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Los Angeles, CA – August 2, 2007, for a 15-year-old, Alexandra Rose Rieger already has a lot on her plate. Both a singer and actress, the UN Youth Ambassador and Kids With A Cause Member visited patients at Shriners Hospital for Children – Los Angeles to take part in an afternoon filled with art, creativity and fun.

Getting their hands dirty with markers, paint and glue, Rieger and the children created beautiful pieces of art that expressed what was most important in their lives – what makes them smile, laugh, dream. But before the children got to work, Rieger started off the event by performing one of her own songs.

Rieger's visit to Shriners Hospital in Los Angeles is part of a larger goal to promote educational and development literacy worldwide. Rieger's will be visiting various organizations (hospitals, schools, etc.) in the United States, helping children and patients create works of art. The young actress will then embark on a multi-city tour in Africa and Europe, delivering the art to children living on these continents.

In much of an international collaborative effort, children from countries such as Angola, Mozambique, South Africa, and England will add their own pieces of writing to the art work created by children in the United States. Finally, the finished products - both painted and written – will be screened to create a book for children all over the world to share.

By facilitating this book-writing project, Rieger aims to encourage kids to use art and creativity to help express their lives, hopes, and dreams. On a painting of the world that she created, Rieger wrote: "For the world I dream of peace, a globe of unity so we can finally live in

joy, love and harmony.” Kevin Gonzales, a Shriners patient from Tijuana, Mexico, expressed how beautiful it was that Rieger could visit the hospital to lead this event.

Since opening in 1952, Shriners Hospitals for Children – Los Angeles has provided orthopedic and post-burn treatment for over 40,000 children at no cost to the children or their families. Located at 3160 Geneva Street in Los Angeles, the 60 bed facility serves patients in Southern California, Arizona, Southern Nevada, New Mexico and Mexico and is one of 22 Shriners Hospitals throughout North America. The Los Angeles Shriners Hospital accepts and treats children with routine and complex orthopedic problems, utilizing the latest treatments and technologies. If you would like further information, please visit our website at www.shrinershq.org/shc/losangeles.

About Rieger

Alexandra is a multi-talented actress who was in "Akeelah and the Bee" with Laurence Fishburne and Angela Bassett. She will also be seen in the upcoming movie "Charlie Wilson's War" with Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts. She is also a singer and musician who just released her single "Harmony" that accompanies a book by the same name. Harmony explores the passion of Peace and the Hope of Harmony. As an attendee of Oprah's Legend Ball Premiere, Rieger recognizes that she stands on the shoulders of those who have come before her. Thus in turn she is driven to use her gifts, talents and influence to make a difference and inspire others to do the same.

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