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Post Falls, Idaho family donates to the Spokane Shriners Hospital

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SPOKANE, WASHINGTON (February 23, 2010) – The 17th of December will always be a special day to the Knapp family of Post Falls, Idaho. On December 17th of 2009, the Spokane Shriners Hospital was the recipient of a very special gift.



*Rich and Laurie Knapp,
present quilts to Shriners
Hospital orthopaedic surgeon
Dr. William Osebold.*

Richard and Laurie Knapp's son Ryan became a patient at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Spokane when he was just 5 years old to fix his hip. Throughout his life, he spent many months at the Spokane Hospital. He had multiple surgeries for a variety of reasons, each time coming back to the hospital that loved and cared for him.

“The surgeons and nursing staff were always there for Ryan, through the many years and many, many visits. We are very thankful for Dr. Osebold who always had an encouraging word and really gave heartfelt care to Ryan,” expressed Richard, Ryan's Dad.

Sadly, the Knapp family lost Ryan to cancer in 2009. Ryan's parents, Laurie and Rich, his Grandparents Robert and Delma Knapp and Ryan's Great Aunt Diana Hull, chose to give back to the Hospital in a way that would honor Ryan as well as bring joy to other children being cared for at the Spokane Shriners Hospital.

“We decided to make a handmade quilt for every year we were blessed to have Ryan,” explained Delma, Ryan's Grandma. So, on the 17th of December, on what would have been Ryan's 17th birthday, the Knapp family graciously and generously made a donation of 17 beautiful handmade quilts.

“The hospital does amazing things for kids with needs of all kinds, we are very thankful for all of Shriners Hospitals care and dedication to these children.” explained Richard.

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About Shriners Hospitals for Children

Shriners Hospitals for Children (www.shrinershospitals.org) is an international health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs. Children up to age 18 with orthopaedic conditions, burns of all degrees, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care and receive all services at no charge – regardless of financial need.