

## Green Bay Packers Celebrate 'Shrine Night' at Opening Home Game

For the 66<sup>th</sup> year, the Green Bay Packers have presented an annual major gift to Shriners Hospitals for Children - Chicago. This year's gift was given at Midwest Shrine Night at Lambeau Field, Green Bay, WI.

In the photo right, members of Tripoli and Beja Shrines received the gift of \$38,500, bringing the Green Bay Packers' total giving to our hospital over the years to \$3,896,000. Shriners are, from left. Tripoli Nobles Peter Kyriazes; Keith Sargeant; Larry Wegner; and Doug Winter, Potentate; Mark Murphy, Chairman and CEO, Green Bay Packers; Gary Bergenske, Imperial Chief Rabban and Vice Chairman of the SHC Board of Trustees; Beja Nobles Gene Reece, Potentate; Greg Habeck; and Clinton Compton; and Imperial Chairman of Public Relations, Gary Fehl. In the photo below, former SHC - Chicago patient Janine Brass sings the National Anthem, as Nobles salute.



Midwest Shrine Night, scheduled during the Packers' first pre-season home opener, is a celebration of the historic association between the Green Bay Packer franchise and SHC - Chicago, which began in 1950, as an annual Shrine game between the Chicago Bears and Packers, sponsored by Tripoli and Medinah Temples in Milwaukee. The Packers have maintained their association with our hospital annually since that first game and are nearing the \$4-million mark in giving to our hospital. A franchise owned by the citizens of the Green Bay community, the Packer organization stands as one of the great charitable enterprises of the National Football League, and we are delighted to be partners with so noble an establishment.

We extend our appreciation to Medinah and Tripoli Temples for launching this long-running event, so important to our hospital. And we thank Tripoli and Beja Temples, who maintain strong links with the Packers, nurtured annually through this Shrine game. But, most of all, we salute Mark Murphy and the Green Bay Packers for their generous philanthropic vision, which touches the lives of thousands of children, from Wisconsin, across the Midwest, and throughout the country, who benefit from their generosity through care at our hospital.

The celebration included a tailgate party, beginning at 4PM, hosted by Beja Shrine. A wide-screen TV at the party permitted all to watch what was going on at Lambeau Field. Nobles released dozens of balloons (right) following the National Anthem. "It was a wonderful evening," Beja photographer George Tincher reported. We're happy to report that the Packers defeated the Cleveland Browns in the home opener, 17-11.

