It takes a village to raise a child...
It takes a family to staff our Family House!

Some say it takes a village to raise a child. This means that it takes the wisdom and knowledge of several adults to provide the guidance to a child for the many experiences encountered in the aging process.

So it is staffing our Kiwanis Family House. It takes a family to staff our Kiwanis Family House.

Refer to page 9, when it will take members of our Kiwanis family of organizations to spruce up and do gardening tasks for the spring One Day project.

It takes the family of sponsor clubs to financially support our family house.

It takes the family of room sponsors to deep clean their sponsored rooms on a periodic basis.

But it takes a family of employees (called a staff) to keep our house running 24/7/365. Just think of the myriad of tasks.

- Answering the phones
- Handling the faxes from the hospitals when guests are referred to us.

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Make the luck of the Irish be with us all!
Important Dates

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

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Save the dates!
These benefit our Family House:
- March 22 March in March at Family House.
- Apr. 5th Kiwanis One Day at Family House
- Apr. 24th Creelman-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 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 10.

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.”

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- If you wish to receive it by US Postal Service contact Editor on 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 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!

Visit us at:
- Mar. 1st Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha District Mid-year North Conference, San Ramon Marriott, San Ramon, California
- Aug. 14-16 Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha District Convention, San Diego, California Town and Country Resort & Convention Center
Uttering the words “going home” always brings a sense of peace and comfort.

- I’m going home.
- Let’s go home.
- We’re on our way home.

For those of us who serve at the Kiwanis Family House, half a dozen grateful guest families smile and share these words with us each and every day.

Dieynaba Sarr, a French-speaking citizen of the Republic of Senegal (République du Sénéga located in Western Africa) with her triplet daughters checked out on February 19, 2014 following an eight-month stay.

In June of last year, while visiting her sister Fatou in Redding, California, she developed complications with her pregnancy. Shortly after arriving at Sacramento’s UC Davis Medical Center, Dieynaba (pronounced jen’ah ba) delivered premature triplet girls.

One of the three remained hospitalized through the entire eight-month period, while her mother and two sisters were our guests at KFH. Through it all, the babies’ father was unable to leave Senegal to support his family dealing with medical crisis. He did the best he could via Skype™.

We have so many observations to share about this very unique story.

Our international reach was reaffirmed. It brings the total of foreign countries represented in our guest history to 21.

The family’s stay was among the longest in our 30 years of service.

Dieynaba’s support needs extended so far beyond a place to stay as to test our policies, procedures, and practices. We conferred with our board of directors and adjusted.

The hospitals save lives; our Kiwanis Family House saves families.

Language differences make it challenging to serve. However, there are no barriers to serving others for those of us who are committed to it.

I clearly recall the day that this family first walked through our doors. Fatou was with Dieynaba, as was a representative from the Senegali consulate.

I found a French-to-English translation tool on the internet and attempted to convey a few simple messages. I concluded that her unresponsiveness had mostly to do with emotion and culture than it did my effectiveness at using the tool. We had no idea at the time just how long Kiwanis would be supporting this family.

As their discharge finally approached, Dieynaba walked into my office to thank me for all that we had done for her and her daughters. She was able to do so because she had worked hard at learning at least some English during her stay, not because I had picked up even a stick of French. As we finally waved goodbye to Dieynaba, Victoria, Prisca, and Joyce on a beautiful February day, we wondered what life has in store for all of them.

There are many questions, to be sure.

- Home, for now, is Redding.
- Je rentre à la maison.
- Aller à votre domicile.
- Nous sommes sur le chemin du retour.

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

Get your flu shot!

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Kiwanis Family House, not in my backyard!

**Report #141**

Since October 1, 2001 to January 31, 2014, (the effective dates of this report), 13,755 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 1,054 families from outside Cal-Nev-Ha District (California, Nevada, and Hawaii). These 1,054 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 Sénéga
- 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

- Hermosillo
- Nogales
- Anchorage

### California

- Angels Camp
- Atwater (2)
- Bakersfield (2)
- Beale AFB
- Benicia
- Berry Creek
- Bishop
- Burney
- Chico (7)
- Clearlake Oaks
- Cottonwood (2)
- Esparto
- Etna
- Fairfield
- Fremont
- Fresno
- Georgetown
- Grass Valley
- Hayfork
- Hesperia
- Irvine
- Kenwood
- Kings Beach
- Lakehead (3)
- Laytonville
- Live Oak (2)
- Mammoth Lake
- Manteca (2)
- Martinez
- Modesto (3)
- Montague (4)
- Mount Shasta

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- Murphys
- Murrieta (2)
- Nevada City (2)
- Orland (2)
- Oroville (5)
- Paradise (3)
- Paynes Creek
- Pittsburg
- Pollock Pines
- Quincy
- Red Bluff
- Redding (8)
- Rio Dell
- Riverbank
- Saint Helena
- Santa Rosa
- Shasta
- Shasta Lake
- Shingletown
- Smith River (2)
- Sonora (2)
- Stockton (7)
- Susanville (3)
- Tahoe City
- Trinidad
- Truckee (3)
- Tulelake (2)
- Turlock
- Vacaville
- Vallejo
- Visalia

- Vista
- Watsonville
- Weed (2)
- Westwood
- Willow Creek
- Windsor (2)
- Yuba City (4)

Idaho
- Kuna

Maryland
- Bethesda

Nevada
- Carson City
- Fallon
- Fernley
- Gardnerville
- Hawthorne
- Las Vegas
- Lovelock
- Minden
- Reno (2)
- Sparks (5)

Oklahoma
- Collinsville (2)

Oregon
- Albany
- Elmira
- Eugene
- Medford

Pennsylvania
- Harrisburg

Room 125 in our Kiwanis Family House, is now known as "Nana's Room". It is sponsored by Jim Putnam and Family.

Jim was asked how the idea came up.

"As grandmothers are often a comforting presence in recovering from a health crisis we thought a room that had a grandmothers’ theme was needed.

"To personalize the room we were able to include photos of four representative groups. Nana's room is dedicated to my mother.

"We were able use a photo of my wife (Russian babka) and grandson, my sister (English nana) and her two grandchildren.

"The other photos are generic Hispanic and Asian grandmothers.

"The color scheme was suggested by Ellen Mejia (Bill Hooper's daughter) as a comforting presence after the stark white hospital room.”

March 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 movies (no exercise videos)

Other Essentials
- Batteries (AA)
- Bleach
- Napkins
- Paper Towels

Seasonings: such as Garlic Powder, Garlic Salt, Oregano, Rosemary, or common kitchen spices.
- Cash Donations for “Staff Only” Laundry Room (for bed sheets and towels) and the new telephone system.
It takes a family to staff...
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- Processing guests.
- Since no one knows for sure how long their stay will be, managing the waiting lists of guests is a time-consuming task.
- Changing sheets and making guest rooms available after check out.
- Laundering sheets, towels, and bed linens.
- Distributing clothes from our clothes closet.
- Housekeeping to keep our Family House clean and presentable.
- Processing food from our food closet.
- Contacting guests to be sure they will be coming in on their designated date.

House Talk interviewed Charlie Bussey for more information about the staff.

Charley reported the staff are like family members to our guests, providing them the routine services expected from a facility like an inn, but more importantly a listening ear, tending to the guests’ needs and answering questions for our out of town guests.

Charley said, “If there is one word that would describe our employees, that word is compassionate.”

Charley said since he is relatively new here, he did not have to hire any staff members, but paid tribute to his predecessors (Dan Germain and Mau-da Butte) who hired quality people.

Kiwanis Kronicle interviewed Terri, the longest continuously employed staff member, and asked her why she worked here.

She said, “I could do what I do here elsewhere, but here I meet people from all over the world. I find out there are so many injuries to young and old alike, and I can help these people in their time of need.”

Kiwanis Kronicle asked part-timer Nathan the same question, he said “I work here because I feel I am a part of something bigger than myself.”

President’s Message
by Bill Hooper (Cont’d.)
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Macie, expressed their heartfelt gratitude to our Kiwanis Family House, and to the entire Kiwanis family, for being in their corner during such a difficult and dark time in their lives.

We continue to have around 150 guests each month, and I was fortunate to be at our Family House and be able to talk to one of them, when she came in to check us out prior to her surgery. It turns out she is a former Key Club member from Merced and she needed a new kidney and has just found a match from a past fellow classmate and Key Club member, who now lives in my community of Orangevale, California.

How great that they should be able to find each other on the social network and that he, with the support of his wife, would volunteer to be tested for being a match when she saw she needed help.

She is now recovering after a successful surgery and our House is again providing one of our Kiwanis family member’s families with a safe convenient close place to stay, so they can provide the emotional support she needs as she recovers.

I am constantly amazed as I see these types of life changing stories come together and as I think of all efforts Kiwanians of every age have given to make sure we can provide this wonderful support to families in need.

California-Nevada-Hawaii District of Kiwanis International resolved at its 80th annual convention that Lieutenant Governors urge all their clubs to provide physical and financial support for maintenance and growth to the Kiwanis Family House.

This united effort is the key to our success and with this continued support the House will be here for many more families that say, “Thank God for Kiwanis Family House” as we help them move through a major crisis in their lives.

Thanks for your ongoing support,
Till next time, Bill
William Hooper, President
bhoopklg56@comcast.net

Election Notice
(Subtitle: How to become a board member)
We are quickly approaching a key date in our annual cycle of events: the election of directors to the Kiwanis Family House board.

Representatives from our sponsor clubs will convene at our Kiwanis Family House at 11:00 a.m. on June 28, 2014, to hear our annual reports of financial and programmatic achievements and to participate in the very important election of directors.

New directors will be elected to three-year terms.

Board President Bill Hooper has appointed and charged a nominating committee with notifying all member clubs of the annual election and preparing the ballot.

Secretary Rita Germain will soon post and distribute instructions for submitting applications.

Any member club in good standing (having paid annual dues to the Kiwanis Family House) shall have one vote at the annual meeting.

Interested candidates will be required to complete and sign the application. The president of the Kiwanis Club that is recommending the candidate will also be required to sign the application. Candidates will then submit applications to the board as directed.

A word about bricks...
how do I find mine?
Thank you Gene Rapp
Looking for you Family House Brick? Gene Rapp keeps the index book up to date. Ask for the index at front counter.
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!

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 land fills, 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.

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

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.

Kiwanis Family House, visit us!

If you are in the neighborhood and want to stop by for a visit, please do.
If you want to arrange a special tour in advance, call us at (916) 736-0116.
Hold a club meeting here!

DONATE A CAR
(800) 240-0160

Get a club meeting here!

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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 land fills, 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 makes money that helps us help families in crisis.

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.
UC Davis Medical Center receives the Women’s Choice Award as one of America’s best heart care hospitals. As more women self-manage their care and seek providers they can trust, the Women’s Choice Award is the only distinction that identifies the nation’s best health-care institutions and signifies UC Davis Medical Center’s commitment and passion for creating an extraordinary health-care experience.

February is American Heart Month and an important time to raise awareness of heart care, as one in every four women dies from heart disease in the United States, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“The Women’s Choice Award is based on robust criteria that considers patient satisfaction, clinical excellence, and what women really want when it comes to treatment and a quality hospital experience,” says Delia Passi, CEO and founder of WomenCertified, home of the Women’s Choice Award. “UC Davis Medical Center not only performed well clinically with regard to heart care measures, but it also had a high recommendation rate, a measure that is very important to women in choosing a hospital.”

As the collective voice of female consumers, the Women’s Choice Award provides women with recommendations they can trust, from other women.

Eighty percent of women will choose a brand that is highly recommended by others and over 92 percent of women will trust a hospital more if it carries the Women’s Choice Award seal, according to Medelia-Monitor, Independent Poll (2013).

“In addition to providing leading-edge, compassionate care to all of our cardiovascular patients, UC Davis has been home for the past two decades to the nation’s first program dedicated to researching and treating heart disease in women,” said Ann Madden Rice, chief executive officer of UC Davis Medical Center. “We owe this recognition to the tireless advocacy of our team that is defining gender-based differences in heart disease in order to improve treatments and save lives.”

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

Twelve years ago
Volume II Issue 9
March 2002
Shown left is Rick Dominick, who was instrumental in obtaining a donation of bed spreads to use in our Family House. Now our Family House has new bed spreads, the ones donated to us, were donated to WIND Youth Center, in Sacramento, California.

Seven years ago
Volume VI Issue 9
March 2006
Construction of our Family House roof lines began February 23, 2006.

Seven years ago
Volume VII Issue 9
March 2007
Kiwanis Family House volunteers were recognized for working over 100 games at the concession booths for Sacramento Kings.

- First game worked November 14, 2000.
- Over 3,000 positions filled
- $113,000 raised for our Kiwanis Family House
- Over $1,400,000 in hot dogs, beer, and soda pop and balanced to the penny.
Join us at Kiwanis Family House on

KIWANIS ONE DAY

Saturday, April 5, 2014

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

We will be weeding, spreading bark, and generally cleaning up the landscaping of our KFH. We will also be cleaning carpets, organizing closets, and doing other cleaning tasks indoors.

***Lunch will be provided***

K-family members (Kiwanis, Key Club, Circle K, Aktion Club) and friends are invited to join us for this day of service and fellowship as we support our Kiwanis Family House.

R.S.V.P. to Rita Germain at (916) 549-1354 or ritagermain@gmail.com
**House Talk: Contact the Editor**

**Quick Facts about House Talk**

1. *House Talk* is a monthly newsletter published by the Kiwanis Family House, Inc.
2. The editor is solely responsible for the content of *House Talk*.
3. Deadline 5:00 pm on the second Thursday of the month.
4. Items are solicited. Items submitted will not be returned unless noted by the sender.
5. Errors in the *House Talk* are to be brought to the attention of the editor. Egregious errors will be corrected in a future edition.
6. Responses to the articles and authors unless indicated otherwise can be sent to the editor for forwarding.
7. Editor is **John W. Seigal**.
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9. US Postal Service address is: P.O. Box 1131 Sloughouse, CA 95683-1131

**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 Germain**, see above.

**Kiwanis Night at the ball park benefits our Kiwanis Family House**

- Join us on Saturday April 26.
- Kiwanis Party starts at 4:00 p.m. and the game starts at 7:05 p.m.
- Sacramento River Cats (AAA affiliate of Oakland Athletics) will be hosting the El Paso Chihuahuas (AAA affiliate of San Diego Padres) at Raley Field, West Sacramento.
- Portion of each ticket purchased goes to our Kiwanis Family House.
- Tickets for the ball game are $22.00@. Meal voucher for the party is $7.00@. Unused tickets can be exchanged for any Sunday-Thursday regular season games.
- After the game, stay for Sutter Health Fireworks.
- Mail check or Visa/MC/AMEX information to Sacramento River Cats, Att: Eric Esposito; 400 Ball Park Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

**Take me out to the ball game**

**Eliminate**

Kiwanis, UNICEF, 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.