

Crisorio Family Makes Pilgrimage to Chicago, to Honor Our Kids



Randy and Ellen Crisorio--as have so many around the country--discovered a special, compelling fondness for SHC through our advertising program featuring scores of our delightful patients, including our spokesman Alec, through ads now running in a national campaign to promote Shriners Hospitals for Children. The Crisorio's wanted to see first-hand the extraordinary care given by our hospitals. We were delighted to welcome them on a visit to our hospital late this summer.

Randy, who is founder, President, and CEO of United Development Systems, Inc., Clearwater, FL, made arrangements for the visit and to have lunch with us. And so, just before noon one day, Ellen and Randy came to our hospital, where PR specialist Cathleen Himes arranged to give the Crisorios a special tour of our hospital.

Following the tour, Cathleen hosted a luncheon for the Crisorios with a small group, which happened to include Alec, his father Gil (who were here that day), and Yours Truly. We had a delightful conversation, much laughter, and genuine fellowship. Alec talked about his entering high school this fall and his concern about adjusting to a new environment and culture. Randy and Ellen shared their work and a rich legacy of sports-world friends, Alec, a true sports-junky, and his dad were delighted.

We then posed for photographs, above and right. In the photo right, with Yours Truly and Gil looking on, Randy and Ellen present a gift to our hospital of \$10,000, in honor of Alec, our many patients, and our hospital for the remarkable care given children by our staff. Randy commented, "We wanted to express our appreciation for the special visit we had with you. It was an enlightening treat to meet Alec and get a close up of the important work done at Shriners."

In a phone conversation recently, Randy commented on his visit with us. "I was truly impressed by Alec's very special, positive outlook and his contagious exuberance for life--it's just outstanding. He wants to be a sports broadcaster," Randy recalled. "He could be one right now--he is fluent in all aspects of the America sporting scene." The qualities in Alec, noted by Randy, have become the essence of Alec's great success in front of the camera.

We are delighted to have new friends like the Crisorios, whose kind generosity extended to all of the children in our hospital in such a beautiful way. We thank them for their munificence and for their sincere love of others, expressed through their visit and kind gift.



East-West Shrine All Star Game Set for January 21, 2017 . . .

The 2017 Annual East/West Shrine Game is set for 3 PM (EST), January 21, 2017, at Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg, FL--and YOU ARE INVITED! Join your Shrine friends to celebrate this important annual sporting event, which will be broadcast nationally on the NFL Network. Attend player events and other activities for an unmatched experience defining what it means to be a Shriner. For information and tickets, call 813/281-8686, or visit shrinegame.com.

