

Allegan-Ottawa Shrine Club Bring a Variety of Gifts for Kids . . .

Nobles Doug Murr and Roger Dora came calling from the Allegan-Ottawa County, MI, Shrine Club--and they brought a bundle of goodies. They brought patient Kristen Pitcher and her mom Tara, who have been collecting pop tabs for months--in person, by email, and every which-way. In the photo right, Kristen sits among some of the tabs from the five large containers brought to us on this trip.



The ladies from the Village of Appledon, Holland, MI, Alice McGeehan, Dorothy Kruthoff, and Arlene Post, continue to create their hand-made, beautifully-colored afghans for our children, and the drivers brought a dozen of these lovely creations. They presented them to Darlene Kelly, Director of Recreation Therapy and Child Life in photo, left. The ladies sent a gift of \$250, as well. So it was a good trip for all, and we are grateful to our friends in Michigan for their hard work, thoughtfulness, and generosity. Keep up the great work, for the kids and for our hospital!

Village of River Grove Fraternal Order of Police Provide Bikes, Tears

The Village of River Grove Fraternal Order of Police held a 5K run, with the proceeds providing two Special Bikes for Special Kids here at SHC - Chicago. Darlene Kelly reports that she attended the presentation at police headquarters--and encountered an emotional event. "I went today," she says, "and two patients attended to receive their bikes. I handed the microphone to one patient, who wanted to say 'Thank you!' She couldn't speak because she was crying. Her mom took the mike and became teary as well." When Darlene got the mike back, tearful Darlene had trouble because--guess what? She was crying too! It was a joyous occasion, as you can see, beautifully expressed in tears of happiness!



Soo Line Old 1003 Steam Locomotive Will Visit SHC - Chicago



Soo Line 1003 (photo, right) will be making a special appearance at the Galewood Metra station (2031 N. Narragansett Avenue) to benefit the SHC - Chicago. The Soo Line 1003 is one of only a few steam locomotives still operating in the United States. The locomotive and two cabooses will be on display to allow people the opportunity to tour and learn about the equipment. Please note, the train is **NOT ADA compliant**. Soo Line 1003 was built in 1913 at the cost of \$25,654, and pulled freight trains until retired in 1959. It is owned, maintained, and operated by the Steam Locomotive Heritage Association, Hartford, WI, who sponsor the visit here.

The event will take place, rain or shine, on **August 12th from 2:15 pm to 4:30 pm**. Parking will be available in the Metra parking lot located on the Southeast side of Narragansett. Additional public parking is located on the Northwest side of the Metra station on McLean Avenue. Mark August 12, 2017 on your calendar and plan to visit this grand steam locomotive of yesteryear!