

SISTERS DONATE CONTEST WINNINGS TO SHRINERS HOSPITAL PATIENTS

(NAPSA)—Many people think what the Shriners Hospitals for Children do each day for kids with orthopaedic problems, burns and spinal cord injuries is magical. So it seems fitting that 15-year-old Jocelyn Tingley and her 8-year-old sister Logan are using their own kind of magic to help the kids at Shriners Hospitals.

Jocelyn and Logan, aka “The Princesses of Magic,” and their family have been performing free magic shows at children’s hospitals near their Celina, Ohio home for six years. Their charity work recently won them \$5,000 in a contest and the Tingleys donated all their winnings to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

According to the girls’ mother, Kimberly, donating the money to Shriners Hospitals was only natural. The girls first performed for patients at the Chicago Shriners Hospital in 2003. Before that, they had performed for other local children’s hospitals and for the local Shrine club.

“I like the way the Shriners Hospital feels like home inside,” said Jocelyn. “It feels like you aren’t even in a hospital.”

As part of their act, the “Princesses of Magic” leave each audience member with a home-made magic trick to take home and impress their friends. All of the tricks are designed to be performed by any child, regardless of any physical disability.

“We are teaching magic tricks to some children with no arms or hands,” said Kimberly. “It’s such a great feeling to know we are making them happy.”

For a young girl who grew up painfully shy, Jocelyn has used magic and her alter ego to come out of her shell and show off her



Jocelyn and Logan Tingley use magic to help support Shriners Hospitals for Children.

favorite hobby. Little sister Logan started as Jocelyn’s assistant, then worked her way up to share top billing—and the title of “princess.” Jocelyn was originally inspired by her mother, who learned magic from her late father. Kimberly’s father would perform magic tricks to pass the time as a youngster. He had a chest of tricks and that is what Kimberly passed on to her daughters.

“I know he’s looking down at Jocelyn and Logan right now with a lot of pride,” said Kimberly.

For more information on Shriners’ network of 22 hospitals that provide medical care and services totally free of charge to children with orthopaedic problems, burns and spinal cord injuries, write to Shriners International Headquarters, Public Relations Dept., 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607 or visit the Web site at www.shrinershq.org. Treatment is provided to children under age 18 without regard to race, religion or relationship to a Shriner.

If you know a child that Shriners can help, call 1-800-237-5055 in the United States or 1-800-361-7256 in Canada.