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Report #124
Since October 1, 2001 to June 30, 2012, (the effective dates of this report), 10,979 families have stayed one or more nights at our Kiwanis Family House while being treated at UCDMC and Shriners Hospital for Children®.

This report covers over 11 years. Previous to October 1, 2001 the reports were tabulated in a different format.

Our KFH has hosted 857 families from outside Cal-Nev-Ha District (California, Nevada, and Hawaii). These 857 families come from:

| Alabama   | Montana   |
| Alaska    | Nebraska  |
| Arizona   | New Hampshire |
| Arkansas  | New Jersey |
| Colorado  | New Mexico |
| Connecticut | New York |
| Delaware  | North Carolina |
| District of Columbia | Ohio |
| Florida   | Oklahoma  |
| Georgia   | Oregon    |
| Idaho     | Pennsylvania |
| Illinois  | South Carolina |
| Indiana   | South Dakota |
| Iowa      | Tennessee |
| Kansas    | Texas     |
| Kentucky  | Utah      |
| Louisiana | Vermont   |
| Maryland  | Virginia  |
| Massachusetts | Washington |
| Michigan  | West Virginia |
| Minnesota | Wisconsin |
| Mississippi | Wyoming |

Also, there have been families from:
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Canada
- England
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Israel
- Italy
- Mexico
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Pakistan
- People’s Republic of China
- Republic of Palau
- Serbia
- Taiwan
- Uruguay
- Venezuela
- Wales

Division 7 and Division 44 are considered the “host” divisions. Families living within 35 miles of UCDMC are not eligible to stay at our KFH.

Aren’t you glad that there is your Kiwanis Family House in Sacramento, California?

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Out of District 857 7.81%

| 27   | Montalbo | 794      | 7.23%  |
| 45   | Pisiewski | 763     | 6.95%  |
| 46   | Smith     | 675      | 6.15%  |
| 44   | Bowes-Jr. | 660     | 6.01%  |
| 20   | Smith     | 430      | 3.92%  |
| 23   | Siminske  | 412      | 3.75%  |
| 8    | Frazier   | 341      | 3.11%  |
| 32   | Avants    | 297      | 2.71%  |
| 7    | Kocsis    | 213      | 1.94%  |
| 5    | Hillman   | 182      | 1.66%  |
| 26   | Gilliam   | 156      | 1.42%  |
| 18   | Roberts   | 122      | 1.11%  |
| 12   | Imper     | 116      | 1.06%  |
| 36   | Tidler    | 110      | 1.00%  |
| 34   | Litteer   | 105      | 0.96%  |
| 2    | Bowerman  | 98       | 0.89%  |
| 38   | Rardon    | 66       | 0.60%  |
| 28   | Yelinek   | 36       | 0.33%  |
| 43   | Bowen     | 35       | 0.32%  |
| 33   | Johnson   | 32       | 0.29%  |
| 29   | TerBorch  | 30       | 0.27%  |
| 42   | Gray      | 26       | 0.24%  |
| 41   | Bonar     | 25       | 0.23%  |
| 11   | Nakawatase | 23     | 0.21%  |
| 15   | Haendiges | 19       | 0.17%  |
| 6    | Whatley   | 18       | 0.16%  |
| 22   | Rugg      | 18       | 0.16%  |
| 31   | Higgins   | 17       | 0.15%  |
| 16   | Hyland    | 16       | 0.15%  |
| 47   | Platzke   | 15       | 0.14%  |
| 30   | Fields    | 14       | 0.13%  |
| 1    | Davis     | 13       | 0.12%  |
| 4    | Brooks    | 12       | 0.11%  |
| 10   | Arnold    | 12       | 0.11%  |
| 24   | Benitez   | 12       | 0.11%  |
| 37   | Sargent   | 12       | 0.11%  |
| 25   | Montano   | 9        | 0.08%  |
| 13   | Graham    | 6        | 0.05%  |
| 35   | Salgren   | 6        | 0.05%  |
| 19   | McDannold | 2        | 0.02%  |

Totals 10,979 100.0%

Neighborhoods... not numbers!

The column to the left mentions numbers, where are guests are from, codified by Kiwanis Divisions.

This article defines our guests from their neighborhoods during the month of June 2012.

California
- Alturas
- Anderson
- Aromas
- Arroyo-Grande
- Auburn
- Cedarville
- Ceres
- Chico
- Claremont
- Clearlake Oaks
- Clovis
- College City
- Colusa
- Corning
- Cottonwood
- Crescent City (2)
- Eureka
- Fairfax
- Ferndale
- Firebaugh
- Fort Jones
- Fortuna
- Fremont
- Gasquet
- Greenville
- Guinda
- Hoopa
- Jamestown
- Kings Beach
- Kingsburg
- Lemoore
- Lewiston
- Likely
- Lincoln

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Neighborhoods... not numbers! (Cont’d)

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• Lodi
• Lower Lake
• Lucerne
• Mariposa
• Merced
• Meridian (2)
• Modesto
• Moorpark
• Nevada City (3)
• Oceana
• Olivehurst
• Oroville
• Paradise
• Paskenta
• Planada
• Porterville
• Portola
• Red Bluff
• Redding
• Riverbank
• Roseville (2)
• Salinas
• San-Jose
• Selma
• Shasta Lake
• Shingletown
• Smith River
• South lake Tahoe
• Stockton
• Susanville
• Tahoe City
• Tulelake
• Vacaville
• Valley Springs
• Visalia
• Wildomar
• Winton
• Yreka

Colorado
• Colorado

Idaho
• Blackfoot
• Meridian

Illinois
• Effington

Mexico
• Acceves
• Alta Mirano
• Guaymas
• Mazatlan
• Tijuana

Top ten!

If you want to watch David Letterman’s “Top Ten”, you have to stay up late and watch TV.

If you want to see KFH Guest Relations Coordinator’s Mauda Butte’s “Top Ten” from the KFH Wish List, all you have to do is read it here!

If you cannot fit them in an envelope to mail, then gift cards from Sam’s Club and Costco work just fine also.

#10 Card stock

#9 Business card stock

#8 Refills for plug in room deodorants (Air Wick, Glade)

#7 Candy (individually wrapped)

#6 Small bottles of cooking oil

#5 Canned soups

#4 Cookies

#3 Bottled water

#2 Candy (individually wrapped)

#1 New/used DVD’s for guests to view in their rooms

21st Annual Red & White Ball
Karen Borman is reminding everyone to circle February 16, 2013 on their calendars.

That is the date for the 21st Annual Red & White Ball benefit our Kiwanis Family House.

The date is set, but the price has not been set yet. It depends on the cost for the meal and a few other factors.

It will follow the same successful formula that has been developed over the decades.

Set your GPS for the Dante Club located at 2330 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95825. It is a dinner dance.

There will be a silent auction to provide you an opportunity to pick up some neat prizes and gifts, know the proceeds go to our Kiwanis Family House. Stay tuned!
So I am a Libra. In Roman mythology, Libra depicts the scales held by Astraea, the goddess of justice, balance, and truth.

While I do not seriously adhere to astrological musings, I do hope I have just set myself up nicely for this month’s column.

A guest is recovering from a Cae-sarian section and her baby remains hospitalized. She has no means of transportation and no money to pay for lodging at the Kiwanis Family House. The initial referral was limited to two nights stay, however the doctors are not yet able to tell her how long the baby will remain hospital-ized. With such an open-ended case, the potential cost could be substantial. Should I agree to pick up this tab?

There are so many shades of gray, that region between clearly knowing when to display our signature Kiwanis compassion and when to respond out of a compelling need to use precious Family House money judiciously. As most of you already know, a sizeable number of our guest families ask us to grant them either partial or complete relief from the $40.00 per night room rent. When I sit with these families to discuss payment options, my compassionate Kiwanis family upbringing usually plays tug-of-war with my responsibility to thoughtfully draw from our rent relief account. That pool is only so deep.

A wife and husband land in Sacramento, three hours from home, while their child receives critical treatment at the Medical Center. With another child in tow, they require local accommodations for three. Neither spouse has earned income for several months, due in part to their need to care for their child. Should I agree to pick up this tab?

Service expansions at the two neighboring partner hospitals promise to keep our monthly volumes at or near 150 families. This new plateau promises more frequent tugs of war each month. Each time I transfer funds from our restricted rent relief account to our operating account to fund a guest’s night stay, I worry about not being able to do the same next week for another family with a compelling circumstance. It is imperative that we widen and deepen the rent relief pool. It is also imperative that we widen and deepen our operating account so that we can effectively serve our growing clientele.

For both pools, we have some significant dredging to do in the coming year.

With a dedicated board of directors, a hard-working employee team, a cadre of caring volunteers, and a visionary strategic plan, the Kiwanis Family House is rising to the challenges that come with the increase in demands for our services. But I need your help with the tug of war. I need your help contending with the shades of gray. I need your help balancing the scales as we seek to be just and prudent.

How many more guest needs could I meet if those of you who have not yet Sponsored a Family did for just one night?

How many more guest nights could I fund if those of you who have Sponsored a Family for one night did so for a second night? Or a third?

How many more guest needs could I meet if those of you who are “Copper Friends” would commit to the “Silver Level” ($300-$499)?

How many more guest needs could I meet if those of you who are “Silver Friends” would commit to the “Gold Level” ($500-$999)?

How many more guest needs could I meet if those of you who are “Gold Friends” would commit to the “Platinum Level” ($1000 or higher)?

Increased demand for our services, particularly by families requiring rent relief, is starting to tip the scales in our disfavor.

Astraea is feeling the strain of this tilt and I am struggling with the compassion-versus-accountability dilemma.

We probably always will, to a degree. But deeper reservoirs will ease the anxiety.

Astraea and I are confident that members of the Kiwanis family will sign on for this emerging dredging project.

Dan Germain
dgermain@kiwanisfamilyhouse.org

Scholarship winner!
(Continued)

Scholarship was presented to Emily Chirk.

She is the secretary for our Kiwanis Family House (KFH) board and a Circle K Member at California State University, Sacramento.

The Cunat International Scholarship is provided by Past Kiwanis International President Brian and Miki Cunat (shown above).

It consists of one US$2,500 scholarship provided by Kiwanis International based upon leadership in his or her line of study, regardless of grade point average or financial need.
President’s Message
by Bill Hooper (cont’d)

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ately started planning for a visit to our KFH by International President Penn and wife Jeri and Governor Dick Olmstead and his wife Cheryl.

I was also happy to receive an e-mail inviting us to put on a work shop at the Cal-Nev-Ha District Convention in Santa Clara on Saturday August 18 at 10:00 AM.

We have also been invited to visit several clubs to give them updates on our KFH.

Just call or e-mail the House if your club would like a program to update your club on what is happening at Kiwanis Family House.

If your Kiwanis Club is planning a fund raiser for Kiwanis Family House please let us know the details so we can support you on our Web Site.

Our KFH is at capacity.

We look forward to the joint installation of the Region 16 Lieutenant Governors (7,27,44) followed by a Speakeasy Casino Night on August 25th.

Karen Borman could use some volunteer help on several projects, particularly landscaping and lawn mowing so please give her a call and offer to help. See article on page 7.

We are excited about the services we continue to be able to provide to our guests, the help we are receiving from all of you, and the possibilities to do an even better job as we move forward. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our supporters.

Till next time.

Yours in Kiwanis Service, Bill bhoopklg56@comcast.net

Hot Time in New Orleans
(Continued)

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same percentage. Fortunately all of the events were in air conditioned facilities.

Shown above are: Emily Chirk, KFH Secretary; Alan Penn, Kiwanis International President, holding a bottle of Louisiana Hot Sauce given out at the convention; Dan Germain, KFH House Director; and Rita Beall, KFH Board Member.

A delegation from our KFH attended to spread the word about our wonderful facility.

Here are some of the reactions from the participants.

"Many more Kiwanians throughout the world are aware of the Kiwanis Family House as a result of our booth and presentation at the Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans. I found that many clubs are involved with Ronald McDonald houses in their communities and could relate to our Family House. Without exception they were amazed that we were successful with our project, knowing about operations of the Ronald McDonald Houses they work with," George MacMurphey, KFH Board Member

"The exposure we received for the Kiwanis Family House at the International Convention was invaluable. We spoke to Kiwanians from around the country and around the world, including the current International President Alan Penn and Vice President Gunter Gasser. We also received positive feedback from numerous people who attended one of our three presentations in the Exposition Center. All told, this visit helped to raise the profile of KFH to a much broader audience, and I look forward to continuing this effort in Vancouver next summer." Rita Beall, KFH Board Member

"The Kiwanis Family House team seized the opportunity to give three presentations to International convention attendees as to why our Family House is recognized as one of the top five high impact projects within Kiwanis International. Our presentations were well received as we let video clips of former guest families tell the story.

"Our powerful presentation seemed to generate much more interest in our Family House project then at any previous convention." Gary Christensen, Development Director

"For me, the whole KFH presentation experience was important.

"Putting together the wonderful people who put so much into the presentation before New Orleans, and the final outcome as we presented on the stage, to the feedback around the convention, spoke volumes about the commitment we all have for the house and how the worldwide Kiwanis community needs to get on board.

"If three little states can sustain this great project for 28 years, just imagine if globally Kiwanis took notice and every club helped out with only one small donation annually!!

"Just imagine! My moment came when Lori Bonin, of See’s candy, said she had to leave the stage area because she and all those around her had tears in their eyes watching the presentation….they all felt what we wanted them to feel." Dyann Branch President, Kiwanis Club of Lincoln

"Seeing Past International President Brian Cunat in the audience at one of the three workshops our Kiwanis Family House presented at the International Convention and then having him and his wife stay and talk with us about the House after the session was one of the highlights of the convention for me.

"Getting back to Sacramento after the convention and being asked by the District to put on a workshop at the District Convention and having the current International President and his wife ask to visit Kiwanis Family House on their visit to Cal-Nev-Ha was validation of how important it is to tell our story and how interested people become when they hear it" Bill Hooper President of KFH Board

www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org
There is a plan to redo the walkway in front of the Kiwanis Family House.

**Needed:** A person with experience working with concrete to pour a walkway in front of the house.

Also needed: People to move the bricks currently there and help with framing for the walkway.

Anyone with a green thumb who could help us with the landscape maintenance or upgrading the landscape please call House Director Dan Germain at (916) 736-0116 or dgermain@kiwanisfamilyhouse.org

KFH Board member Calvin Hara takes care of most of our maintenance needs at the House, but he could use some help from a Handyman.

Calvin Hara can be reached at (916) 812-5524 cmhara@comcast.net

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**Ways to support our Kiwanis Family House...**

**Donate your vehicle!**
Help a family in need!

If you have an old car, boat, or Recreational Vehicle (R/V) you can transform it into cash for our Kiwanis Family House.

Our KFH does not turn away any family who cannot pay the full amount to stay!

Our KFH has partnered with Car Program Inc. to provide an easy-to-use tax deductible process to donate your car, boat, or R/V.

You are able to donate your vehicle, running or not, and it does not have to be registered.

Questions: Call Board Member Calvin Hara at (916) 812-5524 or Car Program Inc. (800) 240-0160. This agency can accept donations from most of our 50 states to benefit our KFH!

- Next day pick-up
- Non-runner ok
- No smog ok
- 100% tax deductible

**DONATE A CAR**
(800) 240-0160

Kiwanian contact: Calvin Hara (916) 812-5524

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**Join the green team**

Our KFH needs a goat or two. We have been informed that goats graze and would do a wonderful job keeping the grass clipped neat and tidy.

But since our Kiwanis Family House (KFH) is in an urban setting on the University of California Medical Center campus it would be impossible to get the necessary permits.

So we turn to volunteers. We need teams of volunteers who would come on a timely basis (based on the season) to keep the grass mowed and other similar projects.

To join the KFH Green Team or to find more information contact Board Member Karen Borman (916) 489-4476 bormank@aol.com or House Director Dan Germain (916) 736-0116 or dgermain@kiwanisfamilyhouse.org

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**Get your SHARES Card (on page2) so we get our “share”!**

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**Become a friend!**

Want to feel good about yourself? The become a **Friend of our Kiwanis Family House.** It takes an annual donation of $100 (or more). Information about memberships and ways to pay, is available at our website:

www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org

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Precautions urged during heat wave

UC Davis experts offer tips for prevention of dangerous heat. Soaring temperatures can be extremely dangerous, particularly for seniors or for anyone who works or exercises outdoors. UC Davis physicians offer several suggestions to prevent heat stroke and severe dehydration, which can lead to hospitalization and even death on scorching summer days.

Signs of heat illnesses include muscle cramps due to salt depletion, and heat exhaustion, which is marked by weakness, nausea, dizziness and cool and clammy skin. When heat exhaustion is not relieved, it can lead to heat stroke, with extremely dangerous consequences, including confusion, agitation and blurry or double vision.

Seniors, in particular, are at risk for heat-related emergencies, says Calvin Hirsch, a geriatrics specialist with UC Davis Health System.

"No one is comfortable when the temperature soars," said Hirsch, professor of internal medicine, "but seniors account for a disproportionate number of heat-related hospitalizations and deaths."

Poor blood circulation and use of medications like diuretics that cause water loss and diminished perception of overheating, make many seniors more vulnerable to heat-related crises, Hirsch said. Additionally, many seniors are less inclined to keep windows open because of security concerns and may not have easy access to cooler environments when needed.

If there is no air conditioner or the power has gone out, Hirsch suggests seniors spend a few hours in an air-conditioned public place, such as a library, shopping mall or movie theater. Additional precautions to help avoid heat-related illnesses:

Stay in the coolest place as much as possible, and avoid too much activity.

Use the air conditioner, or try to spend at least a few hours in an air-conditioned place.

Eat lightly and drink plenty of fluids. Avoid alcohol and caffeinated drinks. Don’t take salt tablets unless advised to do so by a doctor.

Use hand-held, battery-operated fans and misters.

Rub wet washcloths, packs of frozen food or ice cubes over your wrists, face and back of neck.

Seek medical help if cooling-off measures are not working. Heat stroke can be fatal if not recognized and treated in time.

Exercising in extreme heat also poses health threats, says Jeffrey Tanji MD, a sports medicine specialist at UC Davis Health System.

"Exercise and activity are crucial to help you stay healthy, but it’s important to be careful in the summer to avoid heat stroke, dehydration and other consequences of overexertion," he said. "Luckily, a little common sense goes a long way."

Tanji suggests exercising during the cooler morning and evening hours.

Out-of-town visitors unaccustomed to Sacramento-area temperatures should take it easy the first few days. Even professional athletes adjust routines during the first several days of a change in climate, he adds.

Youngsters, in particular, should take regular timeouts and water breaks during exercise – a minimum of 10 minutes for every hour of exercise. Children, older people and those who are less fit need additional time to rest.

Before starting exercise, Tanji urges everyone to have a big glass of a cool drink; plain water is best, but fruit juices and Gatorade-type sports drinks also work well. Alcohol and caffeine contribute to dehydration and should be avoided.

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"Over the years"
The current series of House Talk (Volume I Issue 1) is dated May 1, 2001.

Ten years ago
Volume III Issue 2
August 2002

Paper for this edition of House Talk was provided by Mail Mart Plus
Fairfield, California
www.mailmart.com Larry Johns

Editors Note: May he rest in peace.

Nine years ago
Volume IV Issue 2
August 2003

The Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians provided a brighter outlook for the construction of our new Kiwanis Family House. The gift has been pledged over a five-year period.

Eight years ago
Volume V Issue 2
August 2004

A follow up story to Will C. Wood Middle School Builders Club who donated 28,213 soda pop tabs to our Kiwanis Family House.

The tabs were recycled and the proceeds used to "Buy a Brick" amongst the tabs a man’s ring was found.

It had been missing for a couple of years. It belonged to the spouse of one of the teachers who had been collecting the tabs for the right charity to come along. Our KFH was the “right charity” and luckily the ring was found and returned. How it got into the tab collection no one really knows.

Three years ago
Volume X Issue 2
August 2009

Kiwanis International President Donald R. Canaday was presented with a Bright Award at the 94th Annual KI Convention.

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Dear Kiwanis House Staff,

“I wanted to thank you for your generous services. You were there for me when I needed the support most.

“After being at my daughter’s bedside for days, I myself being 5 days post-op for a C-Section, I was weak from hunger and was beginning to lose my emotional ground.

“I would have never known that something as simple as a shower, a bag of food, and a box of Girl Scout Cookies would have been all that I needed to feel human again. Your services gave me the strength to continue being with my baby.

“My child has been released, and we have been home for 4 weeks now, we are both recovering quite well, in fact my daughter is 5 weeks old now! ”

“Thank you again Kiwanis House, for being there when I needed you most.

“You supported me through the toughest experience of my life….with gratitude”

“My (family member) was short for an appointment at the clinic. My first experience with ‘Kiwanis House’, I was uncertain what to find, when I arrived here. Very pleasantly surprised to what you provide here. Looking at the various writing in this book- I agree- Thank God your are here!

“You should be very proud for what you do!! God Bless!”

“May God bless you richly for all your love and support. We can never thank you enough. You lending your family home was truly a very special blessing to us….”

“Thank you for the opportunity to stay with our daughter…”

“... a wish that hopes joy and good things come your way— a wish that is felt deep in the heart and all year long.

“Thanks for just being you. With love.

“Letter, we get letters, we get stacks and stacks of letters…”

These letters are left at our KFH addressed to you. They are published to show our readers the impact made by the staff and services of our Kiwanis Family House and UC Davis Medical Center. The letters are published as originally written and punctuated. This is to preserve the sincerity and spontaneity of the writer.

“To Kiwanis House,

“This was an amazing experience here. I really liked the staff here.

“My experience was awesome. I've never experienced something like it. Thank you Kiwanis House Staff.”

“My Dearest Kiwanis Family,

“I love you and miss you. Thank you.

“Thank you for housing me, feeding me, and all of the emotional support! Kiwanis Family House is wonderful, the most wonderful, gift, a person (family) could receive in a desperate time of need.

“And I am grateful.

“Many wonderful things happened to us because we were at KFH. All my love”

“There’d be more smiles like mine!

“Thanks

“Thank you Scott and all of the Kiwanis staff for everything.

“May all your lights be green and skies, blue”

“My family wants to thank you every day, being here for all the help and helpers they gave us on short notice.

“We and our son are very blessed, and thanks for all the heart aches we did not need to have. Our son has cancer of the liver.

“Thank you!”

Thanks again.

“I couldn’t have gotten thru the accident without all your wonderful folks for being there.”

Editor’s Note: I just found out that there are "Day Passes" to our Kiwanis Family House. Here is how the system works.

A person would be referred to our Kiwanis Family House from the medical center. It would be a short term stay such as to cook a special meal for a patient in the hospital, to clean up and take a shower for having been up all night, to take a quick nap, to seek a quiet place for an hour or two to rest or to make a very difficult decision.

These "Day Passes" is another way that our Kiwanis House serves in ways generally not considered.

“(My daughter) was born on (date). Didn’t know of any kind of problem until 1 or 2 hours after birth.

“Then we had an ambulance come over after her. She had a colostomy not 24 hours after she was born.

“She’s very healthy and laid back happy.

“She had heart surgery (4 months after birth). The corrective surgery of her vagina and urethra area 7 months after birth.

“Some other things also in between.

“Through everything God has been patient kid, and compassionate, merciful and given us Kiwanis Hose when we’ve need a roof and a place to sleep while she’s here getting the best possible care.

“Thank you so much from our family to Kiwanis.”

“Dear staff: Thank you all so much for all your time.

“God Bless you!”

“Thank you so much for your kindness, your ministry is a great blessing.

“May God bless you abundantly…”

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Now you can help support the Kiwanis Family House by using Facebook. If you are on Facebook (or are planning on joining) you should “Like” the Kiwanis Family House page.

You can also click “Share” on any posting and this will share our stories with your Friends. It appears on their wall and news feed for Friends to see and spreads the message of Kiwanis Family House!

You can also “Suggest” a page to all your friends via a message. Just click on “Suggest to Friends” (the fourth link down from the logo) and choose the friends to whom you want to send an invitation to the Page.

You can post any comments, stories, or suggestions for other Fans to see, and it will also appear on your walls for your Friends to see.

If you want to reference something that is on the website, you should include a link to the Kiwanis Family House page along with your posting.

House Talk: Contact the Editor

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With The Eliminate Project, Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. This deadly disease steals the lives of nearly 60,000 innocent babies and a significant number of women each year. The effects of the disease are excruciating — tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch.

To eliminate MNT from the Earth, more than 100 million mothers and their future babies must be immunized. This requires vaccines, syringes, safe storage, transportation, thousands of skilled staff and more. It will take US$110 million — and the dedicated work of UNICEF and every member of the Kiwanis family.