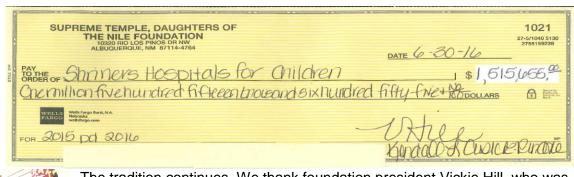
## <u>Shrinelines</u>

A weekly update for friends of Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Chicago

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## Daughters of the Nile Continue Their Strong Support of Our Hospitals

You don't often see a million-dollar check, but here it is--the 2016 gift of the magnificent Ladies of Daughters of the Nile, who have given SHC more than \$55 million since 1924.





The tradition continues. We thank foundation president Vickie Hill, who was guest at our hospital in November 2015, when we honored DON with a special luncheon and celebration for their generosity. In the photo right, Board Chairman Bill Kuehn, Supreme Queen Marsha Sower, Lady Vickie, and Noble Bill Bailey, Imperial Marshal, celebrate the occasion.

We are pleased to report that SHC - Chicago received \$40,000 from this year's gift by DON. We thank you, Ladies--multiple-times--for the hard work and kind generosity toward all of our hospitals!

## SHC - Chicago Patient Ashleigh Navarro Wins 'Courage' Award ...



When asked if she ever thought of herself as courageous, Ashleigh Navarro, says, "I've really never thought about it." But others have, and recently at a ceremony in Lebanon, IN, she received the Indiana High School Golf Coaches Association "Mitchel J. Winger Courage Award," (right) given annually, statewide, to the girl who contributes to the success of her team in spite of physical impairments and/or medical conditions.

A spina bifida patient for 11 years here at SHC - Chicago, Ashleigh, is now a junior in high school and loves both golf (left) and bowling. As a member of her high school golf team, the highlight of her season was shooting a 58 over nine holes in a match in Logansport, IN.

"I love golf," she says. "I love golf all around. ... I love the team aspect. I love the individual and getting to grow as a person, and I love getting to grow with

your teammates throughout the season." It does not hurt to play golf, she says, but she does struggle with fatigue and balance. Her sister Rosalie, a senior and also a golfer, and her mother Mindy, share the

responsibility of driving the golf cart for Ashleigh. She is pretty much independent, her mom reports, and wants no help, even if she ever were to fall. Her family, right, all from Rochester, IN, are proud of Ashleigh. They are (from I) her sisters Sierra, Rosalie, and Baylie; her brother Enrique; and her parents Hector and Mindy. She is a remarkable role model for our patients; we send our congratulations and best wishes to Ashleigh, as she pursues a career in physical therapy!





