

TWELVE DAYS OF GIVING



Through the support of generous friends and donors, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children has provided exceptional care without charge to Texas children for more than 85 years.

This holiday season, you can make the hospital a part of your family's traditions by helping us continue to make a difference in the lives of thousands of children each year. The list below features 12 of the hospital's important needs and ideas on how you can help. Please view our Web site for information on [Ways to Give](#).

1. Serving up Smiles

The friendly and talented staff of the Dietary department at TSRHC work hard daily to provide flavorful, healthy food for patients and their families. To enhance Dietary's efficiency and better serve our patient families, the hospital has begun a \$12 million [expansion and redesign](#) of the 30-year-old Dietary department. **Your contribution will help to underwrite commercial-grade kitchen appliances, such as ovens, in our new kitchen.**

2. Fulfilling Dreams

By putting children first, TSRHC is helping children fulfill their dreams. This is the driving force behind everything we do, and the holiday season is no exception. **A gift of [new toys, games or books](#), for children and especially for teenagers, provides patients with fun-filled activities and the opportunity to "just be kids" during visits to TSRHC.**

3. Modern Day Heroes

Physicians perform heroic accomplishments each year for thousands of patients with [hip disorders](#). No matter the treatment option, TSRHC's goal

is always to improve movement, reduce pain and prevent complications later in life. **A contribution to patient care will help provide treatment for more than 600 infants treated at the hospital each year for congenital dislocated hip.**

4. A Special Contribution

TSRHC has more than 750 dedicated volunteers who offer a special human connection that contributes a great deal to our patients' experience at the hospital – whether they are working in the gift shop, popping our famous popcorn, sewing specialty hospital gowns or just offering a comforting smile. **Learn more about our [volunteer opportunities](#).**

5. High-five for Safety

TSRHC is excited to announce that the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 1045 designating April as Child Safety Month in Texas. With our friends at the Texas Office for Prevention of Developmental Disabilities and the Rotary Club of Dallas, TSRHC will continue to do its part in increasing awareness and educating parents about the importance of [child safety](#). **Your gift will buy a new bike helmet for a child so he or she can ride safely.**

6. Reaching New Heights

For more than a decade, researchers at the hospital's Center for Excellence in Limb Lengthening and Reconstruction have been studying [limb length discrepancies](#) and improved treatment methods, including the Ilizarov method, to help patients reach new heights and lead active lives with endless possibilities. **Gifts designated to the Center for Excellence in Limb Lengthening and Reconstruction will assist our researchers in improving innovative ways to treat children with limb length discrepancies.**

7. The Perfect Fit

TSRHC's [Prosthetics department](#) knows that the custom-fabricated prostheses they create for each patient require the perfect fit. Staff prosthetists take time to listen carefully to the needs of each patient so that their prostheses help them remain active and empower them to fulfill their dreams. **Your contribution can help provide a prosthetic limb for a young child.**

8. Healthy, Happy Kids

The hospital's Charles E. Seay, Jr. Hand Center is dedicated to improving the lives of thousands of children with congenital and acquired [hand differences](#) through advanced medical treatment. The hand center provides unique, specialized care to help each child obtain the best function and to help make kids healthy and happy. **Your contribution can**

help underwrite a child's hand therapy following surgery, increasing self-esteem and improving functionality in our patients.

9. The Sky is the Limit

Patients of the hospital's [Luke Waites Center for Dyslexia and Learning Disorders](#) will have the tools they need to soar above learning challenges. The hospital's center is dedicated to building brighter futures for children through evaluation, treatment and education, as well as outreach, educator and physician training and research. **Your contribution can underwrite *Take Flight: A Comprehensive Intervention for Students with Dyslexia* teacher and student books for one of the hospital's dyslexia classrooms for one year.**

10. Staying Ahead of the Curve

Researchers at TSRHC recently identified the first gene linked to [scoliosis](#), a "C-" or "S-shaped" curvature of the spine. This finding is the first critical step toward discovering ways to prevent scoliosis and developing improved treatment. **Your contribution can underwrite the annual cost of maintaining the scoliosis database and help support the Sarah M. and Charles E. Seay/ Martha and Pat Beard Center for Excellence in Spine Research.**

11. A Step in the Right Direction

TSRHC is one of the few hospitals in the nation that offers two nonoperative treatment methods for [clubfoot](#), and the hospital recently established the Center for Excellence in Clubfoot Research to stay at the forefront of clubfoot treatment. **A contribution to the Center for Excellence in Clubfoot Research will support ongoing studies to evaluate the most effective treatments for some of our youngest patients.**

12. Giving Thanks

TSRHC is very thankful for the generosity of the many friends who support the hospital, enabling us to serve thousands of patients each year at no charge to their families. **Make any season special by honoring your friends, family and coworkers by giving a gift in their name to the children of TSRHC. TSRHC will send a card and gift acknowledgement to your honoree.**