



# Children's Dyslexia Center of Springfield

In 1994, the Scottish Rite Masons joined forces with the world-renowned Massachusetts General Hospital to launch a major endeavor to help ease the life-long burdens of dyslexia and began a program with three primary objectives:

- To provide one-on-one multi-sensory reading and written language tutorial services to children with dyslexia.
- To provide training programs to individuals interested in becoming certified tutors in the Orton-Gillingham method.
- To support research programs in dyslexia that will improve today's clinical standards and tomorrow's care.

Now, with 55 clinics in 15 different states, the organization provides a highly qualified staff that is specially trained in the treatment of dyslexia. After professional assessment and evaluation of a student's needs, the staff provides customized one-on-one instruction using a variety of developmental techniques. In addition to helping students, the clinics also provide training for local teachers and volunteers who want to tutor children with dyslexia.

Following the philanthropic precedent of many other Masonic charities, notably the Shriners Hospitals, the Children's Dyslexia Centers Program represents a substantial charitable commitment. This commitment totaled \$8 million in 2005 and we anticipate that the program will grow to even greater capacity in coming years.

## Shriners Hospital For Children



Shriners Hospitals for Children is a network of 22 non-profit hospitals across North America. Children with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the patients' ability to pay.

### Our mission:

Provide the highest quality care to children with neuromusculoskeletal conditions, burn injuries and other special healthcare needs within a compassionate, family-centered and collaborative care environment.

Provide for the education of physicians and other healthcare professionals.

Conduct research to discover new knowledge that improves the quality of care and quality of life of children and families.

### Our vision:

Become the best at transforming children's lives by providing exceptional healthcare through innovative research, in a patient and family centered environment.

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