

Nascar Driver David Ragan Names Shriners Hospitals His Official Charity

SPRINT Cup Series driver David Ragan named Shriners Hospitals for Children his official charity of choice at the 134th Imperial Council Session of Shriners International in St. Louis this summer. He will make a sizable donation to the health care system in the next year and plans to pursue membership with the Shriners fraternity.

"Shriners Hospitals has provided medical care to more than 865,000 children since the first hospital opened in 1922," Ragan said. "I am happy and proud to be in a position where I can make a real difference in the lives of these kids and educate others about this wonderful organization."

Ragan brought his Roush Fenway Racing No. 6 AAA Ford Fusion show car to St. Louis for the announcement. He spent the morning with five lucky Shriners Hospitals patients and their families and autographed merchandise for members of the Shriners fraternity in the afternoon.

While addressing Shriners representatives at the Imperial Council Session, he presented a custom-designed Shriners Hospitals for Children racing helmet to then-Imperial Potentate Bernard J. Lemieux, M.D. Ragan will wear an identical helmet in competition and auction it off with proceeds benefiting the health care system.

Ragan's relationship with Shriners Hospitals

began in February, when he spent a day touring the Tampa hospital and meeting patients. He hopes to visit many of the Shriners Hospitals as he travels to racetracks across the country for NASCAR events.

"I look forward to a long and productive relationship with Shriners International and the health care system they help support," Ragan said. "With the help of NASCAR fans across the nation, I know we can increase donations to their worthwhile cause and ultimately help thousands more children in the future."



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David Ragan's car and helmet show off his commitment to Shriners Hospitals for Children.



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