



**Hôpital
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**Shriners
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FOR
Children**

Canada

BY FAX

Ms Lindsay Scully
The Council of Representatives
1455 de Maisonneuve W
Montreal, QC

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SUBJECT: Shrine Circus proceeds

Dear Ms Scully,

I would like first to thank you for considering the Shriners Hospital for Children as a possible recipient for your upcoming fundraising endeavour.

To shed a bit of light on the subject of Shrine Circus proceeds, I must first tell you that Shriners Hospitals and the Shriners fraternity are two very distinct entities. The purpose of the fraternity is to provide some of the funding for the Hospital. This is done through gifts, wills and endowment funds as well as through charitable donations. Shriner bylaws state that 100% of the proceeds of activities destined to fund the hospitals must be remitted to the hospitals.

There is one exception to this rule however and this applies to the Shrine Circus. All Shriners being volunteers, the Circus is the only Shriner activity where proceeds do not go to the hospital but rather to the Fraternity itself so that it may pay its bills and cover its expenses. The circus itself is rented from professional operators and a portion of the gate is remitted back to the Shriners Fraternity after the operator covers his own expenses and turns a profit. It is clearly written on the ticket that circus proceeds are earmarked for use by the Fraternity.

In a nutshell, the hospital has no direct relationship with, or influence on, the Shrine circus.

I hope this clears things up a bit.

Thank you again



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