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Maine High School Seniors Raise Money for Shriners Hospitals

Eighty football players and 50 cheerleaders raised over \$63,000 in support of the Shriners Hospitals for Children at the 19th Annual Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic, July 25th at Waterhouse Field in Biddeford.

This classic sports matchup puts the best high school senior football players and cheerleaders across the State working and training towards this mid-summer classic. Athletes are not only selected for their abilities on the field but for their leadership off the field as well. To date, over 1,575 players, 275 coaches and 400 cheerleaders have participated in the game and have helped to raise over \$400,000 in support of the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Each athlete is asked to raise money in support of the Shriners Hospitals for Children. In addition to the pressures of final exams to the planning that is involved in college preparation, these outstanding students still found the time to give back.

On Wednesday, July 23rd, Kora Shriners held a banquet at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston to honor these students' efforts and to present awards to those student athletes which raised over \$500. The top student fundraisers were:

- ◆ Cheerleaders East Squad – Jessica Rice from Brunswick High School;
- ◆ Cheerleaders West Squad - Jennifer Colantoni from Wells High School;
- ◆ East Squad Player – Scott Mitchell from Skowhegan Area High School;
- ◆ West Squad Player and also the top fundraiser with a total of \$4,690 – Daniel Petruzzella from York High School.

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In addition, an award was presented to Noble Gavin "Scotty" Falconer who raised in excess of \$10,000 and also to Melody Wright of Union Trust. Through the hard work of her and her family, the Wright's were able to raise over \$15,000.

The banquet concluded with inspirational words from guest speaker, the Honorable John Jenkins of Auburn. Mayor Jenkins congratulated the athletes on their hard work and dedication and encouraged them to continue their efforts throughout their lives. He explained to them that each athlete symbolized the essence of what the Shriners and the Lobster Bowl represents; "Strong legs run so that weak legs may walk."

The Shriners support a network of 22 orthopedic and burn treatment hospitals across North America and provide care to children up to age 18 at no charge. Eligibility for care is not based on financial need or relationship to a Shriner. Locally, the annual Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic, an "all star" football game of high school seniors, helps raise money for the Kora Transportation Fund, to assist families with transportation costs to the Shriners Hospitals in Boston and Springfield Massachusetts.

If you know of a child Shriners Hospitals might be able to help, please call our toll-free patient referral line at 800-322-5905 or the Kora office at 782-6831. Kora Shriners represent Shriners from Kittery to Skowhegan. For more information, visit our website at www.KoraShriners.org.

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