

# Charitable Fundraising



## TSSA Members Donate \$32,000 to Shriners Children's Hospital

2009 TSSA charitable fundraising co-chairs **Doug Hunt** and **Bill Thomas** are pleased to announce that TSSA members raised \$32,000 to benefit the Shriners Children's Burn Hospital in Galveston. Since 2001, TSSA has raised funds for the hospital through various events, such as a poker tournament and both silent and live auctions, held during the annual convention and trade show.

In 2009, as the event drew near, co-chairs Hunt and Thomas were worried that the economy was going to affect the number of items collected for the auctions. Knowing the generous spirit of TSSA members, they made an appeal that generated more than 100 separate items for the auction! **Si Harbottle**, **Buddy Thomas**, and some friends (all experienced auctioneers) pulled out all the stops during the live auction, held at the membership luncheon.

Auctioneer **Jeff Copeland** teased and cajoled some extra funds from attendees during the auction held at the close of the trade show. The auctioneers' efforts, along with the generosity of our members, resulted in more than \$28,000 from the live and silent auctions.

The Charity Poker Tournament, which has quickly become a popular part of the convention, accounted for the rest of the proceeds. Members can either sponsor a table, play in the tournament, or for a small fee, can be a spectator enjoying the camaraderie and the excitement!

Donations are doubly important to the hospital in Galveston as it recovers from the devastation caused by Hurricane Ike. The hospital closed in the aftermath and did not reopen until November 4, 2009. TSSA member donations can help them keep on providing much-needed care to children.

### Shriners Children's Burn Hospital Reopens in Galveston

There were lots of hugs among returning patients and hospital staff at Shriners Hospitals for Children—Galveston when it reopened November 4, 2009, after being closed for more than a year after sustaining damage during Hurricane Ike. More than a dozen patients, shared smiles and hugs with doctors, nurses and other staff that they had not seen in months. Patients at the Galveston hospital have received uninterrupted medical care at Shriners Hospitals for Children in Houston during the last year.

### TSSA Members "Make a Difference"

The "Make a Difference" campaign was designed to give TSSA member facilities the opportunity to participate in the annual fundraising efforts benefitting the Shriners Hospitals for Children. The starfish symbolizes the difference that just one person can make. We asked that members solicit \$1 donations for each starfish. It just takes a little extra effort to help others, and that's exactly what some of our TSSA members have been doing.

The facilities pictured raised over \$600! We know we can exceed this amount in 2010 with your help.

**At right**, from top to bottom: Brenham Self Storage (Brenham); Anna Bedford, Allen Mini Storage (Port Arthur); Joseph Ashcraft, Champions/Vintage Park (Spring) Amazing Spaces Storage Centers; Susan Holland at Cy-Fair/Jersey Village (Houston) Amazing Spaces Storage Centers; Chris Swetnam The Woodlands (Shenandoah) Amazing Spaces Storage Centers  
**Thank you for taking the time to Make a Difference!**

