

Bull-Rider Remembers Kid Brother and Sister, SHC - Chicago Patients



Kolten Bode (left) is a professional bull rider (right), “all over the Midwest and several times a week,” his mother Laurie reports. She says he has been riding for six years and never turns down a ride “no matter how bad the bull may be. I really believe he was born to ride.” Then she confesses, “I have been blessed with a wonderful son.”

Kolten has fond remembrances of his younger brother Makota--“He was Kolten’s best buddy,” his mom says--and his sister Bambi, both of whom came from their home in Albion, IN, to SHC - Chicago for care. One of the great losses in Kolten’s life was the unexpected death of Makota, which is the inspiration for his fundraising efforts for SHC - Chicago.



Because of the care Makota and Bambi received in our hospital, Kolten decided to organize an annual fundraiser among his Hat Creek rodeo family in Van Wert, OH, and around the bull-riding circuit. In his first annual event a few weeks ago, he raised nearly \$1,000, which he presented to Mizpah Noble Ed Howard, representing SHC - Chicago. Ed, a horseman, says he has no intention of trading horseback riding for bull-riding. Ed reported of his time with Kolten: “This is one of the nicest young men that I ever met.” Kolten has created, at his own expense, a special belt buckle (left) celebrating our hospital, which he presented to the winning novice bull rider at the event.



We are honored by Kolton Bode, whose fundraising efforts in the bull-riding circuit introduce SHC to a whole new constituency that might otherwise never hear of us or know about our remarkable care of children. We thank Kolten and his bull-riding friends, who have given so generously to the mission of our hospital and to the care of children!

Members of 337 Brotherhood of Widows Sons Bring Annual Gift

We were pleased to welcome Medinah Noble Ivan Lugo, his Lady Joy, as well as Don Weegar, Jim Komala, and Damien Hudson (photo, right), for the presentation of their annual gift to SHC - Chicago. The Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association is an international organization promoting motorcycling, Masonic ideals, and support of worthy charities, among whom we are proud to be included. Raising funds through picnics, raffles, and other programs, the Chicago Chapter is one of 27 Brotherhoods in the State of Illinois.



We thank them for their kindness to SHC - Chicago and are delighted to know that most of the members are Shriners, as well as participants of Freemasonry.

