



## THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

MAYOR DOMENIC J. SARNO

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April 15, 2009

Mr. Ralph Semb  
President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees  
Shriners International  
c/o Shriners Hospitals for Children  
516 Carew Street  
Springfield, MA 01104-2396

Dear Mr. Semb:

The Shriners Hospital in Springfield has been a prominent fixture in the City of Springfield for over 80 years. Shriners has not only helped tens of thousands of children lead productive lives, but as you are undoubtedly aware, the organization has links to the City and the region making it part of the fabric of our community.

The current work force of close to 250 individuals adds a significant character to our region while contributing to the economy. The facility on Carew Street adds to the beauty of our City while representing the Shriners fraternity commitment to children.

The City of Springfield joins the community at-large in supporting Shriners Hospital and stands ready to assist in helping to keep this remarkable organization as a valued member of our City.

If I can provide any additional assistance with this endeavor please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Domenic J. Sarno, Mayor