



Shriners Hospital

Driven Toward Goals

(NAPSA)—Born without both arms, Jessica Cox of Tucson, AZ, is an on-the-go 18-year-old who is not hindered in any way. She performs certain tasks with her feet, and wears custom-made prosthetic arms, provided by the Los Angeles Shriners Hospital, for other activities, such as setting the table at home.



Though born without arms, Jessica Cox can drive and plans to go to medical school.

A senior at Flowing Wells High School, Jessica writes with her feet to take notes during classes. She has taken tap dance lessons and holds a black belt in tae kwon do.

“Jessica always has a very busy schedule; she’s the life of our family,” commented her father, Bill Cox. Her mother, Inez, agreed, “I can’t keep up with her any more.”

She has been fitted at Shriners Hospital with about five sets of devices since 1984. She has regular appointments in the prosthetics department to ensure that her prostheses fit properly and will receive treatment, totally free of charge, until her 21st birthday.

For more information on Shriners’ network of 22 hospitals that provide free treatment to children with orthopaedic problems, burns and spinal cord injuries, write to: Shriners International Headquarters, Public Relations Dept., 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607, or visit the Web site at www.shrinershq.org.

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