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VA To Host Shriners Hospital for Children's Screening Clinic

As part of a unique Memorandum of Understanding between the Carl T. Hayden VA Medical Center and the Shriners Hospital for Children of Los Angeles, a special screening clinic will take place on **Saturday, January 31st from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the VA's Ambulatory Care Clinic located on the NE corner of Third Street and Indian School Road.**

The Shriners will be using VA's radiology and other clinics for the free screenings. The Shriners plan on bringing clowns for entertainment and toys for the children. The screenings are open to children 17 years of age and younger with burn scars, orthopedic conditions, including hip problems, hand and foot deformities, club feet, curvature of the spine, limb deficiencies, brittle bone disease, spina bifida, cerebral palsy, cleft lip and palate, children with burn conditions and burn scars, plastic reconstructive needs and juvenile rheumatoid arthritis.

"This is the first time our VA has partnered with the Shriners for this screening and we are honored to be able to assist them," said Medical Center Director John Fears.

Shriners Hospitals for Children in Los Angeles is a philanthropic hospital providing quality medical care to children with orthopedic conditions, limb deficiencies and burn scars. As a philanthropic hospital, all medical care is provided FREE of charge.

This partnership with the Carl T. Hayden VAMC is the first one developed with VA in the state of Arizona. The VA is a national health care system that provides care to millions of veterans across the United States. In Phoenix, the CTHVAMC provides quality health care to more than 60,000 veterans each year.

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The Carl T. Hayden Veterans Affairs Medical Center has been serving veterans in Maricopa County since 1951. We are a level one tertiary care facility that offers a variety of services to more than 50,000 veterans. We currently have 150 inpatient beds for medical and surgical patients, 110 beds for nursing home patients and 48 inpatient beds for mental health patients. We are actively involved in training new medical and surgical residents to become certified physicians and are committed to medical research to help find cures for illness and disease. We are honored to serve our veterans.