



## ALEPPO SHRINERS



## CHILDREN'S TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR SHRINERS HOSPITALS PULL-TAB COLLECTION PROGRAM

### **WHAT IS THE PULL-TAB PROGRAM?**

The pull-tab program at Aleppo Shriners in Wilmington, Massachusetts was founded several years ago and as a way for the public to help raise funds for the humanitarian and life-saving services provided by Shriners Hospitals for Children. In Eastern Massachusetts, tabs are collected by many different organizations and collected at the Shrine Center in Wilmington, Massachusetts. The tabs are redeemed at a recycling center and the proceeds benefit the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund. Donations range from small baggies and jars to 40 lb. bags

### **WHAT IS THE CHILDREN'S TRANSPORTATION FUND?**

Funds generated in the pull-tab program are used to transport children and their parent or guardian, free of charge to a Shriners Hospital for Children. Volunteers from local shrine organizations use specialized vans, small buses and automobiles and give freely of countless hours of their time providing transportation to and from doctor's visits. One very important mode of transportation this fund pays for are the life-saving med-flights transporting children from all over the world to a Shriners Hospital when their life is in the balance. These specialized med-flights cost tens of thousands of dollars, but when a child's life hangs in the balance, money is no

object. Parents of injured children admitted to a Shriners Hospital for Children do not see a single bill for transportation provided through this fund.

## **HOW CAN I HELP?**

You can help by saving aluminum can pull-tabs and bringing them to the Shrine Center in Wilmington. Better yet, bring your returnable cans and bottles and they will also be redeemed with the proceeds going to the Transportation Fund. You can also encourage community awareness of the tab program by getting groups such as schools, church groups, boy and girl scouts, family members and businesses in your area to participate.

### **FACT:**

It takes more than 1,600 tabs to equal one (1) pound.

### **FACT:**

The Aleppo Shrine Center has processed over 10 TONS of pull-tabs collected from throughout Eastern Massachusetts.

### **FACT:**

Each year, the Aleppo Shriners of Wilmington, MA, spend over \$300,000 supplying transportation, housing and food for children and their families.



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