Women Impacting Care, chaired by Shriners International’s First Lady, is a thoughtful group of women donors, supporters and advocates who have bonded together to help highlight services and programs of Shriners Children’s. This year, with the theme “Believe in Tomorrow,” the program is led by First Lady JoLynn Dickens and focuses on the healthcare system’s efforts to help teenage patients with life-long conditions transition to adulthood.

Shriners Children’s wants to make this transition as smooth and successful as possible, so that our patients will have tools they can use as well as access to the specialized medical care they need in order to continue participating in the activities they love and pursuing their goals and dreams for the future.

MEETING A MILESTONE HEAD-ON
Turning 18 is a milestone for every teen. It means officially becoming an adult, and with it come the privileges and responsibilities of adulthood. Teens and families may feel both excited and nervous as this milestone approaches. For teens who live with complex medical conditions, turning 18 also comes with the need to transition from the pediatric to the adult healthcare world.

“Believe in Tomorrow” raises awareness and seeks donations to support and strengthen the healthcare system’s programs to help see patients and families through an amazing network of resources to address current care needs and to educate patients and families on possible life experiences and opportunities they may encounter as patients enter adulthood.

Shriners Children’s patients entering adulthood and their families face unique situations such as transitioning to an adult specialty healthcare provider, health insurance changes, lifestyle changes where young adults may now live independently, and more. To navigate this maze of information takes a care team with the knowledge, skill and bedside manner to assist patients and families through transition planning, which may include appropriate medical care transition, opportunities to learn about adult educational possibilities and supplemental resources to help learn how to navigate everyday activities and potential living arrangements. We are committed to providing these services for our patients, as we understand their experiences and have dedicated a century of care to helping patients live life to the fullest.

“Stepping into adulthood is such a magical time for every young person,” said Lady JoLynn. “We want to make sure that our patients have all the resources they need to successfully transition not only their medical care but many of the life changes that come with growing up.”

BELIEVE IN TOMORROW
First Lady JoLynn invites you to join her in making an impact in the lives of our patients. Donors who would like to support Women Impacting Care may purchase symbolic “Believe in Tomorrow” products or make donations online.

Thank you for your compassion, generosity and support of Shriners Children’s.