THANKS TO YOU...
The BIG Day of Giving was a BIG Success!

$52,663.62
This year's BIG Day of Giving was challenging, eventful, and ultimately, very successful for Kiwanis Family House. Despite the ongoing issues with the BIG Day of Giving donation site, support of our donors went well beyond our wildest expectations!

Our supporters, all 113 of you, donated $52,663.62 to our Kiwanis Family House. We did win an additional incentive prize of $500 early on, but once the donation site began experiencing issues, all prize challenges thereafter were suspended. We did not ultimately win any other prize challenges, but by all measures the day was a great success, and one we could not have achieved without your generosity.

This year's BIG Day of Giving faced severe technical challenges when the software provided by Kimbia, which was used to process donations, failed to work as designed. In order to assist participating nonprofits to obtain as many donations as possible, the Sacramento Region Community Foundation extended the BIG Day for 15 hours, until 3 p.m. on May 4th. Now, to maximize the funds raised on the BIG Day, the Community Foundation has offered to pay all fees from Kimbia, excluding the credit card processing fee of 3.3%, on behalf of the participating nonprofits.

This means that if you checked "yes" to paying the fees when you made your BIG Day donation, a portion of those fees will now be donated directly to our House, unless you direct us otherwise. This portion was equal to 2.9% of your total donated amount.

If you would like a refund of this portion of the fee, please contact Executive Director Dan Germain at kfh@kiwanisfamilyhouse.org or (916) 736-0116 with your request by June 15, 2016.

Again, thank you for making the BIG Day of Giving a success for our Kiwanis Family House. We couldn't have done it without you!

'Give BIG' Interclub--A BIG Hit!

This year's BIG Day was BIGGER than ever with the addition of two 'Give BIG' interclub events at lunchtime and dinnertime. Members of Kiwanis clubs from around the region, including East Sacramento, Greater Sacramento, Citrus Heights, Granite Bay, Laguna-Elk Grove, Folsom Lake, Woodland, Greater Lodi, Galt, and Sacramento Suburban, as well as 20+ members of the Orange Grove Aktion Club, attended our lunch and dinner events. At lunchtime,
we were treated to a song from the Aktion Club, 'Don't Stop Believin', and in the evening, Division 27 Kiwanian Judy Horton sang a beautiful set of country songs. At both events, Guy Blair refereed a spirited game of Rochambeau, better known as 'Rock, Paper, Scissors'. Our own Executive Director Dan Germain was the lunchtime champ, while former First Gentleman John Brummer prevailed during the dinnertime match-up.

Actual guest families attended both events to tell their moving stories, and the clubs shared their latest news and events. It was a wonderful day of Kiwanis fellowship capped off by a fantastic tri-tip sandwich meal, cooked by Operations Manager Charlie Bussey and his crew of East Sacramento club members and KFH board members. Thank you to all who attended to make it a BIG Day, indeed, as we surpassed our $40,000 goal during the dinner hour!
The Finance Committee of our Board of Directors met recently to begin drafting the annual budget that will support Kiwanis Family House operations beginning July 1. As do most nonprofit leadership teams, we experience angst about our ongoing fiscal position and thus our ability to effectively serve families in need. I believe that we are managing discretionary spending as leanly as operational demands allow. For us, any real promise for relieving that angst lies on the revenue side of the equation.

Here is some straight talk: We need to add more sponsor clubs. We also need more financial support from many of our current sponsor clubs than what we have received in recent years. Here is yet another compelling story to remind us why:

Dan Angel is a Deputy with the Butte County Sheriff's Department and a former member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Chico. I was honored to meet Dan recently at a special guest event for his former club, an evening in which I had been invited to participate. After I briefly shared the mission and impact of Kiwanis Family House with a dozen prospective Kiwanians, Mr. Angel stood before the audience and emotionally shared his story. I had not heard it before that moment.

Thirty years ago, when Dan was an eleven-year-old kid, doctors diagnosed him with a high-risk neuroblastoma. They told his mother that the aggressive cancer would deny him his twelfth birthday. The family’s pursuit of the miracle they so desperately needed landed young Dan at UC Davis Medical Center. While Sacramento's world-class medical professionals delivered their miracle in saving Dan over the ensuing weeks, his mother temporarily lodged at a newly-established facility on the hospital grounds called Kiwanis Family House.

Dan tearfully recounted this frightening chapter of his early life for the club’s invited guests. Not surprisingly, many of them were moved to tears as well. Little did we know that he had half of his story yet to share.

Thirteen years after surviving his own scare, Dan Angel was an expectant father anxious to welcome his new son into the world. Late in the pregnancy, Dan's wife developed HELLP syndrome, a life-threatening obstetric complication that usually occurs during the later stages of
pregnancy. "HELLP" is an abbreviation of the three main features of the syndrome: hemolysis; elevated liver enzymes; low platelet count. Dan faced the probability of losing his wife and son.

Through more tears, Dan explained to those considering Kiwanis membership that 17 years ago, Kiwanis Family House was his home away from home during medical crisis. Just as his mother did during his own cancer treatments in 1986, he found respite with Kiwanis while the medical experts at neighboring UC Davis saved the lives of his loved ones. His happy and healthy son is now 17 years old.

In concluding his comments to the group assembled on a shady Chico patio, Dan said, "I credit the Kiwanis organization and Kiwanis Family House with saving my life and my family. I am grateful to Kiwanis for my life's opportunities."

Every one of our established revenue sources is challenged, thus our angst. Your clubs will soon develop your budgets for the upcoming administrative year. We know very well that you have numerous competing demands for your limited resources. Whether you are ultimately able to direct additional support for Kiwanis Family House, we hope that you will recall the numerous guest stories we have shared with you as you decide which organizations and causes will be the beneficiaries of your club's generosity.
Attention Save Mart Shoppers - S.H.A.R.E.S. Cards Are No Longer Valid!
Save Mart Supermarkets recently announced that it has partnered with eScrip to manage its S.H.A.R.E.S. charitable giving program. The new Shares powered by eScrip Program continues the company's legacy of giving up to 3% of shoppers' eligible purchases to local, community-based organizations. What this means to you is that the S.H.A.R.E.S. card you now have in your wallet, which allows you to give money back from your purchases to Kiwanis Family House, are no longer valid.

But, it's simple to keep giving back to Kiwanis Family House through S.H.A.R.E.S. Just sign up on www.eScrip.com/shares and choose "Kiwanis Family House" as your charity in order to automatically continue your donations every time you shop. You just need to provide your name, phone number, and email address to get started!

The new program will allow FoodMaxx, Lucky, and Save Mart shoppers like you to see online how much you're donating to Kiwanis Family House. The more you shop, the bigger the contribution we receive!

Please don't delay--remember, the old S.H.A.R.E.S. card program ended on April 1st! WE NEED YOUR CONTINUED DONATIONS, which have totaled over $21,000 in the last four years!

Sponsor Club #105...WE NEED YOU!

We are ready to add sponsoring club number 105--will your club be the one?

If your home club is not already a sponsor, please champion our cause with your board of directors. The commitment is as follows:

- A one-time sponsorship fee of $500
- Annually, thereafter:
  - Dues of $100 each October
  - At least one additional donation or fundraiser on our behalf

If you are a 2015/16 or 2016/17 Lieutenant Governor, can you help us locate one club in your Division which is not already a KFH sponsor? Let us know!

KFH Annual Meeting Set For Saturday, June 11, 2016
The annual meeting of the Kiwanis Family House will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2016. The meeting will start at 11 a.m. with an update from Executive Director Dan Germain, Treasurer Matthew Wehner, and Board President George MacMurphey. This informational session will be followed by the election of three new board members to replace retiring Directors George MacMurphey, Rita Germain, and Bob Isaacs. Following the election, attendees are invited to stay for lunch and tours of the Kiwanis Family House.

All sponsoring clubs of the Kiwanis Family House are requested to send the Club President or representative to the meeting to hear the updates and vote on the new Directors for the 2016-17 term. If unable to attend, clubs may send a Proxy Form to Board Secretary Rita Germain, c/o Kiwanis Family House. A formal meeting announcement and Proxy Form was sent to each sponsoring club in April.

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Interested in being a part of the Kiwanis Family House Board of Directors? This is a wonderful way to give back to our House! Applications for Board Director positions will be accepted until June 1, 2016. For a position description and application, please visit our website. Completed applications should be sent to Rita Germain, Board Secretary, c/o Kiwanis Family House, 2875 50th Street, Sacramento, CA 95817.

Kiwanis Family House Board and Committee Schedule

The Kiwanis Family House Board of Directors has announced a new board meeting schedule for the 2015-2016 term. Until further notice, the board shall meet every other month (odd months: January, March, May, July, September, and November) as well as in the month of June following the Kiwanis Family House Annual Meeting. Except for June, all meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Kiwanis Family House, unless otherwise announced.

Board committee meeting schedules have been updated as well, as follows:

- **Development Committee:**
  Every other month (even months) on the second Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

- **Marketing Committee:**
  Every other month (even months) on the second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

- **Governance Committee:**
  Every other month (even months) on the fourth Monday at 5:00 p.m.

- **Operations Committee:**
Every other month (even months) on the fourth Monday at 6:00 p.m.

- **Human Resources Committee:**
  as needed every other month (odd months), date and time TBD

- **Finance Committee:**
  as needed every other month (odd months), date and time TBD

For more information, please contact Board Secretary Rita Germain at ritamgermain@gmail.com or 916-549-1354.

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**How YOU Can Make A Difference | Rita Germain**

Donors and volunteers make all the difference in our ability to care for our guest families during times of medical crisis. Without these two key groups, our Kiwanis Family House could not continue to fulfill its mission of providing temporary housing and support to ill and injured patients being treated at UC Davis Medical Center and Shriners Hospitals of Northern California. So, beginning this month, we will use this column to remind you of ways YOU can make a difference by helping the families who stay in our Kiwanis Family House.

Do you shop at Amazon.com? If so, an easy way to give back to the Kiwanis Family House is through the AmazonSmile program. You can shop at AmazonSmile for the same items you purchase on Amazon.com everyday. When you do, .5% of the purchase price of all items you buy will be donated to the Kiwanis Family House.

Just go to www.smile.amazon.com and designate Kiwanis Family House as your charity, and start shopping today—it's that easy!

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Volunteer opportunities are always available, and Operations Manager Charlie Bussey coordinates these efforts for individuals, clubs, and outside groups. To learn more, or to schedule a time to volunteer, contact Charlie at (916) 736-0116 or cbussey@kiwanisfamilyhouse.org.

In addition, large K-Family workdays are scheduled at least two times a
year, typically in April during Kiwanis One Day, and in early September. This is great opportunities for clubs to work side-by-side with their sponsored youth, friends, family members, and membership prospects.

**Upcoming Events**

Join us for the following upcoming events:

- KFH Annual Meeting  *June 11*
- KFH Committee Meetings  *June 14*
- Kiwanis International Convention  *June 23-26*
- KFH Committee Meetings  *June 27*

**Kiwanis Family House Wish List**

Click [here](#) for a printable version of this month's Wish List.

The Operations Manager always has a ready Wish List of items that are needed by Kiwanis Family House. These items are usually available at a convenience store or perhaps you might have them in your home. If you feel you can help out with an item, either bring it to Kiwanis Family House or give the Family House a call at 916-736-0116 to arrange a pick-up of the item(s).

**PRIORITIES**

- Toilet paper
- Disinfectant wipes
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Powdered laundry detergent

**GUEST NEEDS**

- Hotel size toiletries (shampoo, soap, etc.)
  - Hand held electric hair dryers
- Bath towels (White 30"x52"), Hand Towels (White 16"x30"), Wash Cloths (White)
- Fitted Twin Bed Sheet Sets (White Cotton only, please)
OTHER NEEDS

- Disinfectant Wipes (Clorox, Lysol or similar brand)
- Liquid Dish Soap (for hand-washing dishes)
- Powdered Laundry Detergent
- Unscented liquid Fabric Softener (NO DRYER SHEETS)
- Non-Latex Nitrile Disposable gloves, sizes S, M and L
- Paper Plates, Cups and Bowls
- HOME DEPOT and LOWE’S gift cards
- 9-Volt Batteries

Who We Are

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To View our Board of Directors, click here.

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide temporary housing and support to families of seriously ill or injured children and adults being treated at UC Davis Medical Center and Shriners Hospitals of Northern California.

Our Vision

Our Vision is to continually provide convenient, restful, secure, and low cost accommodations for the families of patients being treated at the UCD Medical Center or at Shriners Hospital.

Our Values

Our Values are guided by the KIWANIS Service Motto: "Serving the
Children of the World”.

The KIWANIS FAMILY HOUSE encourages the following core values:

- A sense of community
- Dedication to service
- Respect for families
- Augmentation of services provided by other organizations
- Collaboration with community partners
- Foster awareness for those in need
- Generosity

**Ways to Help**

You can help the Kiwanis Family House by donating or participating in the following programs:

- Sponsor A Family
- Become a Friend of the Kiwanis Family House
- Buy a Brick
- Purchase a Bright Award
- Donate a Vehicle
- Participate in the SaveMart S.H.A.R.E.S. Card Program
- Donate Wish List Items
- Become a Sponsor Club
- Sponsor a Room
- Volunteer at the Kiwanis Family House
- And much more!

For information on these opportunities, go to: [www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org/how-you-can-help/donate/](http://www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org/how-you-can-help/donate/)

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