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### **Shriners Hospitals for Children Receives Charity Navigator's Highest Rating**

*Recognized for accountability and transparency, Shriners Hospitals for Children is awarded prestigious 4-star distinction by Charity Navigator.*

**TAMPA, Fla. (Dec. 18, 2013)** – Charity Navigator, America's premier independent charitable organization evaluator, has awarded Shriners Hospitals for Children® with its prestigious 4-star award. Such distinction recognizes Shriners Hospitals for Children for its sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency. Only 25 percent of the evaluated charities have received the coveted 4-star award, thus signaling that Shriners Hospitals for Children outperforms the majority of charities in America.

"On behalf of Shriners Hospitals for Children, we are pleased to receive the 4-star distinction from Charity Navigator," said John McCabe, executive vice president. "For more than 90 years, it has been a concerted effort to remain a prudent and responsible steward of our mission and charitable contributions."

Charity Navigator applies data-driven analysis to provide donors with the essential information needed to make educated charitable choices. This unique and highly praised approach takes into account organization spending per dollars raised, program spending versus administrative and fundraising expenditures as well as the organization's long-term financial health. Based upon the results across the various categories, Charity Navigator will assign the appropriate rating, ranging from one to four.

Douglas E. Maxwell, chairman of the board of trustees remarked, "Receipt of the 4-star award directly compliments our unwavering commitment to providing expert specialty pediatric care across all 22 locations of Shriners Hospitals for Children regardless of the families' ability to pay for services. This award signifies the continued trust in our mission which has flourished since 1922."



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***About Shriners Hospitals for Children***

Shriners Hospitals for Children is changing lives every day through innovative pediatric specialty care, world-class research and outstanding medical education. Our 22 facilities, located in the United States, Canada and Mexico provide advanced care for children with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate.

***About Charity Navigator***

Charity Navigator is the most-utilized charity evaluator in America. The organization helps guide intelligent giving by evaluating the Financial Health, Accountability and Transparency of nearly 7,000 charities. Charity Navigator accepts no advertising or donations from the organizations it evaluates, ensuring unbiased evaluations, nor does it charge the public for this trusted data. As a result, Charity Navigator, a non-profit 501 (c) (3) charity itself, depends on support from individuals, corporations and foundations that believe it provides a much-needed service to America's charitable givers. Charity Navigator, can be reached directly by telephone at (201) 818-1288, or by mail at 139 Harristown Road, Suite 101, Glen Rock, N.J., 07452

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