Aladdin Shriners

Hospital Association

for Children

Date: November 10, 2026

To: Divan, ASHAC Trustees, Club Presidents & Secretaries, Unit Directors & Secretaries

From: Chad Dennewitz, Secretary/Administrator

Re: Annual Distribution of ASHAC Funds

The Aladdin Shriners Hospital Association for Children, Inc. (ASHAC) provides financial assistance to help children under the age of eighteen receive needed orthopedic and burn care. Our goal is to help ease the financial burden on families and improve the health, mobility, and quality of life of the children we serve.

Each year, Aladdin Shrine Units and Clubs are given the opportunity to recommend local organizations and programs that serve children where additional support may be beneficial. Through these community grants, ASHAC extends its mission beyond individual patient assistance and helps make a difference in the communities we serve. Examples of qualifying organizations include public and private schools, specialized schools serving children with disabilities or medical needs, rehabilitation centers, and fire departments.

ASHAC funds may be used to cover certain medical treatment expenses and purchase specialized medical equipment that benefits children under the age of eighteen with orthopedic conditions or burn injuries. Funds may not be used for home construction or renovations, routine care, or donations to other charitable organizations.

If you know of an organization that could benefit from ASHAC funding, please have them complete the appropriate request form. A separate form is provided for thermal imaging camera requests, while the general request form should be used for all other items. Encourage organizations to be as specific as possible when describing their needs and explaining how they will use the requested funds. Supporting documentation must also clearly identify the total dollar amount being requested.

Thermal imaging cameras are limited in availability. Departments that have received a thermal imaging camera within the past two years are not eligible to submit another camera request. However, these departments may still apply for other eligible items.

Organizations receiving funding must submit a detailed report explaining how the funds were used. The sponsoring Noble is responsible for meeting with organization representatives to ensure they understand this requirement and all other program guidelines. **Requests with incomplete sponsoring Noble information will not be accepted.**

To allow our Nobles additional time to connect with local organizations and explain the ASHAC grant program, application forms are being made available early. **However, applications will only be accepted between February 15 and March 31, 2027, in accordance with ASHAC policy.** Requests received outside this timeframe will not be considered. Following review by the ASHAC Board and approval by Shriners International, you will be notified of the action taken on your request.

Questions may be directed to the ASHAC office at 614-269-0240 or email ashac@aladdinshrine.org.