

## **BRIGHT SPIRIT DONATES IN-ROOM ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEMS TO SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN® IN BOSTON**

### *Installation of New In-Room Entertainment Systems to Provide Support for Recuperating Children and Their Families*

Needham, MA – The Bright Spirit Children's Foundation, which provides entertainment technologies such as video games, computers, televisions, and audio for hospitals that work with seriously ill children, has donated new in-room entertainment systems at Shriners Hospitals for Children © — Boston . This will provide therapeutic care to patients as they recuperate from their injuries in the hospital's Reconstructive Unit.

Shriners Hospitals for Children © — Boston project will include two phases with each patient bed space receiving a TV, DVD player and a gaming system. Bright Spirit programs are designed to uplift a child's spirit in the hospital, distract them from their illnesses, and help them to cope with fear, anxiety, and boredom.

"Bright Spirit is pleased to lead an incredibly worthwhile project to support these children as they recuperate from their injuries," said Bright Spirit President and Founder Stuart Kaplan. "We recognize the great care work that Shriners Hospital provides as a world renowned burn center for children. We look forward to working together on this very worthwhile project."

"Shriners Hospitals for Children © — Boston wishes to thank Bright Spirit for their generous support and their leadership within the Boston area business community," said Tom D'Esmond, hospital administrator at Shriners Hospitals for Children © — Boston.

David Simon, Senior Childlife Specialist commented, "on behalf of the children, families, and staff at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Boston, I would like to thank Bright Spirit Children's Foundation for their generosity and unwavering commitment to the children in our care. This donation will provide our patients with hours of entertainment and will help us meet a variety of needs. We look forward to a continued partnership with Bright Spirit Children's Foundation."

Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Boston is a 30-bed pediatric burn hospital, research and teaching center and is one of the three hospitals specializing exclusively in burn care operated by Shriners Hospitals for Children®. The hospital is verified by the American Burn Association. The hospital is staffed and equipped to treat children with acute burns, smoke inhalation and healed burns requiring plastic or reconstructive surgery.

Shriners Hospitals for Children® is an international health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs. Children up to age 18 with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, without financial obligation to patients or their families. Shriners Hospitals for Children® relies on the generosity of donors to deliver this mission every day.

The Bright Spirit Children's Foundation welcomes donations of money and/or goods/services in support of our many programs throughout the year. Please visit [www.brightspirit.org](http://www.brightspirit.org) to make in-kind donations. Donations can be mailed to: Bright Spirit Children's Foundation, 12 Canavan Circle, Needham, MA 02492.

Bright Spirit is a 100% volunteer organization, and all the money raised goes to the children. Bright Spirit Children's Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) IRS tax-exempt organization and non-profit corporation in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (FID# 02-0813212).