

Volunteer Spotlight

Florida Forestry... Allen Boatright and Ken Griner

A nationwide giving campaign, Log A Load For Kids, is now in its 16th year. Loggers and others contribute the value of a load of logs, or more, to local Children's Miracle Network hospitals as well as organize fundraising events. Thanks to its four annual events, the Log A Load For Kids program in Florida raised \$51,548 in 2005 to benefit Shands Children's Hospital. Events include a golf tournament in Gainesville and a skeet shoot in Tallahassee.

The Tommy Usher Log A Load for Kids Golf Classic is sponsored by the Florida Forestry Association and co-sponsored by Farm Credit of North Florida; Usher Land & Timber; Buckeye; Georgia Pacific; Loncala; Suwannee Lumber Company; N.G. Wade Investment Company; Carter & Company Advertising; Innovative Media Solutions; and Stone Container. Last year alone, the golf classic raised \$28,782. The annual event continues to be a success due to the continued support and countless dedicated hours volunteered by its sponsors. Ken Griner and his wife Lynetta, owners of Usher Land & Timber, are two such volunteers. The Griners' direction of this event contributes to its success.

Allen Boatright has served as state chairman of Florida's Log A Load For Kids program since 1999 and as a member of the task force since 1997. He is owner and president of Boatright Timber Service, Inc., a North Florida logging company. Since 1996, Allen has co-chaired the Log A Load for Kids Skeet Shoot fundraiser, which raises approximately \$13,000 each year. Aside from co-chairing the event, he also supplies the food and brings in his own smoker where he cooks his original "dancing chickens" for the shooters. His family and employees also assist at the event.



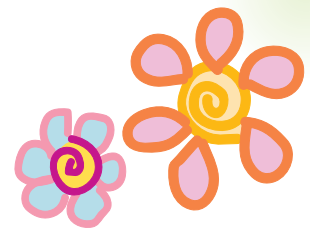
Allen and Connie Boatright

Allen has attended many of the fundraising events in his capacity as state chairman. On more than one occasion, he has visited Shands Children's Hospital. Allen and his wife, Connie, have both participated in the telethon, where they volunteered on the phone banks and collected donations. On numerous occasions, Allen has promoted Log A Load For Kids on radio and television. He and Connie regularly attend the annual Celebration conference in Orlando.

Thank you, Ken Griner and Allen Boatright, for your leadership in helping Children's Miracle Network make a difference in children's lives through Log A Load For Kids.



Lynetta and Ken Griner



Did you know?

- ✿ The Kidney Disorder and Dialysis Center at Shands Children's Hospital at the University of Florida is one of the most comprehensive children's kidney centers in the state and has a nationally recognized kidney transplant program.
- ✿ The Shands Burn Center at UF is one of only four burn centers in Florida and one of two in the state to treat children with second- and third-degree burns.
- ✿ UF faculty physicians who practice microneurosurgery at Shands at UF are recognized worldwide for their groundbreaking neurosurgical techniques. Since 1975 more than 1,000 surgeons have traveled to Shands at UF to learn new techniques and refine their skills in performing delicate brain and spinal cord surgery.

