

## We Are Pleased to Introduce POPS--A Vital, New Program for Kids

In past years, children needing treatment with orthotics (brace) or prosthetics (artificial limb) were directed to one of several private providers near our hospital for care. From these private vendors, children received the world-class assistance, which has been the trademark of all pediatric care for more than 90 years in Chicago.

It gives us great pleasure to announce that, in August 2016, SHC - Chicago began providing orthotic and prosthetic (O & P) services here at the hospital. We have established **Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services (POPS)**, a premier operation, now a part of available care for our patients. The team, right, is our POPS staff, whose extraordinary professional skills create customized devices for each child's specific need. They are, from left, Kevin Dang, India Jacobson, Bill Craggs, and Tatyana Stoyanova.



"I am really happy that everything is in-house and done at one place and time," said Michelle, whose son Nicholas has been a patient at the Chicago Shriners Hospital for nearly a decade. "My son will be able to get everything he needs right here, which is a huge help to our family." Our POPS lab provides the latest treatment and fabrication processes, utilizing 3D scanning and computer-aided design to create custom devices. Our orthotic and prosthetic specialists design braces, artificial limbs, and adaptive devices to improve function and mobility, reduce pain and give children the ability to live life more independently. The fitting room and work area for orthotics and prosthetics are adjacent to the outpatient clinic. The manager of POPS, Bill Craggs, certified prosthetist-orthotist (CPO), is already familiar to families as he was a representative here from Dreher Orthotics and Prosthetics for many years.

We are delighted to have this remarkable service and these fine professionals as part of the excellent care of children here at Shriners Chicago.

## Our Good Friends at Local 150 Retirees Club of Chicago Give to Kids



Noble Sandy Smidt, Medinah Noble, and members of Local 150 Retirees Club of Operating Engineers Union, Chicago, present a check for \$1,000 and 500 new toys for kids to Mary McCauley. Standing with Sandy are Tom Dalton, Rich Herff, and Dave Gass, all hard-working officers of the Retirees Club. The club collected 500 new toys and cash donations for our kids for the Holidays. A special thanks to Tom Dalton's Longford Pub in Crestwood, for all the toys and cash they collected--making a special Christmas for our kids this Holiday Season.

We are both delighted and honored by the efforts of these men, whose initiative and generous efforts made such a tremendous impact, for the simple pleasure of helping others during our favorite giving-time. Thanks,

Sandy and friends, for your hard work and great success!