become Nobles, checks are presented to the Potentate, Units show off their abilities, there are also special presentations.

This past Ceremonial on November 14, 2009, was no different with 26 new Nobles being initiated, a deli-

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## Where Your 2009 Children’s Transportation Dollars Went!

THE purpose of the Aleppo Shriners Children’s Transportation Fund is to allow Aleppo to accept fully tax-deductible donations on behalf of our Shrine Hospitals. Though this money belongs totally to the Hospitals, Aleppo is allowed to direct where the money is spent.



These funds are mainly used to transport patients to our three local Hospitals; Boston and Springfield MA, and Erie, PA. We anticipate the raising and spending of about three hundred thousand dollars this year. This year we covered approximately 25 flights: eleven flights from Mexico, six from Honduras, two from Puerto Rico, two from Washington D.C., and a few around Thanksgiving time of which we are waiting for confirmation. The Boston Hospital was able to keep some of these costs down by flying multiple patients at the same time.

Boston still receives the largest share of our contributions. This is attributed to the high costs of acute air flights, (\$30,000 to \$50,000 per flight), acute care in general and the extended lengths of stay. Springfield receives the second highest amount as they are able to schedule their flights and therefore they are less costly. Springfield has also been able to continuously shorten the length of stay of their patients resulting in lower housing costs.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to the future needs of our twenty-two Shrine Hospitals as they slowly change to a sleeker and more efficient System.

Fraternally,

**Peter K. Stone** and the Committee



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