

## Board of Governors Member, *Medinah* Noble Runs UltraMarathon



Mark Berillo, a *Medinah* Shriner and member of the SHC – Chicago Board of Governors, ran the UltraMarathon on October 22, 2011, and raised \$7,200 for our hospital. In case you do not know the term, *UltraMarathon* means **50 miles!** Some of us find driving 50 miles a chore. Noble Mark actually *ran* 50 miles. That's a remarkable feat! A serious distance runner since 1995, Mark has run in 15 marathons, including 12 Chicago marathons since beginning. His preparation includes training with a running club over 30 to 50 miles a week. The UltraMarathon course? Des Plaines River Trail through Half Day Forest Preserve. His competitors? 55 gallant

runners. His time? 9 hours and 30 minutes. His cause? Kids! "How do you run without stopping longer than most people work in a day? Over a distance twice that Pheidippides ran the original race, from Marathon to Athens in 490 BC, to report that the Greek army had defeated the Persians—he actually ran 24.85 miles. How do you do that?" I asked our Brother. "I think of the children and their parents at our hospital," he replied. "They are my inspiration—and believe me, you can't do that *without* inspiration! And I think of our doctors, nurses, and staff, who are so compassionate in their care of the children. It's so great to be a part of the Shrine mission, as a Shriner and a member of the Board!" We thank Mark for his magnificent gift of time—in training and competing—and for his generous gift through his fundraising efforts on behalf of our kids and our hospital. You see Mark's great effort in the photos above.



## Logansport Shrine Club Brings Christmas Spirit to SHC – Chicago



Those irrepressible Nobles from Logansport, IN, Shrine Club came, for the seventh year, to bring 16 poinsettia plants to the staff of SHC – Chicago, reminders to all of the Holiday Season. The flowers were provided through the generosity of Ben Rozzi, owner of Warner's Greenhouse, Logansport, a true friend of children and our hospital. Representing both *Mizpah* and *Murat* Shrine Temples, Nobles Don Williams, Bill Rynerson, and Allen Adkins pose in the photo, left, with the gifts from their fellow Nobles in Logansport. Thank you, Gentlemen, for your kindness, and you, Ben, for your generosity. All are much appreciated—and our hospital is brighter for the gifts.

## To Help a Brother, to Help Others, to Help Our Hospital

Seth Green wanted to show his appreciation for the care his six-year-old brother Justin has received at SHC – Chicago over the past four years. So he decided to invite his classmates at Tagos Leadership Academy, Janesville, WI, to participate in a fundraiser. We're pleased to report that his event is completed, and last week Seth invited our DR Director-Zor, Will Reck, to join him at the academy to receive the check. In the photo, right, Seth presents his check to Will. We are grateful for the kind and thoughtful gift—for Justin and others!

