We remember Leona...

No history or accounting of the Kiwanis Family House would be complete without the mention of Leona Bright. She is the *sine qua non*, in English meaning something absolutely indispensable or essential. (*Sine qua non* in Latin literally means *without which not*).

The remembrances in this story are from Kiwanians who knew her and not family members.

Leona was a very determined lady with an assertive personality. She achieved her intentions by charming, loving, and inspiring ways. But she achieved her intentions. Her husband was Vern Bright who was in the insurance business.

Leona was involved with the Bradley E. Wilson Memorial Foundation for cystic fibrosis.

Parents were taking their ill children to the UC Davis Medical Center for treatment.

Leona was trying to find homes for the families to stay in, while their children were in the hospital. Nearby homes were tough to come by.

Then Leona turned to her husband and challenged him by saying, "Why don’t you (Continued on page 8)"

This year marks our Family House’s 30th Anniversary.

Tradition indicates our Pearl Anniversary. How appropriate! The pearl is the oldest known gem.

For many, it is considered the most valuable.

Unlike other gems, the pearl is organic and derived from living creatures, oysters and mollusk.

So it is with our Family House, derived from the service of Kiwanians.

It is hard to believe that it has been 31 years since Leona Bright gave Kiwanis what I call “Our Call to Action” to build Kiwanis Family House.

In 1983, she was returning home from the UC Davis Medical Center. She had planned on bringing a patient’s family with her for dinner and a nights rest, but the young patient was so sick that the family could not travel as far as the Bright’s home and feel comfortable.

Kiwanians and friends of Kiwanis opened their homes to such families.

Co-Founder of our Kiwanis Family House Leona Bright tells of the story about opening her home to such a stricken family and being turned down by the family. Why? It was too far from the hospital (about eight miles). The parents felt they could not respond to their child being treated.

The story goes that Leona turned to her husband (and Kiwanian) Vern Bright, looked him squarely in the eyes and said, "Why don’t you (Kiwanians) do some-thing about this?" Vern agreed and in a very short period of time he had mobilized a group of Kiwanians who managed to persuade members of Kiwanis Clubs in Divisions 7 and 44 (Cal-Nev-Ha District) to get behind and contribute to a Kiwanis

The new Foundation was able to secure a renewable lease from UC Davis for property on the UC Davis Medical Center Sacramento Campus for our Family House at a cost of $1.00 per year.

Five used construction trailers were then purchased and moved to the

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**Important Dates**

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

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

These benefit our Family House:
- June 21st Evening with the Stars of our Family House
- June 28th Annual Meeting of our Kiwanis Family House
- Creelman-Francisco Golf Classic Thursday April 30, 2015

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**Donate a brick!**

Be a Part of Tomorrow.....Today! Buy 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 are 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 12.

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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 27) 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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The year is **2044** and the Kiwanis Family House is celebrating its **60th** anniversary.

In our rich history, we have hosted more than 100,000 families from 58 countries on earth, two lunar territories, and the orbiting **President Chelsea Clinton Space Colony**. Our 64 guest rooms are augmented by 24 hoverhome docking stations.

Due in no small part to Kiwanis International service initiatives, iodine deficiency, maternal and neonatal tetanus, cancer, and most forms of dementia are but haunting memories in the annals of medical history.

**Andrew Tom**, former Circle K member, is the dynamic president of the Kiwanis Family House board of directors. **Tireless Executive Director Kimmee Bacon** is a former Key Clubber. Supported by a stellar team of board, staff, and volunteers, the House is thriving at historic levels. The quality of our services to families facing medical crisis has never been higher, largely because the regular infusion of corporate support allows us to optimally equip and maintain our facility. Our Kiwanis Family House is no longer a kept secret, thanks to a sustained and powerful marketing program engineered by Andrew, Kimmee, and Kiwanis members worldwide for which social media has been second nature for a generation.

The Kiwanis Family House is fiscally solid because we have expanded our cadre of sponsoring Kiwanis clubs beyond the California-Nevada-Hawaii District, signed up thousands of new **Friends of the Kiwanis Family House**, and sold enough bricks to line a highway from Sacramento to Rancho Cucamonga and then on to Indianapolis.

Most importantly, we cannot underestimate the value of our Kiwanis Family House endowment and legacy giving programs to the survival and continued excellence of the House. The leadership of those who served on the board of directors thirty years ago, in 2014, all but assured it. They understood that any nonprofit organization which did not derive a substantial portion of its operating budget from its endowment would ultimately be in trouble. Thirty years later, we remain grateful to the hundreds of individuals, families, trusts, and foundations which have joined our legacy team since the endowment and giving programs were established.

For those of you who remain passionate and want to ensure the future of the Kiwanis Family House, please remember us in your estate planning just like all who have done so since 2014. With your planned gift to our Family House, you can help ensure that our home always provides a place of peace and respite for families dealing with medical crisis.

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

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**What a “Friend” we have in Hal Snow!**

It was Kiwanian Hal Snow who thought that there should be an easy way to financially support our Family House, and make it painless also.

He developed the Friends of the Kiwanis Family House (Individual Membership) Program.

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**SOUTHWEST AIRLINES**

Before Southwest Airlines, moved their crew base, employees would come to the original Family House, and cook dinners for the guests and employees.
Report #144
Since October 1, 2001 to April 30, 2014, (the effective dates of this report), 14,155 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 1,082 families from outside Cal-Nev-Ha District (California, Nevada, and Hawaii). These 1,082 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
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- 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
- République du Sénégal
- 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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Neighborhoods...
not numbers!

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 2014. The number in parentheses is the number of families.

**California**
- Alturas (4)
- Anderson (2)
- Antioch
- Auburn (2)
- Biggs
- Chester
- Chico (2)
- Chino
- Clearlake
- Corning
- Cottonwood
- Covel
- Crows Landing
- Dinuba
- Dublin
- El Cajon
- Esparto
- Fallbrook
- Fresno (2)
- Gold Run
- Grass Valley
- Hoopa (2)
- Kelseyville
- Lakeport
- Lincoln
- Livermore
- Lodi
- Loomis
- Marvils
- McKinleyville
- Merced
- Modesto (2)
- Mount Shasta (3)
- Nevada City (2)

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The First Object of Kiwanis
To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
Our Kiwanis Family House has a chaplain available for our guests.

Current Chaplain: Ronald David Beams

Former Chaplain: Walt Tietjen

Kiwanis Family House
June Wish List
Charlie Bussey, our Operations Manager, always has a Wish List of items that are needed.

Historically over the years, responses to the Wish List have provided essential supplies, and nice-to-have gifts to support our House and our Guests.

It is much like the gifts you get in your Christmas Stocking.

You might consider the Wish List as the Frosting on the Cake.

Perhaps you might want to add an item for our Family House when you are shopping. You might find it more convenient to mail us a check so we can do the shopping for you. The check fits easily in an envelope.

Indicate on the memo line as to what wish list item the check is intended for. Mail to:

Kiwanis Family House
2875 50th Street,
Sacramento, CA 95817

June Priorities
For Guest Rooms:
- 20 Shower Curtains (Pastel Colors)
- 20 Shower Curtain Liners
- 25 Pillows (Standard Size, Hypoallergenic, no feather)

For our Food Closet:
- Bottled Water
- Ramen Noodles
- Hamburger Helper®
- Tuna Helper®
- Canned Tuna
- Soups
- Canned vegetables
- Macaroni and Cheese
- SPAM®
- Canned chicken

Other Needs: Cash Donations for:
- Rent Relief (Sponsor a Family)
- Laundry Room Capital Campaign

October 2002

The play house (above) was built by Norman Lino and Phil Damask of Gold Country with assistance from the Sierra Foothill High School woodshop class (under Teacher Art Anderson’s tutelage). The winner of the raffle was Charles (“Charlie”) Coleman who is from Division 11 (San Diego area).

Neighborhoods...not numbers! (Cont’d)

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- Olivehurst (3)
- Oroville (10)
- Palo Cedro
- Paradise
- Paynes Creek
- Penn Valley
- Petaluma (2)
- Quincy (3)
- Red Bluff (3)
- Redding (9)
- Sacramento (4)
- San Francisco
- San Jose (2)
- Santa Rosa
- Shasta
- Shasta Lake (6)
- Shingletown
- South Lake Tahoe (2)
- Stockton (2)
- Tahoma (2)
- Trinidad
- Tulelake (2)
- Turlock
- Vacaville
- Weed (2)
- Westwood
- Willows
- Yreka
- Yuba City
- Mexico
- Nogales
- Tijuana (2)
- Minnesota
- Chaska
- Nevada
- Carson City (2)
- Fernley
- Gardnerville
- Reno (3)
- Sparks
- Yerington
- Zephyr Cove
- Oregon
- Brookings
- Klamath Falls
- Redmond
- Medford
- Utah
- Riverton

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(Continued from page 1) property and converted into the first Kiwanis Family House.

Area Kiwanis Clubs were moved by the cause and were very generous in donating their time, talent, and treasure toward this project.

It seemed like everyone knew someone who could help, and in July of 1984 our Family House opened.

The first patient was a young child from Washington State who was the Medical Center’s eleventh liver transplant.

Our House had seven bedrooms, men’s and women’s bathrooms and shower areas, a kitchen and dining area and a common room.

Our House was operated by volunteers, who were mostly Kiwanians and their wives. This project brought the Kiwanis of the region together as we had a common purpose and we needed each other to succeed.

Kiwanis Clubs worked together to staff, maintain, clean, finance, and repair, our new House. It quickly became apparent we needed more rooms.

After about four years, the seven bedroom facility had reached its occupancy capacity. Local Kiwanians mounted a new fund-raising campaign to build a seven bedroom addition. The addition was built with wood frame construction and included an additional kitchen and bathroom for our guest families.

We also built a playground behind the house and added landscaping.

Most clubs provided volunteers to operate the House and did several projects a year to maintain and improve the House.

Some of my best memories are Kiwanians from Placerville, Roseville, Grass Valley, Woodland, Auburn, Amador County, and other places laughing with each other and becoming friends as we repainted the House together.

By the mid 1990’s it became obvious that we needed a permanent building with more rooms as the trailers we had converted into the House were wearing out and the waiting list for a room never went away.

It was time for a new House and a permanent building with more bedrooms but how to accomplish that was the question.

The Board looked, talked and studied many options and finally agreed to a Capital Campaign. UC Davis again agreed to provide the land for the project and a thirty year lease.

So many different individuals and clubs stepped up at critical times; it would be impossible to name them all here.

We will have displays and recognitions as we celebrate our 30th anniversary on June 21st.

I can say that the design and rendering of the new House by our architect Darrell Ragland, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Elk Grove, and the impassioned presentations by Gary Christensen of the East Sacramento-Midtown Kiwanis is what finally pushed me to support the Capital Campaign as we moved on to the point of no return.

The hard work and constant reminders that we could not turn back by Gary Christensen, as a volunteer and Board President, kept us all working together and believing we could find a way to build and pay for the House.

Even when things looked very bleak, and the financial markets were tanking, Sacramento Suburban’s Kiwanian Rick Dwyer tried everywhere to find us a loan.

Eventually, with some guidance from Patti Barsotti, Past Cal-Nev-Ha District Governor, we had the good fortune to have a loan officer take a chance on us (maybe because he was a former Key Club member) and the loan was ours.

Building in the tight economy was a challenge but on July 23, 2006 we opened the new House. It contained 32 bedrooms with full bathrooms, four kitchens with two common dining areas, and a refrigerator and cupboard for each resident in each quad of the House.

A reception center, offices, food and clothes closets, conference room, Chaplain’s office, and beautiful relaxing open walkways in the center of the House provide a welcoming atmosphere and a quiet safe place for our guests.

Former Division 7 Lt. Gov. Mauda Butte served as the House Director at the old House and made the transition into the new House.

Without her hard work the transition would have been much more difficult.

To meet the challenges of operating the larger Family House the Board held a strategic planning session with Kiwanis leaders throughout the area and developed a more streamlined system to deal with both public outreach and House management.

We have now implemented the new plan and Dan Germain of the East Sacramento-Midtown Club now serves as Executive Director and Charlie Bussey, also of the East Sacramento-Midtown club, serves as House Operations manager.

They direct our paid staff and the numerous volunteers to provide our guests with first class accommodations. They also write grants for House support, do public outreach, speak at Kiwanis and other Service Leadership Program meetings, and provide the Board with monthly reports.

The House conference room has become a gathering place for Kiwanis in Northern California with: Division Council Meetings, Kiwanis Club Meetings, Club Leadership Education training, and many other club functions.

Eighty-nine Kiwanis clubs currently are Sponsor Clubs of our Kiwanis Family House.

Besides Kiwanis, groups like the Fire Department, Intel, Home Depot, and all of Kiwanis Service Leadership Program organizations regularly visit and help maintain the House.

Both individuals and clubs have paid $25,000 (some over a period of time) to adopt a bedroom.

The clubs or individuals go into the rooms refurbish, deep clean and decorate them.

A resident in one of the new rooms

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by Bill Hooper (Cont’d.)

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told me last week she felt the recent positive signs in her recovery were because of the beautiful room she had been able to move into.

We feel, because of the support of the Kiwanians family, we have turned the corner and are now able to consistently improve the services we provide our guests.

Because of Kiwanians generosity, we have never had to turn someone in need away because they could not pay the $50 a night for which we ask. We now proudly serve approximately 150 families each month.

We have served over 28,000 families in our 30 years of service.

Now we also accommodate patient’s families from Shriner’s Hospital of Northern California, after we have taken care of all the UC Davis Medical Center referrals.

The hospitals are located side by side and share key staff to provide some of the best pediatric care available in the world.

The Ronald McDonald House is almost next door to us and we work together so patient families are accommodated.

Our faithful House Talk editor, Jack Seigel, makes sure our message is available to all our supporters each month and Board Secretary Rita Germain, keeps our website and Facebook page current.

Just a couple of highlights from over the years I would like to share that put a smile on my face.

- The look on KFH Super Supporter Roni Stroud’s face as the clippers removed her beautiful hair at the Kiwanis meeting in Grass Valley to raise money for the House.
- Roni, former House guest “AJ”, and then board member Bob Tutton riding on the Kiwanis Rose Bowl Float.
- Pete Arney and his crew working the concession stand at ARCO Arena. So many of you came from all over to work on that fund raiser, it was hard work but many of you loved it.
- The Red & White Balls;
- The Creelman-Francisco Golf Tournament
- We a have a new tradition as we just completed our 3rd Kiwanis Night at the River Cats’ Raley Field (AAA Baseball).

These events provide funds for our House as well as fun and fellowship for Kiwanians along with great publicity for our organization.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve on the Board the last six years and to have been a part of the House since the beginning.

I will continue to do what I can to help with what many, including myself, believe this is a premier Kiwanis service project. Thanks for the opportunity to serve as your president and please keep up your support.

You are making a big difference in the lives of many different families every single day! Thanks for the memories and support.

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

KiwaniS Family House Gets a Facelift from Volunteers at Home Depot

The Kiwanis Club has a motto: "We build." Simple but true, according to the president of the Southeast Sacramento Kiwanis Club, Ron Haas. "We build within the community for a better community," he said. "We formed quite a few years ago to help the community by helping people who can't help themselves."

Consistent with that call, in 1984, members of 23 Northern California and Nevada Kiwanis clubs - including the two clubs in Davis - built the Kiwanis Family House.

Located across the street from UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, it’s a place where family members of critically ill and injured children in the hospital's care can reside. Because of the generous vision of Kiwanis Club members, these families have a place to stay, inexpensively. The house affords room and board, laundry and kitchen facilities, the therapeutic benefits of keeping families together in times of crisis, and the opportunity for family-to-family emotional support.

More than 3,000 families have stayed at the Kiwanis Family House in the past 13 years.

“The majority of people that stay here can’t afford anything else,” Haas said. For those who can afford it, $10 is the modest price for a night’s stay. There are two beds and one family allowed per room. Just enough space for mom, dad or other relatives trading off during vigils at the nearby hospital. Until recently, though, the house was in sore need of a facelift. Dark wood paneling encased the walls of the 14 bedroom facility, and carpets had worn thin from foot traffic.

Enter the so called “Orange Angels” - Home Depot employees wearing orange vests as they perform community service.

Like the Kiwanians, Home Depot employees also believe in volunteerism. “We have what I think is a pretty interesting community affairs philosophy,” said Amy Friend of Home Depot’s public relations department. “The way we look at it is our time and skills are more important than any money we can donate. "The Kiwanis House is exactly the kind of thing that we like to get involved in. It’s a worthwhile site that needed repair and we have the people and the products to make those repairs."

Karen Marez, who manages one of Home Depot’s Sacramento stores, received a letter from the Southeast Sacramento club along with Polaroid photos of the Kiwanis House, families in residence and their children.

“Everybody here who saw the pictures, their eyes started tearing up seeing these kids and these families,” Marez says. “We didn’t have to think twice about it. It was just, ‘Yeah, we’ve got to do it.’ You have to do it for the kids.”

So they went to work.

Marez estimates that 60 to 80 people gave up their days off to pitch in. The hours were long and the work unpaid, Jan Pollack, Director of UC Davis Volunteer Services, knows for a fact that some volunteers weren’t hesitant to put in unusually late hours. “I was just so impressed with the employees; they were volunteering on their days off,” She said. "This has been such a blessing."
We remember Leona (Continued)

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(Kiwanians) do something about this? That is to say to provide a means of temporary shelter for such parents.

Vern was a member of the Southeast Kiwanis Club. Vern could not say "No" to Leona and no one else could either. Those Kiwanians took the challenge as marching orders. The challenge was held by those who built the new facility that we are in now.

Leona would tell the story about "Spike" Miller, a doctor at the UC Davis Medical Center.

Support to the project was given by Michael E. Miller, M.D. Professor and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics, UCDMC. He mentioned, "The efforts by the Kiwanis Club to establish a family support structure on the UC Davis Medical Center grounds mark on of the most innovative and exciting developments in the history of this, or for that matter, most Medical Centers throughout the United States."

So the first Kiwanis Family House was cobbled together from old construction trailers on the corner of 48th and V streets in Sacramento, on the UCDMC campus.

Leona mentioned there were many obstacles that stood in the way. But at the last minute, a donation was made, a resource was found, or a person was recruited to overcome the obstacle. This tradition continues today. Some might attribute it to "Divine Intervention".

Leona mentioned that when she grew up in Southern California one of her childhood friends was swimmer and movie star Esther Williams. Leona mentioned that Esther Williams is "A wonderful person, beautiful on the inside and out."

Leona would say: "Two events stand out tops in my memory, the birth of my first son, and the establishment of the Kiwanis Family House".

Leona said that at one time someone wanted to take over our Family House and possibly change its name. Leona said Vern stood up straight and said, "This is Kiwanis and it is meant for families." No further discussion on that topic ever came up again.

In August 2008, she attended a board meeting.

She reported: "In the beginning, I have asked you for your sweat. We had to move those modular buildings and fashion them into our first Kiwanis Family House.

"Yes, I have asked you for your money to keep the old house open, to get the new house built, and in operation"

"Now I am asking for your blood for a blood drive."

She was involved with the school board, and before it closed, Boys’ Ranch. The Sacramento County Boys Ranch was a 24-hour secure correctional facility, which housed older more criminally sophisticated males with a history of serious or extensive law violation.

Before our new Kiwanis House opened, a special fund raising event was held. For a special fee, you could spend the night at the new house, and the next day the families would move in. Leona was one of those who stayed.

Even today, those who knew her could feel her presence and seek her shocking red hair.

Our Kiwanis Family House is 30 years old, shows no signs of its age, nor signs of letting up. It is prospering now more than ever. We look forward to great and lasting accomplishments in the future!
The Sacramento Region’s first BIG Day of Giving was a huge success!  
Generous donors Tripled the initial goal of raising $1,000,000 in 24 hours by donating at total of $3,020,000!!  
What a wonderful windfall for nearly 400 nonprofit organizations in our local area!  
For our Kiwanis Family House, the day was a big success as well. We exceeded our original goal of $10,000 less than 10 hours into the day, so we reset our goal to $15,000, and by the end of the day, we had raised that and more! In total, 76 separate donors gave a total of $17,968 to the Kiwanis Family House on May 6th.  
And keep in mind that the final total for the BIG Day will be higher, thanks to our eligibility for matching funds.  
The funds raised on the BIG Day of Giving will be used specifically for our Sponsor a Family program.  
Our donors’ generosity will ensure that 360 families who are unable to pay the $50 nightly rent will stay at the Kiwanis Family House without charge. Viewed another way, it means that one of our 25 guest rooms is sponsored nearly every day for the next year!  
We thank all of our supporters who participated by sharing our message on the BIG Day of Giving with their social media networks and email contacts. Due to these efforts, countless new individuals were introduced to the important work we do, and for some of these new fans, that introduction was enough to prompt them to become first-time donors.  
Because of the initial success of this first BIG Day, we expect the BIG Day of Giving to become a premier fundraiser for the House for years to come. And you will be happy to know that our mascot for BIG DOG (i.e., the BIG Day of Giving), K-Dog, will be back again next year...every other day of the year, he’s known as Mojo, beloved puppy of board member Rick Dwyer and his wife Marge.  
For those of you who donated, words cannot express our sincere gratitude at your generosity.  
We would like to recognize each of every one of you individually for helping us make history. We could NOT have done this without you!

Region’s First BIG Day of Giving Makes History!  
by Rita Germain

BIG Day of Giving Donor List
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John "Jack" Seigal
Dan and Rita Germain
Patrick Germain
Donald Maxham
Rebecca Craig
James and Laura Putnam
Marilyn and Jerry Champa
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Richard Kocher
Emily Chirk
John Gentry
Bernard Bowes, Jr.
Charles Peter Telfer
Karen Borman

By convention, there are six inhabited continents:
1. Asia,
2. Africa,
3. Australia,
4. Europe,
5. North America, and
Our Family House has served families from five of the six continents, but not Australia (yet). The family that has come the furthest is the family from Pakistan, 7,617 miles. The family that has come the furthest in the 50 states is the family from Maine, 3,359 miles.
The Spotlight on Service, this month is shining on Jodi R. Adams. Jodi is pronounced “Joe-Dee”. She does answer to other names, nicknames if you would such as “JR”, “Jōd”, or simply “J”.

She is employed as a Shift Manager at our Family House.

She is multi-talented, and has to be because of her responsibilities:

- Because of the Family House’s location, and a shortage of parking in the area, she must check sometimes twice a day that all vehicles in our parking lot are entitled to be there.
- She checks that the refrigerators are clean and the food is properly stored.
- She does the laundry or assigns it to be sure our Family House has enough towels and linens for our guests.
- She prepares shopping lists for the items in short supply in the food closet.
- She takes food from the food closet and moves it to the kitchen areas so guests can use it.
- She provides tours to the new guests to orient them to our house, the laundry area, the clothes closet, food closet, and kitchen areas.

Our Family House is one of the organizations to which clients from INALLIANCE are assigned to work. (See separate article about the purpose of this non-profit).

She finds jobs for them to do. Some like to do the same job each time they come, and others like the work varied to learn to do more things.

To fulfill the job as a Shift Manager, takes a kind, patient, and understanding person, and Jodi is all of that and more.

When asked if she had a favorite fast food place, to pick up a meal in a hurry, she thought about it for three seconds, and mentioned, “Chipotle! I like the burritos there.”

When asked where she and her husband would go for a nice place to dine out, she responded, “Ten22 located in Old Sacramento.”

Jodi has been employed for nine years at our Family House; make our guests more comfortable during the trying times in the guest’s lives. Thank you!

INALLIANCE is a nonprofit 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.

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

Its programs include:
- Community Training Program
- Supported Employment Program
- Supported Living Services
- Work and Life Skills
- Independent Living Services
- Communicate to Work
- In-Home Care Services

Memorial bricks are displayed in the atriums and outside walkways of our Kiwanis Family House.

But you do not have to spend all day looking for your brick. Thanks to Gene Rapp (Lincoln Kiwanis Club) who has prepared a locator guidebook. It is kept at main desk
The dictionary defines **Logo** as a symbol that is used to identify a company and that appears on its products or branded on its services.

Research has produced this banner patch shown above. Then in the early 1990’s, this symbol to the right began appearing.

To find out more about it, Kiwanian **Bob Tutton**, of the Kiwanis Club of Auburn, researched his files. He bears the title of the **Unofficial Chief Archeologist**. Here is what he found as a result of our Kiwanis Family House Board Meeting May 9, 1995.

“At that board meeting Public Relations Representative **Mary McPoil** presented the logo. It was drawn by an unknown person.

“It was printed by Central Power Credit Union as a public service.” Early in 2005 **Mary Thomson**, was asked to design a new updated logo. She produced several designs. In May 2005 a new logo was approved. It was then copyrighted.

She was asked what she sees when she looks at it.

She responded, “I see a new day starting….think of **Cat Stevens** song ‘Morning Has Broken’.”

Kiwani at Arco was a successful fund raising project of our Family House. It started with **Jim Putnam** (Family House Treasurer) was read an article in a business journal. The Sacramento Kings were seeking non-profit charities to operate concession stands at Arco Arena, for Sacramento Kings NBA Basketball Team.

Kiwanian **Gary Christensen** organized the launch of the project for the first four years, followed by the late **Pete Arney** who carried the leadership for seven years.

The project not only raised money for our Kiwanis Family House, but became a team building exercise of all Kiwanians. Kiwanians got to meet others from other clubs and divisions. This interaction provided last relationships. In proof of that statement, Pete met his future wife Betty.

Not only Kiwanians joined to work for this project, but employees from UC Davis Medical Center, volunteered and were excellent workers.

Over our 11 seasons at Arco, the volunteers worked 144 events to provide over $160,000 to the Kiwanis

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**Presidents of Kiwanis Family House**

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The **Bright Award** was created by the board of the Kiwanis Family House in Sacramento in 2006 and named after the Kiwanis Family House founders **Vern** and **Leona Bright**.

The award is presented to individuals.

Applications are to be sent to the Kiwanis Family House with a donation of $1,000. The Kiwanis Family House is a non-profit agency recognized by the IRS (FEIN) 68-0016996. The mailing address is 2875 50th Street, Sacramento, CA 95817-2308.

Pictured above is **Leona Bright**, the first recipient of the **Bright Award**.

It was presented by KFH Board President **Loring Turrell** on the occasion of the grand opening of our Kiwanis Family House.

**Bright Award Recipients**

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- Top left: Recipients **Rick Dwyer** and **Chris Creelman**
- Left Center: Recipient **Marv Hale**
- Above: Recipients **Dia Utterback** and **Bernard Bowes Jr.**
Thanks for the memories…

1st Groundbreaking
Kiwanis Gov. Harry M. Rowe Jr.

Lynne Robinson, who checked in our first family, in 1984, also checked in our first family at the new Kiwanis Family House on July 23, 2006
First KFH Guest
Family Going Home

Clayton Dake, 7, a celebrity at the UCD Medical Center, leaves home with his mother after being discharged, healthy and happy.

Vicky Aultz of Gig Harbor, Washington said her son had a crisis period after the liver transplant operation, but that has cleared.

Clayton’s father Douglas Dake, lived in Angels camp. Clayton was the UCDMC’s 11th liver transplant.
Pilot **Steve Brown**: "I joined Kiwanis in 1993 in Arcata, CA. I transferred to the Amador County Kiwanis Club in 1999. I live in Sutter Creek. I have been a private pilot since 2004 but actually owned my airplane before I got my certificate. My plane is a RANS Super Coyote—single engine two place, experimental aircraft.

"The photographer on this mission was **Ken Couey**, from Pioneer, CA who is a retired professional photographer and also was my flight instructor.

"My busy schedule sometimes makes it difficult to participate in Kiwanis at the level that I would like. KFH is such an important project for the families in our region it is always nice when those of us Kiwanians that live in the outlying areas can have the opportunity to contribute."

Some stories begin... "Once upon a time" especially those stories with a happy endings. But this is not a Fairy Tale, this is real!

But, "once upon a time", there was a driving need. The Bradley E. Wilson Memorial Foundation for Cystic Fibrosis alerted the Southeast Kiwanis Club of Sacramento of a need for family housing.

Families of children stricken with this dreaded disease were coming in from the valley and mountain areas for treatment at UC Davis Medical Center (located in Sacramento, California.)

Where were these families to be housed? Many factors weighed heavily on the stricken parents mind: distance from home, other family members left behind, costs, and the medical care of the stricken family members.

Kiwanians and friends of Kiwanis opened their homes to such families. Co-Founder of our Kiwanis Family House **Leona Bright** tells of the story about opening her home to such a stricken family and being turned down by the family. Why? It was too far from the hospital (about eight miles). The parents felt they could not respond to their child being treated.

The story goes that Leona turned to her husband (and Kiwanian) **Vern Bright**, looked him squarely in the eyes and said, "Why don’t you (Kiwanians) do something about this?"

Well the rest is history. **Jamie Zawinski** of Netscape is reported to have said, "In general, great things are accomplished by small groups of people who are driven, who have unity of purpose". Our Kiwanis Family House is proof positive of this.

A small committee came across a group of modular buildings used as construction offices during construction of a Proctor & Gamble facility in Sacramento.

The buildings with their small offices were envisioned to be converted into bedrooms to house the families. But there was one small problem, the deal was done, the buildings had been sold. But that appeared to be just a technicality that was "undone" when the new purchaser was explained what this small group of Kiwanians want to do with these structures. A few Kiwanians "floated" a couple of checks for a down payment and the deal went through.

The UC Davis Medical Center agreed to provide the land and utilities. The buildings were rolled on site at 48th and V Streets in Sacramento and were converted into a seven bedroom facility.

Kiwanis Governor **Harry M. Rowe, Jr.** (of the Hemet Club) was there at the first ground breaking and will be at the grand opening of our new Kiwanis Family House on July 2006.

The first family was admitted on July 23, 1984. The original seven bedroom facility was expanded to 13 bedrooms. But even with the new capacity 10 families were being turned away daily.

Under the leadership of **Gary Christensen**, our new Kiwanis Family House with 32 guestrooms will be serving far more families into the future.

What is Kiwanis all about? Just visit our new KFH to answer that question!
Thanks for the memories…. 48th and V Streets

48th and V Streets
In its prime...

Tearing down...

June 2014
Thanks for the memories… Heard at the grand opening of new Kiwanis Family House

Chaplain Walt Tietjen

“Lord you provided temporary shelter for the children of Israel in the wilderness; temporary shelter in a cave for future king David when he was running for his life (from King Saul); and temporary shelter in a cattle stall for His Son, Jesus.

“Now we have our Kiwanis Family House…”

Glenn E. Muggelberg
Past Governor Cal-Nev-Ha District
Past VP Kiwanis International

“When I think back how the K Family House was cobbled together with the ingenuity and persistence of Leona and Vern Bright it gives me great pleasure to realize what a treasure it has been for 22 years.

“It is sad to see the little building that was built with so much devotion now gone, but I know the new imposing structure will be more efficient and able to address the needs of people far and wide. My congratulations to all who have worked so diligently to make this happen.”

Governor
Arnold Schwarzenegger

“On behalf of all Californians, I am delighted to offer my congratulations on the occasion of the grand opening of the new Kiwanis Family House at the UC Davis Medical Center.

“This outstanding facility provides house and support to parents facing the most distressing ordeal imaginable—the illness of a child.

“I congratulate Kiwanis International for your tremendous contributions to health and happiness of our children and families.”

Governor Patti Barsotti
Cal-Nev-Ha District
Kiwanis International

“When asked what is Kiwanis about? What do Kiwanians do? “Point to our Kiwanis Family House!”

Claire Pomeroy-M.D.
Dean of the School of Medicine at the University of California

“Our UC Davis Medical Center, can provide the finest of medical care, the latest in technology and medical science, but there is one essential thing we can not give…

“And that is the love of parents:

“That is where the Kiwanis Family House comes in”.

Dan Connolly
Trustee
Kiwanis International Foundation

“When the call went out for volunteers to assist with the completion of our new Kiwanis Family House, it was the Key Clubbers who responded en masse.

It must be recognized and acknowledged that school was out for the season.

In recognition of all of this, the Key Clubbers were provided the opportunity to raise our country’s flag for the first time at our KFH.

The Kiwanis International Foundation Tablet of Honor was authorized in 1965 as a means to honor individuals, Kiwanis clubs, divisions, districts, or organizations that had exemplified dedicated service to Kiwanis, their club, or community.

Matt Pendleton, from Kiwanis International reports that 5,099 Tablet of Honor awards have been presented so far.

Pictured above is Kiwanis International Foundation Trustee, Dan Connolly presenting the Tablet of Honor during the grand opening on July 22, 2006 to Gary Christensen, for Christensen’s tireless resolve to get the new Kiwanis Family House built.
Darrell Ragland
Family House Architect

Thanks for the memories....
Norma Montna is admiring Jeanne Wenger’s new T-Shirt. See design below.

Ron Abbott (shown above) is from the Kiwanis Club of Stockton. He is a past board member. He said he broke his leg when he tripped over a dog he was baby (dog?) sitting. It was Ron who developed the Sponsor a Family Program, to help families who cannot afford $50 per night room fee. His sponsorship program helps immensely.

Bob Burton

The late Frank Reed, shown above, was board member for our Family House. He helped managed the KHF Ambassador Program.

More information about the program and the current ambassadors, can be found on page 27 of this issue.

Doris Louise Anderson Booth of Sacramento was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Sacramento, and a secretary of the board for our Family House.

She passed in her sleep on October 6, 2011 after a lengthy illness.

March in March, a Walk-a-thon to benefit our Family House, on a rainy Saturday in March 2012.
There was a Ford in our future years ago. The Ford truck was donated by Lynn Judd, DDS of Folsom, CA.

Kiwanian Roni Stroud, came up with an idea to support our Family House. She developed Locks for the House.

Locks for the House was a fundraiser benefiting the Kiwanis Family House. The voters donated $10 per vote to shave or not to shave.

A bald Roni Stroud and A.J. Cain were on the Kiwanis Float at The 122nd Rose Parade themed "Building Dreams, Friendships & Memories", on Saturday, January 1, 2011.

Shown above is Past KFH President, George Cotter, being presented with his Bright Award.

John Bristow stocking the Food Closet. As a survivor of the Bataan Death March, he knew what it was to be really hungry. He vowed he would assist others who might be hungry and started the food pantry.

Winner was Warren Holway!

Leona Bright showing the truck. A drawing was held, the winner got the truck, and our Family House was a benefactor.

First Nighters

Kiwanis Family House Gala Pre–Grand Opening

On July 15, 2006 a special group of Kiwanians responded to the invitations to be the very first to stay the night at our new Kiwanis Family House for a generous donation. There were over eighty in attendance for the evening meal. The room assignments are listed below.

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The California State Flag at our Family House, was made possible by Doug Braik.

**Stever Oyster** from the Kiwanis Club of West Sacramento and Vice President of our Kiwanis Family House passed away at home on August 12, 2008.

As for his first name, “I was born on the day that my uncle died and his last name was Stever. So my mom named me ‘Stever’.

“My great grandfather, Alfred Tubbs, came to San Francisco in 1850 and began operating a rope-walk in the San Francisco Potrero area. It was the first rope ever manufactured west of New England. The famous ‘Life-saving Net’ used under the Golden Gate Bridge was made of Tubbs Rope.”

What about the physical evidence that it left behind. What will an analysis reveal?

He wired up our Family House for the first telephone system.

Stever made it possible to get a soda pop machine and keep it stocked so our KFH might make a small profit margin and not lose money and all the while provide a service to visitors and guests alike.

In the past there was a key deposit for our guests. Stever pushed for the additional expense of having a plastic card key system. This system did not require a key deposit. Further you could limit access to the building on a time basis. Or not having to re-key should the card be lost.

When the house came up short on storage space... what to do now? There are not rubber walls stocked at Home Depot or Lowes? Stever contacted and worked on **Gordon Work** to get a “Work Shop” storage area built.

**Leona Bright’s great granddaughter Karolyn Covarrubias**

**Three time boxing champion Tony “The Tiger” Lopez**, seen autographing his picture that hangs in our Kiwanis Family House.

**Fall storm 2007!**

**Mauda Butte’s car totaled!**

**Robert Tabares** (left) receiving his **Bright Award** from KFH President, **Bill Hooper**.
When Alan Penn was the President of Kiwanis International, he made time to visit our Family House, tour the facility, and speak to our guests.

Speaking of the Sacramento Kings, here is Tyreke Evans visiting our Family House. Scott Patterson, gave him a tour.

Kiwanis International President, Nelson Tucker, and Leona Bright at our Kiwanis Family House.

Dale Ingvardsen is listening to Ted Robinson explain Ted’s Book Water In My Veins, The Pauper Who Helped Save A President. The president Ted helped save was John F. Kennedy.

Author Ted Robinson contributes a portion of each book sale to our Family House.

The book is still in print and can be ordered on the internet.

Mauda Butte, retired House Director, and past Lt. Governor of Division 7.

LeRoy Diede, a stalwart supporter of our KFH, at the Arco Arena Sacramento King’s concession stand projects.

Del Avants delivers. Del spearheaded a drive to get replacements for the televisions in our guest rooms.

Del was presented with a Bright Award in 2013.

Where is our Kiwanis Family House? Scott Patterson is pointing out on the painting that our Family House is on Earth, the fourth planet from the sun, between Venus and Mars.

Seriously though, because we are on the campus of UC Davis Medical Center, some folks think we are in Davis, California.

But No! We are on the campus of the Medical Center in Sacramento, California.

Yuba City’s Larry Montna a KFH supporter, and Bright Award honoree.
Thanks for the memories…

Jack-of-all Trades?
Make that Pamela-of-all Trades!
Pamela Haines of course.

Here is the Placerville Hole, for the Course of Dreams.
Prepared and presented for the event by the Kiwanis Club of Placerville, California.

Date line: 2005
A handcrafte quilt made by artist Nancy Yeffa has been donated to our Kiwanis Family House.
This custom made quilt will be presented to the lucky person who has the winning ticket.
The selection of the ticket will take place at the Cal-Nev-Ha District convention in Fresno on August 20, 2005.

As of press time the quilt is in Hawaii for the Kiwanis International Convention.
The theme of the quilt is:
“Commotion on the Ocean”.

Thanks for the Thank you’s!
Patsy Butler volunteers her time to be sure that donors and supporters of our Family House get the proper acknowledgement letters and forms.
She is board member, Rick Dwyer’s sister.

Speaking of quilts

Picture above: Gary Christensen, Nancy Yeffa, and Les Yeffa.

Thank you’s!

Nancy Yeffa are from Division 12.
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March 1, 2001

The Kiwanis Family House is among a handful of similar homes dedicated to helping families in medical crises.

Other homes that furnish subsidized or free stays for medical visitors include the Healing Place at Sutter Memorial Hospital, the Shriners Hospital, which maintains several rooms, and the Caring Place for cancer patients in East Sacramento.

Of those, the 16-year-old Kiwanis Family House is among the oldest and least known. The home was founded by Vern and Leona Bright of the Kiwanis Club Southeast Sacramento chapter.

It relies on the volunteer labor and donations of Kiwanis clubs in Northern California and Nevada, including the Auburn Kiwanis Club.

"If you get involved and see what we do, it’s easy to get enthused," said Chris Teeple of Sacramento, the home’s daytime supervisor.

Last Monday, when I volunteered for a four-hour shift at the home, Teeple happily provided me a tour of the home, where the rooms are built around a small courtyard ruled by an old black bunny rabbit that runs up to each visitor to have its ears scratched.

At every turn is evidence of the caring and generosity of the volunteers and donors. One room is filled with toys for children of various ages. A florist (Rust Florist) donates carnations each week to add a touch of color to the rooms.

A comfortable sofa and shelves of books make the group living room an inviting place for the temporary residents to spend time and share experiences.

In the kitchen, each visitor has an assigned cabinet and refrigerator shelf, and can help themselves to food staples from a common pantry and plates and utensils.

High school students from Kiwanis Key Clubs have donated artwork and other decorations, a laundry room is available for tenants and visitors alike, and in the back yard is a playground of inviting toys donated by other Kiwanians.

A few years back, Kiwanis Division’s 3 Lt. Governor Norm Allen visited the home and decided the availability of just one television was not enough.

Allen is from the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada, California raised enough contributions in Southern California to purchase 13 TVs and VCRs to furnish each room.

In addition to the private rooms, the Kiwanis Family House also maintains five RV pads with hookups for hospital visitors who have their own RV.

They are invited to use the showers, laundry and other resources of the Family House.

Since its founding, the Kiwanis Family House has never closed its doors, providing temporary shelter...
A brief history

UC Davis Medical Center, formerly known as Sacramento Medical Center, is a major academic health center located in Sacramento, California. It is owned and operated by the University of California as part of its University of California, Davis campus.

The medical center sits on a sprawling 142-acre campus (often referred to as the Sacramento Campus to distinguish it from the main campus in nearby Davis) located between the Elmhurst, Tahoe Park, and Oak Park residential neighborhoods. The site incorporates the land and some of the buildings of the former Sacramento Medical Center (which was acquired from the County of Sacramento in 1973) as well as much of the land (and two buildings) previously its 1967 move to a new location. The county hospital land included a graveyard for indigent patients which UC Davis dug up in 2004 during construction (the remains were moved to a nearby county cemetery).

The 631-bed hospital serves as key referral center for a 65,000-square-mile area that includes 33 counties and 6 million residents. It operates inland Northern California’s only level I trauma center and maintains a staff of specialists and researchers in more than 150 areas of health care.

UC Davis Medical Center ranks among the top 50 hospitals in America according an annual U.S. News & World Report survey. Out of roughly 5,000 hospitals nationwide, the medical center placed 39th for cancer care and 46th for orthopaedics.

The medical center is the primary teaching hospital affiliated with the UC Davis School of Medicine. The hospital, medical school, Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing and UC Davis Medical Group together comprise the UC Davis Health System, a brand of the nearby University of California, Davis.

The history of UC Davis Medical Center dates to May 3, 1850 when Sacramento City Council recommended that a hospital be built. The Sacramento County Hospital was established as a result, in 1852.

In 1871, the hospital was moved to a 22-acre parcel of land on Stockton Blvd in Sacramento, California; the present location of UC Davis Medical Center. Just five years later, the original facility was destroyed by fire. In 1879, a new hospital was completed and accepted by the county. This facility was designed by N.D. Goodell, architect of the Governor’s Mansion in Sacramento. It stood until 1914, when construction of an entirely new facility was proposed. The main hospital building was completed in 1928, and still stands today.

In 1964, 34,000 square feet of space was added to the hospital. Two years later, the facility became a community hospital, making everyone in Sacramento County eligible for patient care. In 1966, an affiliation agreement was reached with UC Davis, making the hospital a primary teaching hospital, and expanding its mission to include education and research. The Medical School at Davis opened its doors on September 23, 1968 and one month later a dedication ceremony changed the name of the hospital from Sacramento County Hospital to the Sacramento Medical Center.

In 1970 UC Regents purchased 32 acres of vacant land east of 45th street, formerly used by the California State Fairgrounds.

This purchase increased the size of the medical center campus to 54 acres. The Sacramento Medical Center officially became the University of California, Davis Medical Center on July 1, 1978, five years after its purchase on July 1, 1973.

Other services include:

- Level I trauma center The center is verified as both a level I trauma center and a level I pediatric trauma center by the American College of Surgeons.
- Burn Center The Burn Center collaborates with neighboring Shriners Hospitals for Children Northern California hospital to create a regional burn treatment center.
- Advanced primary stroke center The center is certified as an advanced primary stroke center by The Joint Commission, signifying that services have the critical elements to achieve long-term success in improving outcomes for stroke patients.
- Cancer Center This center is one of two cancer centers in Northern California designated by the federal government’s National Cancer Institute for its ability to contribute to the nation’s cancer research and serve as a major source of new knowledge on cancer treatment, diagnosis and prevention.
- Vascular Center This center provides care for patients with atherosclerosis or “hardening of the arteries” and other vascular problems, such as aneurysms, vein disorders and less common vascular conditions.
- MIND Institute Here scientists research treatments, causes and cures for autism, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, fragile X syndrome, Tourette syndrome and other neurodevelopmental disorders.
- Institute for Regenerative Cures Nearly 150 scientists work on stem cell-related research projects in Davis and Sacramento.
- Children’s Hospital UC Davis Children’s Hospital serves infants, children and adolescents with primary, subspecialty and critical-care.
- Telehealth UC Davis uses telehealth and teledermatology to provide direct clinical care to patients at a distance, giving clinics and hospitals throughout the state access to more than 10 medical specialties not readily available in most smaller communities.
Delicious food and delectable wine and spirits await at An Evening with the Stars of the Kiwanis Family House. 30th Anniversary Gala. Celebrate with the Board and Staff of the Kiwanis Family House and officials from UC Davis Medical Center and Shriners Hospital as we honor those who have made our mission possible for the past 30 years!

| When:      | Saturday, June 21, 2014 |
| Where:     | CSUS Alumni Center      |
|           | 4000 J Street, Sacramento |
| Time:      | 6:00 pm | Social Hour/Champagne Reception |
|           | 7:30 pm | Program |
|           | 9:00 pm | Silent Auction Reveal |
|           | 10:00 pm | Close of Event |
| Attire:    | Semi-Formal or Formal |
| Cost:      | $60 per ticket or 2 for $100 |

For tickets or information, go to: www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org
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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.