Partnership the key to success

Our Kiwanis Family House has partnered with INALLIENCE.

INALLIENCE is a non-profit organization that supports the belief that people with developmental disabilities have an absolute right and responsibility to participate fully and equally in society, and to maximize their own quality of life.

It is committed to providing services that contribute to the independence of adults with developmental disabilities and acquired brain injury.

Since 1952 INALLIENCE has served thousands of families living with developmental disabilities. It will continue to promote its mission of building a more livable workable world. Services focus on job placement, employment training and the facilitation of supports necessary for integrated employment and community living.

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Save the dates!
These benefit our Family House:
- Feb. 15th Red & White Ball
- Apr. 5th Kiwanis One Day at Family House
- Apr. 24th Creeelman-Francisco Classic
- Apr. 26th Kiwanis Day at Sacramento River Cats
- June 21st Evening with the Stars of our Family House

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Donate a brick!
The memorial bricks cost $100 each. The lettering grid is 15 spaces across and three rows deep.
- Donate them for birthdays, anniversaries, memorials, sponsored organizations, past presidents, honorary members, and more.
- They are memorials and last longer than plaques and seen by more people.
- The bricks are installed in the courtyard of our Kiwanis Family House.
- For more information see website or contact editor. See page 10.

Would you donate 3% of your supermarket shopping to our Kiwanis Family House?
It is simple as 1-2-3
1. Do you shop at Save Mart, S-Mart, Food Maxx or Lucky Supermarkets?
2. If so scan your S.H.A.R.E.S card and the house gets a percentage. You still get the great sale prices and the rest.
3. If you do not have a card contact editor (page 12) and send your name and USPS mailing address. Editor will send you a S.H.A.R.E.S. card by return mail!
   Scan the S.H.A.R.E.S. card each time you shop!

Visit us at:
- Feb. 1st Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha District Mid-year South Conference, Garden Grove/Anaheim California Hyatt Regency Orange County
- Mar. 1st Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha District Mid-year North Conference, San Ramon Marriott, San Ramon, California
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Kiwanis Family House
Mission Statement
“The mission of the Kiwanis Family House is dedicated to providing housing and support to families of seriously ill and injured children and adults being treated at University of California, Davis, Sacramento.”
The Reverend Ronald Beams, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Sacramento, provides volunteer chaplain services to families who stay with us. Many times in the eight months since he joined our team, “Beamers” has told me how strongly he believes he is here for a reason and that he was called to offer his rich experience as an end-of-life grief counselor to our guests. During the recent holiday period, he served big time.

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In that first week, while cute Macie stole our hearts, Reverend Beams spent time with Erik at our Family House and also with the couple at the hospital.

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Each month, we post a link to our monthly newsletter, The House Talk, to both Facebook and Twitter...we also post our monthly Upcoming Events email.

But that’s not all! By connecting with us on social media sites, you’ll see what’s happening at our Kiwanis Family House, when it happens.

We often feature stories of clubs, groups, and individuals who are supporting our House, as well as up-to-the minute news of our guests and events.

We add videos of guest stories and news segments to our YouTube channel frequently.

And, connecting to us is E-A-S-Y!

On Facebook, just "LIKE" the Kiwanis Family House page so our posts will appear in your Facebook News Feed. You can also "SHARE" any post, which will repost it to your own timeline for all your friends to see. This is an easy way to spread the word about the great work being done at KFH.

And, don’t forget to "LIKE" or comment on our posts...we want your feedback!

On Twitter, just follow us at @KFHSacramento. If you like our posts, retweet!

On Youtube, click the red Subscribe button at the top right of our YouTube channel, Kiwanis Family House, and you’ll be one of the first to see our new videos and news segments as they’re released.

Help us reach a larger audience by sharing them on your own social media sites.

Thank you for helping us spread the word about the great things happening at our House, the Kiwanis Family House!
Kiwanis Family House, not in my backyard!

Report #140
Since October 1, 2001 to December 31, 2013, (the effective dates of this report), 13,608 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 12 years. Previous to October 1, 2001 the reports were tabulated in a different format.

Our KFH has hosted 1,042 families from outside Cal-Nev-Ha District (California, Nevada, and Hawaii). These 1,042 families come from:

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Arizona
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Georgia
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- New Zealand
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin
- 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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The column to the left mentions numbers, where our guests are from, codified by Kiwanis Divisions.

This article defines our guests from their neighborhoods during the month of December 2013. The number in parentheses is the number of families.

### Mexico
- Comondú
- Guasave
- Alderpoint
- Alturas
- Anderson (4)
- Arbuckel
- Arcata (2)
- Atwater
- Auburn
- Bakersfield
- Berry Creek
- Bishop
- Chico (5)
- Cottonwood
- Crescent City
- Danville
- Dixon
- El Cajon
- Etna
- Eureka
- Exeter
- Fairfield
- Foresthill
- Fresno (2)
- Galt (3)
- Grass Valley (6)
- Grover Beach
- Hoopa
- Klamath
- Lakeport
- Lewiston
- Likely
- Lodi
- Los Molinos
- Magalia
- Marysville

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President’s Message by Bill Hooper (Cont’d.)

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We need to increase our cash flow so we can improve staff salaries as new minimum wage laws kick in.

Our guests are being taken care of and our service is more in demand than ever and the Kiwanis Family is meeting the call for help.

Putting the following events on your calendar and support them is very important for our continued success:

- The Red & White Ball February 15th,
- The March in March on the 22nd of March,
- The Creelman Classic on April 24th,
- Kiwanis Night at the River Cats April 26th, and
- our 30th birthday celebration “Evening With the Stars” on June 21st.

Each of us can be very proud that Kiwanis has found a way to help around 150 families each month as they face an unexpected struggle in their lives.

Thank you for your ongoing support and friendship.

Till next time, Yours in Kiwanis Service,
Bill
William Hooper, President bhoopklg56@comcast.net

February Priorities
For Guest Rooms:
- Mattress Pads (for twin beds)
- Unscented Kleenex® or comparable tissues (unscented preferred)

Personal Care Items:
- Travel size shampoo
- Travel size conditioner
- Travel size soap

Guest Comfort Items:
- DVD movies (no exercise videos)

Other Essentials
- Banker Boxes for record storage.
- Multi-purpose paper (copying, printing, faxing)
- Cash Donations for “Staff Only” Laundry Room (for bed sheets and towels) and the new telephone system.
- Clorox® or Lysol® disinfectant wipes
- Paper towels
- Paper napkins
- Squeegees for windows
Executive Director, Dan Germain, commented, "INALLIANCE volunteers are in our building every week, assisting our housekeeping staff provide quality service to guest families. We are happy to be partners with a program dedicated to ensuring integrated opportunities for persons with disabilities and to open doors for job and skill development."

The jobs at our Family House are many.

Some take a job and complete the same job each time he/she comes. Others prefer to learn new things and do various jobs.

INALLIANCE is located at 6950 21st Ave Sacramento, CA 95820 Phone: 916-381-1300

Kiwanis Clubs are service clubs. What better way to provide service than being a Sponsor Club of our Kiwanis Family House?

For details about becoming a Sponsor Club go to: www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org

Pictured above are Kiwanians from the Kiwanis Club of Auburn, California.

This club has been providing service for over 60 years (chartered 4/17/1952).

It is a sponsor club. This Kiwanis Club has sponsored Room 126 at our Family House. Charlie Bussky, House Operations Manager, reported, "The Auburn Kiwanis Club came out in force on Saturday January 25, to refurbish, paint and deep clean their newly sponsored room."

Our Family House wins with Sponsor Clubs.

Partnership with Circle K

by Emily Chirk

Every year, Cal-Nev-Ha Circle K District Board votes on a new fundraising initiative for the next administrative year.

It is with great excitement that I am happy to notify you that this past weekend (January 25-26), the Kiwanis Family House was been chosen as a District Fundraising Initiative for the Cal-Nev-Ha Circle K District in the 2014-2015 administrative year.

Starting April 2014, all Circle K Clubs will begin fundraising in support of:

- Pediatric Trauma Prevention,
- The ELIMINATE Project, and
- Our Kiwanis Family House.

This is a major success in gathering support from the branches of the Kiwanis Family and is also a major opportunity to spread the word about the work we do.

This was a three month selection process headed by Katie Copsey (Sacramento State CKI member and CNH District Service Chair) and Bianca Posada (Sacramento State CKI President and current KFH House Keeper).

If you have the opportunity, please thank them for their hard work and dedication to our Kiwanis Family House.
Ways to support our Kiwanis Family House...

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 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.

Go to:
Questions: Call Executive Director Dan Germain at (916) 736-0116 or Car Program Inc. (800) 240-0160. This agency can accept donations from most of our 50 states to benefit our KFH!

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

Become a friend!

Want to feel good about yourself? Then become a Friend of our Kiwanis Family House. It takes an annual donation of $100 (or more). Monthly payment options are available. Information about memberships and ways to pay is available at our website: www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org

Want to feel better about yourself? Consider giving your friends and relatives the “gift” of becoming a Friend of our Kiwanis Family House. You will receive a either a bronze, silver, gold, or platinum-colored pin to wear proudly to correspond with your level of giving.

These donations are vital to our ability to keep our commitment to be there for families in crisis, regardless of their ability to pay.

Recycling makes cents!

Donate ink cartridges, LASER cartridges, toner cartridges etc. to our Family House. We even have a container for used plastic bags to be recycled. It helps the environment, lessens the impact on landfills, and makes cents.

If you work for a company, ask it if it will cooperate in giving you the items to take and donate. Our KFH gets money when we turn them in for recycling. Recycling money is “green” and spends the same way with a lessening on the budget.

Gifts of Appreciated Securities

If you have marketable securities that have grown substantially in value, the tax laws make it possible for you to make an important gift at a remarkably low after-tax cost. A gift of appreciated securities generally qualifies you for an income tax charitable deduction equal to the value of the gifted securities, and it may also avoid the long-term capital gain tax on your unrealized capital gain. You can deduct up to 30% of your adjusted gross income in the year of your gift. Any amount given in excess of 30% can be carried over and deducted for up to five subsequent years.

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UC Davis placed among the nation’s leading institutions of higher education that conduct research funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in 2013.

The School of Veterinary Medicine ranked first of 28 U.S. veterinary schools in NIH-funded research, and the School of Medicine, which includes grants from the UC Davis College of Biological Sciences to be comparable with other U.S. medical schools, ranked 34th among 139 medical schools.

The 2013 ranking advances UC Davis School of Medicine three places higher than in 2012, when it ranked 37th, and 15 places higher than in 2009 when it ranked 49th nationwide.

In fiscal year 2012-2013, total research funding at UC Davis topped $754 million. This includes nearly 1,000 research grants and contracts totaling $207.3 million at the School of Medicine (56 percent of which come from the NIH) and 209 grants and contracts totaling $67.2 million at the School of Veterinary Medicine (20.5 percent of which come from the NIH). Another research ranking by National Science Foundation using data on total research and development spending from fiscal year 2012, ranked UC Davis 21st among 655 colleges and universities.

“The proportion of NIH funding for an institution is one measure of research excellence,” said Harris Lewin, vice chancellor for research and a professor of evolution and ecology at UC Davis. “NIH grants are awarded on a highly competitive basis and only those institutions with fundamental core strengths across the life sciences have been successful at maintaining their NIH funding base. The rankings underscore UC Davis’ continuing rise in research, its record of hiring outstanding faculty, and our ability to leverage interdisciplinary collaborations to win prestigious grants even during a time of state and federal cuts in research funding.”

“Growth in NIH funding at UC Davis benefits students, patients, communities and the region. Research fuels the discoveries that transform health, and the infusion of federal funds contributes to the overall health of the area we serve,” said Frederick J. Meyers, executive associate dean at the School of Medicine who oversees the research, teaching, clinical care and community engagement missions in close coordination with leadership across UC Davis Health System and the larger UC Davis community.

Meyers attributes much of the recent gains in NIH research funding to high-impact multi-investigator grants that build shared infrastructure, such as studies at the UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center; research partnerships with the College of Biological Sciences; training grants for emergency medicine and cancer researchers and robust support for scientists through the UC Davis Clinical and Translational Science Center (CTSC).

“We are so pleased that our faculty members, many of whom have joint appointments with the School of Medicine, are a part of this unique collaboration between bench and bedside that has resulted in a level of excellence reflected in this new ranking,” said James E. K. Hildreth, dean of the College of Biological Sciences. “It further proves that partnerships across disciplines and institutions are powerful tools by which we can advance the study and application of discoveries in the life sciences.”

“The School of Medicine has benefited from the excellent synergy between departments and centers within the health system, across the UC Davis campus and with our many industry and community partners,” said Lars Berglund, senior associate dean for research and director of the UC Davis CTSC. “These investments in research pave the way for important discoveries that will improve health and save lives.”

For more than 100 years, UC Davis has been one place where people are bettering humanity and our natural world while seeking solutions to some of our most pressing challenges.

Located near the state capital, UC Davis has more than 33,000 students, over 2,500 faculty and more than 21,000 staff, an annual research budget of over $750 million, a comprehensive health system and 13 specialized research centers.
“Letters, 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 of 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.

“Thanks for your special kindness a kindness that sets you apart from the rest of the world.
“God bless your organization for your kindness and aid to (names)

“Dear Kiwanis Club,
“My wife and I wish to express our deepest appreciation for the unbelievable hospitality extended to us by your organization. We were told that the costs for our stay here have been waived. In light of our present situation, this is truly a blessing. Thank you.
“Our son has been diagnosed as (cancer) and is presently beginning chemotherapy. We don’t know, as of yet, the full extent of our predicament, but we do know for sure that we are in for a long battle.
“Our finances and resources are meager and we strive to remain optimistic. Thus, your charity is received with our utmost gratitude.
“Thank you and God Bless you!”

“To one and all,
“I cannot begin to say how wonderful everyone has been to us and how they made our stay, each and everyone made things bearable.
“It is with great joy that we have you but you will always be in our hearts.”

“My husband’s doctor performed two heart procedures for him at UC Davis Hospital.
“It was so wonderful to have the shuttle. Our family and grand children were able to be at beside (at different times).
“My husband is recovering nicely, Praise the Lord.
“Our family and friends like you, with loving support, help heal mind, body, and spirit.
“When God closes a door, He always opens a window. Love”

“Dear Kiwanis House,
“Your kindness to (names) when visiting (KFH) is appreciated.
“It was nice to see her room and how it all worked out for them. That was my first time in one of your houses. What a great idea!”
“As you know (name) passed away on (date) and buried (date).
“If not for the Kiwanis House, she may not have lived this long. With the help of the hospital, you, and Our Lord (the other family members) are holding up well, they are not complaining with all they have been through.
“My many thanks for the love that was shown to my loved ones.
“may all find peace in your houses as we did”

“Once again, Everyone of you, we wish you the best.
“We all love you.
“It gives me great joy to know we will always have a family in you.
“Love always”

“Dear House Staff,
“This place is so great.
“You have made our stay here as easy as possible and we love you all for that, thank you.
“It is so great to know there’s a place like this one when one is in their most need.
“Thank you from the (xxxx) Family”.

“Wonderful Staff!
“Beautiful Place!
“Keep up the Great Work
“Thank you
“God Bless you!”

Become a KFH Team Member!
• We need more volunteers.
• Training is provided.
• Like to work by yourself? We have such chores.
• Like to take some fellow club members along, we can handle that.
• If you are a Sponsor Club consider having your members adopt one day each month and cover all of the shifts.
• Adopt an odd day to work, such as the 5th Saturday or week day.
• Work for a shift or two each month.
• Flexible hours.
• You can “work the desk and telephones” to free up the staff to do other chores.
• You can do “handyman chores” if that is what you would like to do.
• If you have a green thumb, there are projects to assist.
“Hands-on” community service hours.
• Wonderful atmosphere.
• Volunteer your time.
Contact Operations Manager Charlie Bussey at: (916) 736-0116.
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.

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**House Talk: Contact the Editor**

Quick Facts about **House Talk**

- Our Kiwanis Family House has an Ambassador Program. The dictionary defines “ambassador as an official envoy; an authorized representative or messenger.”
- To be a Sponsor Club is one thing, but communication is a two way street.
- Because Ambassadors serve several clubs, they know the latest, and perhaps the best in fund-raising programs.
- Because Ambassadors meet with other Ambassadors, they can find solutions and best ways to solve problems.
- Ambassadors are here to inform.
- Ambassadors are here to listen.
- Ambassadors are here to remind.
- Ambassadors are here to answer any questions.
- Ambassadors are here to offer suggestions.
- To confirm your Ambassador, email **Rita Beall**, see above.

**Saturday**

**April 5, 2014**

**9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

At Kiwanis Family House

**2875 50th Street, Sacramento, CA 95817**

All K-Family Members and friends are invited!

Projects include:
- Weeding  Landscaping
- Spreading bark  Carpet cleaning
- Organizing  Cleaning

Lunch will be provided.

R.S.V.P. Rita Beall (916) 549-1354