

Governor Schwarzenegger Visits Injured Children

Eleven Children Burned in Tragic Mexico City Day Care Fire are Receiving Help at Northern California and Cincinnati Shriners Hospitals

ON June 26, California Governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger** made a special visit to Shriners Hospitals for Children—Northern California to see patients who are being treated for burn injuries sustained in the day care fire in Hermosillo, Mexico. He was joined by **Carlos Gonzalez Gutierrez**, the Consul General of Mexico.

Nine children injured in the Hermosillo day care fire are being treated at Shriners Hospitals for Children—Northern California, and two children, both 3-year-old girls, are receiving care at Shriners Hospitals for Children—Cincinnati. Another girl who was transferred to that hospital died of her injuries.

Escorted by Hospital Administrator Margaret Bryan, Gov. Schwarzenegger personally visited with children from Hermosillo and presented each one with a toy California Golden Bear. He spoke with parents of the children and conveyed his wish-

es for healthy recoveries for all.

The governor then stayed to visit with more than 40 patients at the hospital. He played pool, signed autographs, chatted with parents and posed for photographs with children.

"I could not help myself. I wanted to visit with each and every patient," said Gov. Schwarzenegger. "These children are an inspiration. Many are recovering from difficult surgeries and others are engaged in extensive rehabilitation, but they all are smiling."

David Greenhalgh, M.D., chief of burn surgery at the hospital (pictured below with the governor), walked the governor through the hospital's intensive care unit. Dr. Greenhalgh reported that the children have complex medical needs and that several are facing long roads to recovery. "We often treat children with injuries over 80 percent of their body who go on to lead active, productive lives," explained Dr. Greenhalgh.

"I want everyone in California to know how fortunate we are to have such an amazing medical resource in our community," Gov. Schwarzenegger said. "Shriners Hospital clearly provides a unique and much needed service for our children."

"Shriners Hospitals for Children takes great pride in responding to emergent medical needs," said **Margaret Bryan**. "We feel it is extremely important, though, for people to know that this is what we do everyday. Shriners Hospitals for Children is a resource here to serve the youngest amongst us who are facing life's toughest chal-



Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger visits with a patient from Hermosillo, Mexico, who is receiving treatment at Shriners Hospitals for Children—Northern California.



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