



## 2nd Annual Aleppo Pinewood Derby

By CARL OHLSON

THE second annual Aleppo Pinewood Derby was held on Sunday May 17. The derby was a huge success due to the support of the other units. Special thanks to Brother **Bill Dexter**. He provided his Pinewood Derby track, set it up, and ran the computerized races for the second year in a row. Bill was able to get the youth groups involved, and become part of the contest.

The money raised will go towards an EOS imaging system. This will be the first of its kind in Western MA. The cost of the equipment is \$500K, and the cost of modifications to the building will be \$399K. This equipment will reduce the amount of radiation the patients are exposed to at the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Springfield, MA. Please note EOS imaging system in the memo section of your check, or note the Unit.

The Springfield Hospital also has the Mission Possible Fund, which is used to purchase small items that patients or family members need and may purchase when they need to stay over. We will be making our selections from the Boston Hospital's Wish List (The funds are used for items the hospital uses for care and social activities for patients.) The list is on the Fire Brigade Web Site; [www/AleppoFireBrigade.com](http://www/AleppoFireBrigade.com).

Some highlights; The Cycles Unit started a Banta on facebook about the race which was fun to follow and they made good with a first and third in the race (this is what Shrinedom is all about). The youth groups were fun to watch with the young ladies who had never competed in a pinewood derby finished first and third in the Youth Group "B." The amount of creativity was amazing. From race cars, skate boarder, ice cream bars with a bite out of the corner, raging bull (identical to the one Steve drives in parades), Army armored personnel carrier and a tank to name a few. This was truly a family event. Thanks to the Stewards Unit for having hot dogs, hamburgers popcorn and drinks.

Look forward to the Third Aleppo Pinewood Derby. We hope to see you there!  
Dave, Rick & Carl

### THE RESULTS:

#### YOUTHS' GROUP "A" (Ages 4 to 8)

1 ST PLACE MATTHEW KREIMEVER  
2 ND PLACE JONATHON WRIGHT  
3 RD PLACE JESUS McLELLAN  
4TH PLACE JOVANNI WOODS

BEST OF SHOW MATTHEW KREIMEVER

#### YOUTHS' GROUP "B" (Ages 9 to 17)

1ST PLACE SAMANTHA SHAIR  
2ND PLACE MATTHEW WRIGHT  
3 RD PLACE SIDNEY SHAIR  
4TH PLACE CHAELI GOODWIN

BEST OF SHOW SIDNEY SHAIR

#### ADULTS

1ST PLACE DAVE IANNELLI  
2ND PLACE DAVID FINK  
3RD PLACE MANN / BLOOMFIELD  
4TH PLACE ERIK GRONEMEYER

BEST OF SHOW STEVEN BRACKETT



## In Dreams I Walk Supporting Treatment And Research Of Osteogenesis Imperfecta



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Imagine being a loving, devoted parent, but afraid to hug your child. Imagine being a child, and constantly being warned to "be careful; don't play too hard." Imagine always being aware that anything you might do – even just cough or sneeze – could break a bone.

For children and families living with osteogenesis imperfecta, these are daily realities.

### Understanding Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI)

In basic terms, the underlying cause of OI, also known as brittle bone disease, is a lack of collagen – or abnormal collagen – in the bones that prevents them from absorbing appropriate minerals and developing correctly. There are multiple types of OI – each with several symptoms and ranges of complexity and severity. In addition to the serious susceptibility to fractures, OI may cause below average height, early hearing loss, dental issues and additional orthopaedic difficulties, including bowed arms or legs, flat feet and scoliosis. Many children with OI will have difficulty walking.

For these children and their families everything – every activity, every choice, is measured against the threat of bone fracture, and other potential complications. The children and families coping with this debilitating disease will face it every day throughout their lives.

Shriners Hospitals for Children® has a long history of developing and improving available treatments for OI, and there is now more hope for these children and families than ever before. Still, research takes time, and the treatments are quite costly.

Over time, First Lady Lisa Gantt has become increasingly aware of the impact of OI on children and families, and is determined to make a difference. Her program, In Dreams I Walk, will provide additional funds to support Shriners Hospitals for Children's efforts in the treatment and research of OI.

"We all want a world where children overcome, live their dreams, and walk into adulthood confident and secure. Let's all help make that happen for children with OI," said Lisa. "Join me in helping make the dreams of these children come true by supporting my program, In Dreams I Walk."

### Support The First Lady's Program

First Lady Lisa Gantt has asked that, as she makes her visits throughout the Imperial Year, donations be made to her fundraising program in lieu of presenting her with personal gifts. For a donation of \$40, contributors will receive a bracelet with a bead fashioned as a shoe, representing her theme of In Dreams I Walk. A beautiful scarf can be purchased for \$30, and an elegant gentleman's tie can be obtained for a donation of \$30. All three items are available for a total of \$100.

Completed order forms may be given to the First Lady. Order forms, along with donations made payable to Shriners Hospitals for Children, can also be mailed to Shriners International Headquarters, First Lady's Program, Donor Relations Department, P.O. Box 31356, Tampa, FL 33631.

Canadian order forms and donations may be sent to Shriners Hospitals for Children – Canada, 1529 Cedar Ave., Montreal, Quebec,

Canada H3G 1A6. Additional order forms and return envelopes may be obtained from the donor relations department at Shriners International Headquarters by calling 855-401-4897 or by sending an e-mail to [lgantt@shrinenet.org](mailto:lgantt@shrinenet.org). Donations to this program can also be made online at: [support.shrinershospitals.org/FirstLadyLisa](http://support.shrinershospitals.org/FirstLadyLisa).



*"We all want a world where children overcome, live their dreams, and walk into adulthood confident and secure. Thank you for supporting my program and helping make that dream come true for children with OI."*

– First Lady Lisa Gantt, Shriners International



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