

# Fezzy Focus

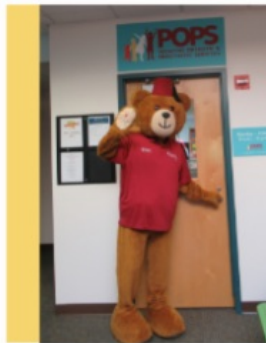
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## Meet Fezzy™

Fezzy is the first Love to the Rescue® ambassador for Shriners Hospital for Children. Fezzy has a mission to raise awareness and support for the innovative care available at Shriners Hospitals for Children. The plush bear is popular among both kids and adults.

Proudly wearing the iconic Shriner red fez, Fezzy helps raise awareness and support for our health care system. He also provides comfort to our patients, and other children. He is eager to help ease patients' anxieties. Fezzy is used during medical play sessions to teach young patients about upcoming medical procedures and outcomes.



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## Don't forget:

Children's Charity Cup:  
September 13-14, 2019  
24 hour hockey game

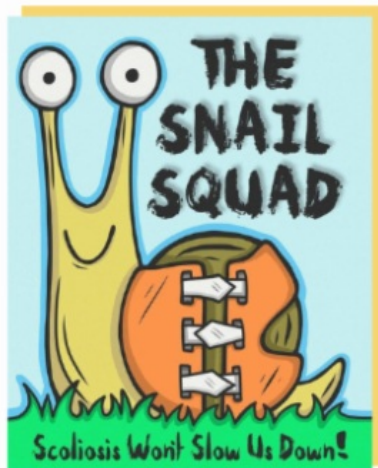
*Patient ambassador of the quarter*

# **Ava's story**

Ava has been a patient at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Erie for over 3 years. She was first referred when her family doctor noticed her back was curved. Ava's medical team, including Dr. Dede, MD and Brittany Ziegler, P.T, help provide care for all her scoliosis needs. Ava believes Shriners Hospitals for Children is important because "they help kids with all kinds of needs, they help you understand what you are going through, and they make sure that even as a kid you are a part of the whole process!"

Ava loves spending her time swimming, dancing, and drawing! Recently, she participated in our annual Walk for Love and formed a team, "The Snail Squad." Ava's amazing team raised over \$2,000. She showed her gratitude towards her team by sending thank you notes and stickers with her Snail Squad logo! Thank you to Ava and the Snail Squad for all your help this year.

If you know a child that would make a great patient ambassador, contact Micheal Widrig at 814-875-8780.





# June awareness

## Arthrogyrosis awareness month

Arthrogyrosis Multiplex Congenita, otherwise referred to as AMC, is a rare, congenital disorder characterized by multiple joint contractures (stiff joints), which can include weakness and fibrosis. We provide world-class expertise at SHC — Erie for AMC. Treatment may include physical and occupational therapies, splints or casts; surgery may be necessary to improve joint function.

Wear blue on June 30 to show your support for AMC awareness.

## Hip Dysplasia awareness month

Hip dysplasia, otherwise known as developmental dysplasia of the hip (DDH), is a condition of the hip joint where the child is born with or develops an abnormal hip. Hip dysplasia is commonly found within firstborn children, typically every 6 in 10 cases.

Help spread awareness via the "One Hip World" movement.

## Scoliosis awareness month

Scoliosis is a progressive condition causing the spine to curve and occurs most often during the growth period before puberty. Treatment may include bracing with custom orthoses made in-house at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Erie. Surgery may be necessary for severe cases.

Wear green to show your support and awareness for scoliosis month.



# Walk for Love

2019 was another successful year for the Walk for Love. On Saturday, June 1 our 5th annual Walk for Love was a part of the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community. Fezzy and our walkers headed to Presque Isle and raised over \$20,000! Our walk would not have been possible without the gracious support of our patients, families, staff, affiliated Shriners temples, and Board of Governors. The Walk for Love is one of our favorite events to celebrate our awesome patients and amazing care at Shriners Hospitals for Children.



## Community Day

June 2 was our annual Community Day, marking 92 years of service. Although the day started gloomy, the rain did not spoil our fun! There were many smiling faces celebrating the fantastic pediatric orthopaedic care provided in Erie.

There were tours of the medical center, a car show, driver recognition, and the exciting Shrine ceremony. Entertainment included the Combined Shrine Brass Bands and Detroit Shiners Highlander Unit. Our patient ambassador, Mason shared his club foot journey and sold his book titled ***In My Feet***.

