**Third in a series…**

**Faces behind the numbers**

When you read *House Talk*, you see the numbers of guests, you see where they come from, and occasionally you read thank you letters from our guests.

As the late broadcast journalist, Paul Harvey, would say, now it is time, “For the rest of the Story.”

House Director, Dan Germain, prepared the following story about one of our family guests.

Dan’s story follows:

The last three years have not been easy for young mom Julie Davis. When Julie went in for a routine ultrasound appointment at 29 weeks pregnant, it was detected that her water had broken.

Concerned for her health as well as her baby’s, her doctor flew her from Redding to Sacramento to give birth to her premature son at UC Davis Medical Center. Hours later when Charlie Wagner was born, he was diagnosed with hydrocephalus, a buildup of cerebrospinal fluid inside the brain which is commonly known as “water on the brain.”

Due to this complication, Charlie was hospitalized for 10 days. (Continued on page 4)
## Important Dates

**Kiwanis Family House**  
**Board meetings**  
**Kiwanis Family House**  
2875 50th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95817  
Second Thursdays 7:00 pm  

**2013**  
**June 8 Annual meeting**  
**11:00 a.m. at KFH**
- July 11
- Aug 8
- Sep 12
- Oct 10
- Nov 14
- Dec 12

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### Subscription information about **House Talk**

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- Each Sponsor Club is emailed a copy to the designated Kiwanian.
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- If you wish to receive it by US Postal Service contact Editor on page 10.

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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 or a brick order contact editor. See page 10.

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It is simple as 1-2-3

1. Do you shop at Save Mart, Smart, 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.

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3. If you do not have a card contact editor (page 10) 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!

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**Mission Statement**  
"The mission of the Kiwanis Family House is dedicated to providing housing and support to families of seriously ill children and adults being treated at University of California, Davis, Sacramento."

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### See us at:

- **June 27-30**
- **August 15-17, 2013**
  Cal-Nev-Ha Dist. Convention  
  Silver Legacy Resort & Casino, Reno, NV

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Kiwanis Family House, not in my backyard!

Report #132
Since October 1, 2001 to April 30, 2013, (the effective dates of this report), 12,449 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.

***Sadly: Div. 15 Lt. Governor Jim Zitterkopf had a massive heart attack has passed away.

Our KFH has hosted 956 families from outside Cal-Nev-Ha District (California, Nevada, and Hawaii). These 956 families come from:

Alabama
Alaska
Arizona
Arkansas
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
District of Columbia
Florida
Georgia
Idaho
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
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New Jersey
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New York
New York
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.

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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 April 2013. The number in parentheses is the number of families.

**Arizona**
- Chandler
- Kamloops B.C.
**California**
- Agoura Hills
- Alturas (3)
- Anderson (4)
- Angels Camp
- Antioch
- Arnold
- Atwater
- Bella Vista (2)
- Chico (4)
- Chowchilla
- Clear Lake (2)
- Coarsegold
- Colusa
- Corning
- Cottonwood (2)
- Diamond Springs
- Dinuba (2)
- Dunsmuir
- Emeryville
- Eureka (2)
- Fairfield (2)
- Fort Jones
- Fresno (5)
- Grass Valley (2)
- Happy Valley
- Hayfork
- Hoopa
- Janesville
- Laguna Hills
- Lake Amador (2)
- Lodi (3)
- Los Moulinos (2)
- Mariposa

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

- Marysville (2)
- McKinleyville
- Mendocino
- Modesto
- North Fork
- Oroville (6)
- Paradise (7)
- Plymouth
- Pollock Pines
- Porterville
- Portola
- Proberta
- Quincy (2)
- Red Bluff (9)
- Rialto
- Riverside
- Roseville (2)
- San Jose
- Shingletown
- Sonora
- Stockton (4)
- Sunnyvale
- Tracy (2)
- Truckee (3)
- Tutlock
- Vacaville
- Weaverville (3)
- Westwood
- Yreka

Hawaii
- Hilo

Idaho
- Eagle

Nevada
- Carson City (3)
- Dayton (2)
- Fallon
- Gardnerville
- Hawthorne
- Reno (2)
- Smith
- Spring Creek
- Sun Valley
- Yerington

Oregon
- Brookings
- Cloverdale
- Lakeview

Texas
- Montgomery (3)

Virginia
- Petersburg

Washington
- Olympia
- Seattle (2)

Total Families 379
Average Stay 2.53 days

KFH is United by Gary Christensen

United Way California Capital Region announces the approval of the Kiwanis Family House as a Certified Nonprofit Partner for 2013.

United Way California Capital Region’s vision is to build stronger, healthier, more compassionate communities in the region by partnering with local employers and nonprofits to improve people's lives.

Working with 750 employers in Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties, United Way holds workplace giving campaigns to raise support for local nonprofits who share the mission and for the United Way focus areas that bring together these nonprofits to tackle tough issues in the community.

Being a Certified Nonprofit Partner with United Way is special.

It means the nonprofit partner can be effective, transparent and dedicated to improving peoples in the community.

Through United Way's certification process, the nonprofit partner is ensuring that the mutual donors' dollars are being used as effectively as possible.

The certification process is strenuous and requires the nonprofit partner to comply with United Way's standard.

As a Certified Nonprofit Partner, the Kiwanis Family House will now be able to participate in employer's workplace giving campaigns to help raise funds, as well as joining with other nonprofits in United Way sponsored speaker's training and to benefit from other donation programs such as the massive toilet paper drive (190,000 rolls goal) scheduled for June 13, 2013.

Don't forget... when you donate, our Kiwanis Family House's United Way ID # is 5028.

Faces behind numbers (cont’d.)

Charlie with KFH Staff Member Bonnie Witzleben

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the first 85 days of his life, during which time Julie, and at the time her parents, were guests at our Kiwanis Family House (KFH).

Things weren't easy once Charlie was discharged from the hospital, and Julie was able to take him home with her to Alturas, California.

In addition to returning to UC Davis every six months for follow-up visits, there have been numerous emergencies, surgeries, and hospitalizations in Charlie's young life. He began experiencing seizures around his first birthday and this has severely affected his development.

County programs are currently providing Charlie with physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy. Beyond these, her family needs support services that are not readily available to her.

If Julie has one wish, it would be to have more help for Charlie available in her local area. Services to help with Charlie's special conditions are scarce in rural Alturas, as are dentists (there are two in her county, and neither are on her medical insurance plan) and pediatricians (Charlie’s is 3-1/2 hours away in Redding).

It is Julie's goal to get the help Charlie needs to allow him to live an independent life, and this has caused to her become an advocate for increasing support services in her county. She recently attended Healthy Summit in Sacramento, speaking to legislators about the need for more services in rural communities.

Julie credits our KFH and its supportive staff with helping her through the challenges. The connections she and Charlie have
We are fortunate to be able to return an important healing resource to our services at our Kiwanis Family House.

The Reverend Ronald Beams, a former member of the Kiwanis Club of Glendale and a newly-inducted member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Sacramento, is now providing family support services to those we serve. He is gracefully filling a void that has existed since the departure of our former chaplain, Walt Tietjen.

As I have noted in previous columns, our guest families have an amazing ability to bond. This bonding manifests itself in many ways, not the least of which is the manner in which they become special listeners for each other.

As true as that is, there is no certainty that all who could benefit from a healing ear find one during their stay at the KFH.

As I have gotten to know Ron in our initial conversations, and watch him interact with families, I am reassured that our home now is a richer healing environment because of his presence, his impact, and, most importantly, his commitment to being a compassionate listener.

The room we have assigned to Ron for his family support work is a special one for Norma and Larry Montna.

Several years ago, these committed Kiwanians sponsored our counseling room in memory of their son, Butch. The room contains several items that honor his life.

The Montnas’s spent a few special moments in Butch’s room when they met Reverend Beams before a recent Kiwanis meeting. I am convinced they gained an immediate sense of Ron’s value as a comforting listener. At lunch, Norma put in a “happy dollar” for her new friend, stating “I think we will be talking a lot”.

Reverend Beams spent the majority of his professional career as Director of Clergy Relations for Forest Lawn Memorial Parks.

In addition, he has certifications in grief counseling and critical incident stress management. You can learn more about him and his non-denominational program on his website, www.revbeams.com. Or, better yet, next time you visit the KFH, ask for Ron and get to know him and his “listening ear” for yourself.

*Dan Germain (916) 736-0116
dgermain@kiwanisfamilyhouse.org

(Continued from page 4) made with Scott, Jodi, Lorraine, Bianca, and the others help them feel they have a home when they come to Sacramento for Charlie’s twice-yearly checkups and interim appointments.

In addition, Julie is still in contact with many of the families she met during her initial 85 day stay. Staying in contact with them helps her deal with the ups and downs of caring for Charlie.

The good news is that in his checkup last week, Charlie’s doctors were impressed with his verbal progress. They noted that he is a happy child who, thanks to the love and support of mom Julie and of friends like those at the Kiwanis Family House, has a good chance of progressing even further.

As Julie says, “His brain is growing by leaps and bounds,” and as long as our KFH can be their home away from home, Julie can continue to bring Charlie to Sacramento for the help he needs to reach his full potential.

As true as that is, there is no certainty that all who could benefit from a healing ear find one during their stay at the KFH.

Exercise is like medicine for your body!

- Some people join a health or fitness club (costs money).
- Some people jog (costs money for special shoes, and be sure the areas you jog are safe).
- Some people like to cycle (cost money for a bicycle and watch out for cars and motorcycle).
- Here is a way to safely exercise and contribute to our KFH. Set up a schedule to cut the grass. It is safe, fresh air is good for you, and you provide a needed service.
- Call Dan Germain (916) 736-0116

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- Clorox® or Lysol® disinfecting wipes
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- Dry Cleaning pads for Swiffer® Wet Jet mop

If you wish to ship or mail them, here is a money saving way: Mail to our KFH or give us a call at (916) 736-0116 to arrange a pick up.

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Kiwanis Family House

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 are guided by the Kiwanis International Motto: “Serving the Children of the World”.

The Kiwanis Family House was built through the efforts of many Kiwanis club volunteers from the Sacramento area. We opened on July 23, 1984 to answer an urgent need for temporary housing for the families of pediatric patients at the UCD Children’s Hospital in Sacramento.

President’s Message by Bill Hooper (Contd.)

challenges, our board of directors voted to increase the daily rate from $40 to $50 per night beginning June 1st. This modest increase is the first since July 2006.

We look forward to hosting a new event, “An Evening with the Stars of Kiwanis Family House” on July 20th at the Shriners Hospital for Children® Northern California in Sacramento. The event will be held at that hospital’s atrium, where we will recognize the real stars of KFH, the top sponsoring clubs and the all-star donors.

We will be joined that evening by the leadership at UC Davis Medical Center and Shriners Hospital as we celebrate the 29th anniversary of the partnership which has allowed us to serve over 20,000 families as their loved ones have battled illnesses or fought to recover from injuries.

Tickets for this gala evening are on sale now and may be purchased from our website or by contacting board member, Rita Beall at rbeall@kiwanisfamilyhouse.org, or (916) 549-1354.

It has been an exciting, challenging, and rewarding adventure but with your help the best is still to come. Thank you!

Till next time.

Yours in Kiwanis Service,
Bill
bhoopklg56@comcast.net

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Join us on Saturday, July 20th at the Shriners Hospital Atrium (2428 Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento). It will be a magical evening as we wine, dine, and celebrate the Stars of the Kiwanis Family House. For tickets and information go to www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org
Our Kiwanis Family House (KFH) guests watch TV in their rooms. But the TV’s in their rooms are wearing out.

Donate $300 so our KFH may purchase replacements. We are targeting Best Buy Store’s Insignia model which has a DVD player.

Families need diversions while worrying about family members. Televisions allow them to catch up on the news.

Recycling makes cents!

Donate ink cartridges, LASER cartridges, toner cartridges etc. to our KFH.

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 KFH 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.

Usually a sale of appreciated securities results in a tax on your full gain – in other words, you keep only part of the profit. But if you donate those same appreciated securities to our Kiwanis Family House, there is no tax on your gain, even though your “profit” is counted as part of your charitable deduction.

Check with your Tax Advisor or IRS.

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

Want to feel better about yourself? Consider giving your friends and relatives the “gift” of becoming a Friend of our Kiwanis Family House.

These donations keep our KFH in operation and keeping our commitment of never having to turn any one away for lack of payment.

Get your SHARES Card (on page 2) so we get our “share”.

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UC Davis Health System is improving lives and transforming health care by providing excellent patient care, conducting groundbreaking research, fostering innovative, interprofessional education, and creating dynamic, productive partnerships with the community.

UC Davis Health System is a major driver of economic prosperity in Sacramento region and Northern California, generating more than $3.4 billion in annual economic output and more than 20,000 jobs.

For every employee or dollar of output directly supported by health system operations, the Northern California economy gains an additional 1.1 jobs or $1.10 of output, respectively.

As the region's only academic health center, UC Davis Health System is focused on discovering and sharing knowledge and providing the highest quality of care. The health system is a hub of innovation that converges to advance human health.

UC Davis School of Medicine is one of the nation's leading medical schools, recognized for its research and primary-care programs. A national reputation for life-changing biomedical discoveries, a passion for clinical care and a commitment to engaging people from underserved communities are the hallmarks of a UC Davis School of Medicine education. The school offers fully accredited master's degree programs in public health and in informatics, and its combined M.D.-Ph.D. program is training the next generation of physician-scientists to conduct high-impact research and translate discoveries into better clinical care.

Along with being a recognized leader in medical research, the school is committed to serving underserved communities and advancing rural health.

Major areas of research:

- UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center unites 188 scientists with $122 million in funds to fight cancer through improved detection, better drug therapies and more effective approaches to treatment.
- UC Davis emergency medicine physicians are nationally recognized for leading multicenter research that develops new standards of care for treating children at emergency departments.
- World-renowned scientists at the UC Davis MIND Institute are committed to finding better treatments and cures for autism, fragile X and other neurodevelopmental disorders.
“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.

“Dear Editor:

“I just wanted to tell you how much I enjoy reading your newsletter, House Talk! “It really is a neat concept, for which you and your entire district, should be proud. “Keep up the good work!”

James “Jim” Rochford
Kiwanis International Trustee

“To all of ya, with Kiwanis House! “Thank you, Thank you, Thank ya! “Your kindness and generosity made it possible to be with our mom while she had esophageal surgery. “God Bless You All!”

“Thank you for being here. “I don’t know what we would do without you. “The employees and volunteers are so helpful and kind. “You all helped us in a time of great need! “What a wonderful organization. “Thank God for KFH!”

“Dear Staff, “A whole garden of thanks would not be too much for you! “Thank you for being there when we needed you the most. “What you provide is so appreciated by us. “Sincerely”

“My husband has been fighting cancer since 2010, when his first fight with cancer and that we put into remission, Thank God! “Then November 2012, he was hit with a different type of cancer which he will be taking Radiation for that.

“So far he is a cancer survivor two times which not for the Kiwanis Family House, and their support and the help that we received in our time of need.

“I really don’t know what we would have done. “This place is so gifted and special in our hearts. “If you need help as the staff, and they have a lot of resources, they can help you with.

“We have stayed here...it is a stress free place, close to loved ones in the hospital, and everyone who stays here, we all draw strength from. “Thank you Kiwanis Family House!”

“Very clean and nice to have a place to sleep. Thank you!”

“Kiwanis Family House has been wonderful. “My daughter is now 5 and a half months old and was born at UC Davis. “She has cerebral palsy and has had 5 brain surgeries.

“I can’t afford a hotel every night and KFH has shown me hospitality by helping with a place for me to sleep. “If not, I would be camping out with an air mattress in the hospital.

“My daughter is doing better and we hope she won’t have to have anymore (operations) until she gets older and they have to replace the shunt.

“The staff here at KFH have made each time we’ve stayed here, they made us feel like we are one big family.

“We want to thank everyone who was there for us and helped us through the rough times. “Sincerely”

“You all are such a blessing from the Lord! “The shuttle, the fridge, the room, the kitchen—all just such a blessing.

“I could not say more. “Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!!!

“When it came to Kiwanis House the need was for my sister’s life. “She has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. “I was so thankful to have a place where my family could feel at home. “Thank you for your services. It helped me to survive a difficult time. “God Bless!”

Become a KFH Team Member!

• We need more volunteers.
• 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.
• Training is provided.
Contact House Director Dan Germain at: (916) 736-0116.
**House Talk: Contact the Editor**

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**Eliminate**

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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- Our KFH Ambassador Program has been launched. 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 KFH Ambassador, email Rita Beall, see above.

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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.