

NFL Draftees Visit SHC - Chicago on Their Way to the Evening Draft



Fifteen of the finest college athletes visited SHC - Chicago on April 28, 2016, to meet and share their lives with patients for a while before the footballers joined other athletes for the NFL draft at Roosevelt University, that evening. Our resident sports announcer, patient Alec Cabacugan, had a chance to interview Jared Goff, UC - Berkeley, quarterback and # 1 draft choice (by LA Rams) this year



(left). Josh Docston, TCU, wide receiver (right), gives a high-five to patient Josh--“Josh-to-Josh,” you could say! And Taylor Decker, OSU, offensive tackle, has a conversation with patient Drew (lower left). You could measure the success of the event by the smiles on the faces of players, patients, and parents.



This annual event is a natural for SHC, which have sponsored the East-West Shrine Game for 91 years. More than 100 players from the 2015 East-West game were invited to NFL training camps, and more than 70 made NFL rosters. In any given season, there are about 265 East-West alumni on NFL rosters. More than 70 alumni, including Gale Sayers, Tom Brady, John Elway, Brett Favre, and Walter Payton, are in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, having showcased their talents on the East-West gridiron before

launching their professional careers.



Noble Tom Reeves, Shriner's Director of Game Operations for the E/W Shrine Game, attended this year's event. SHC - Chicago's association with the NFL brand emphasizes the league's desire for all children "to get out and move"--a program called Play60, which stresses inclusiveness for children of all abilities to be involved in sports programs.

Our thanks to Sara Klaas, Director of Business Development, and her staff and to Darlene Kelly, Director of Recreation Therapy and Child Life, and her staff, who handled the complex scheduling arrangements for the event. And, of course, we are grateful to the patients and their parents, who provided the essential success of the day. And, of course, our deepest thanks to the NFL for honoring us as host for this signal event in our annual program.

Have YOU Considered Making a Will That Includes SHC - Chicago?

The need for a will has little to do with the size of one's estate. It has to do, rather, with each person's unique goals for his/her life and a vision of posterity. For example, you need a will if you are responsible for the care of others; you want to leave a bequest to a special friend, distant relative, or a favorite charity. Or, simply, you do not wish to leave the planning of your final affairs to the court system. In 2015, SHC - Chicago was beneficiary of \$6,259,614 from 42 estate gifts made by thoughtful people in past years to insure their legacy would have a rich fulfillment through this great pediatric hospital. I invite you to consider a gift through your estate plans to your favorite SHC. Consult your attorney, call our office at 773/385-5840, or call our Tampa office at 813/367-2241. A will lasts more than a lifetime!

