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House Talk

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Welcome to Sponsor Club #105!



Kiwanis Family House is proud to welcome Sponsor Club #105, the Kiwanis Club of Strathmore! This club, chartered in 2015, is led by President and Past Cal-Nev-Ha First Lady Melissa Guire. Thank you to Melissa, Past Governor Alan, and all the members of the Strathmore Club for your commitment to helping Kiwanis Family House save families!





President's Message | Jim Legler



"What happens in 'Vegas' stays in 'Vegas'".

We have all heard this familiar marketing line and although it may be true some of the time, an exception is when the Cal-Nev-Ha District of Kiwanis International holds a convention in the city that never sleeps. I just returned from attending the 96th District Convention held at the JW Marriott Resort & Spa, Las Vegas and it was a great event. The informational workshops were superior; the House of Delegates session was well organized and orderly; attendees were afforded numerous networking opportunities; and the exhibit booths offered a wealth of information and

material to take back to our individual clubs. In short the convention was everything an event like this should be and kudos to the District Governor, Organizing Committee, and District Office Staff for a job well done.

Speaking of the exhibit booths at the convention, The Kiwanis Family House booth set the standard for professionalism and "class". The booth showcased the facility and services provided to families in need of temporary housing, respite, and support while a member of the family is receiving world-class medical care at U.C. Davis Medical Center or Shriners Hospital for Children - Northern California. Participating in conventions such as the one in Las Vegas builds long-term capacity by successfully "marketing" the facility to clubs throughout the District as well as to District leaders and District Foundation leadership, plus the booth helps to connect with Kiwanis members at large. Although the facility has

been serving families in need for over 32 years, many individual Kiwanians are still not aware of Kiwanis Family House. Individuals who visited the booth were exposed to what the Kiwanis Family House represents and they often left the booth with an obvious newfound sense of pride in being a part of Kiwanis.

Strengthening relationships and building new partnerships is critical to increasing the capacity of the facility, but the main mission of the Kiwanis Family House is to provide temporary housing and support families. It has been said that "the doctors save lives but the Kiwanis Family House saves families". During July of this year 127 different guests checked out of the facility and the R V. spaces were occupied two-thirds of the month. Of these 127 guest families, 107 were from throughout California and 20 were from states as far away as Florida. Yes, the primary focus of the Kiwanis Family House continues to be on service - service that could not happen without all your ongoing support. Thank you to all our friends and supporters; your individual and combined efforts make it all happen.

KFH Workday

RSVP TO CHARLIE BUSSEY 916.736.0116 OR
CBUSSEY@KIWANISFAMILYHOUSE.ORG
BY SEPTEMBER 7TH!

K-family members
(Kiwanis, Key Club,
Circle K, Builders,
K-Kids, & Aktion
Club) and friends
are invited!

Saturday
September 10, 2016
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Join us for our fall volunteer workday!
We'll be weeding, spreading bark, and generally
cleaning up the landscaping of our Kiwanis Family
House. For those who like to work indoors, we will
also be organizing closets, sorting clothes and
performing general cleaning tasks.

Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.



Attention Save Mart Shoppers - S.H.A.R.E.S. Cards Are No Longer Valid!

SAVE MART SUPERMARKETS

Save Mart Supermarkets recently announced that it has partnered with eScrip to manage its S.H.A.R.E.S. charitable giving program. The new **Shares powered by eScrip Program** continues the company's legacy of giving up to 3% of shoppers' eligible purchases to local, community-based organizations. What this means to you is that the

S.H.A.R.E.S. card you now have in your wallet, which allows you to give money back from your purchases to Kiwanis Family House, are no longer valid.

But, it's simple to keep giving back to Kiwanis Family House through S.H.A.R.E.S. Just sign up on www.eScrip.com/shares and choose "Kiwanis Family House" as your charity in order to automatically continue your donations every time you shop. You just need to provide your name, phone number, and email address to get started!

The new program will allow FoodMaxx, Lucky, and Save Mart shoppers like you to see online how much you're donating to Kiwanis Family House. The more you shop, the bigger the contribution we receive!

Please don't delay--remember, the old S.H.A.R.E.S. card program ended on April 1st! WE NEED YOUR CONTINUED DONATIONS, which have totaled over \$21,000 in the last four years!

Sponsor Club #106...WE NEED YOU!

In July, the Kiwanis Club of Strathmore became our 105th sponsoring club. We are ready to add sponsoring club number 106--will **your** club be the one?

If your home club is not already a sponsor, please champion our cause with your board of directors. The commitment is as follows:

- A one-time sponsorship fee of \$500
- Annually, thereafter:
 - Dues of \$100 each October
 - At least one additional donation or fundraiser on our behalf

If you are a 2016/17 Lieutenant Governor, can you help us locate one club in your Division which is not already a KFH sponsor? Let us know!

Our club commits to...

Supporting families
at Kiwanis Family
House

#KidsNeedKiwanis



Kiwanis Family House Board and Committee Schedule

The Kiwanis Family House Board of Directors has announced a board meeting schedule for the 2016-2017 term. Until further notice, the board shall meet **every other month (odd months: January, March, May, July, September, and November)** as well as in the month of June following the Kiwanis Family House Annual Meeting. Except for June, all meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Kiwanis Family House, unless otherwise announced.

Board committee meeting schedules have been updated as well, as follows:

- **Development Committee:**

Every other month (even months) on the second Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

- **Marketing Committee:**
Every other month (even months) on the second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
- **Governance Committee:**
Every other month (even months) on the fourth Monday at 5:00 p.m.
- **Operations Committee:**
Every other month (even months) on the fourth Monday at 6:00 p.m.
- **Human Resources Committee:**
as needed every other month (odd months), date and time TBD
- **Finance Committee:**
as needed every other month (odd months), date and time TBD

For more information, please contact Board Secretary Rae Whitby-Brummer at raewhitby@aol.com or (209) 712-2099.

How YOU Can Make A Difference | Rita Germain

Donors and volunteers make all the difference in our ability to care for our guest families during times of medical crisis. Without these two key groups, our Kiwanis Family House could not continue to fulfill its mission of providing temporary housing and support to ill and injured patients being treated at UC Davis Medical Center and Shriners Hospitals of Northern California. So, beginning this month, we will use this column to remind you of ways YOU can make a difference by helping the families who stay in our Kiwanis Family House.



Do you shop at Amazon.com? If so, an easy way to give back to the Kiwanis Family House is through the [AmazonSmile](#) program. You can shop at [AmazonSmile](#) for the same items you purchase on Amazon.com everyday. When you do, .5% of the purchase price of all items you buy will be donated to the Kiwanis Family House.

Just go to www.smile.amazon.com and designate Kiwanis Family House as your charity, and start shopping today-it's that easy!

Volunteer opportunities are always available, and Operations Manager Charlie Bussey coordinates these efforts for individuals, clubs, and outside groups. To learn more, or to schedule a time to volunteer, contact Charlie at **(916) 736-0116** or cbussey@kiwanisfamilyhouse.org.

In addition, large K-Family workdays are scheduled at least two times a year, typically in April during Kiwanis One Day, and in early September. This is great opportunities for clubs to work side-by-side with their sponsored youth, friends, family members, and membership prospects. Our next workday will be on **Saturday, September 10th**.

Upcoming Events

Join us for the following upcoming events:

KFH Fall Workday	<i>September 10</i>
KFH Board Meeting	<i>September 13</i>



Kiwanis Family House Wish List

Click [here](#) for a printable version of this month's Wish List.

The Operations Manager always has a ready Wish List of items that are needed by Kiwanis Family House. These items are usually available at a convenience store or perhaps you might have them in your home. If you feel you can help out with an item, either bring it to Kiwanis Family House or give the Family House a call at **(916) 736-0116** to arrange a pick-up of the item(s).

PRIORITIES

- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Disinfectant wipes
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Powdered laundry detergent

GUEST NEEDS

- Hotel size toiletries (shampoo, soap, etc.)
- Hand held electric hair dryers
- Bath towels (White 30"x52"), Hand Towels (White 16"x30"), Wash Cloths (White)
- Fitted Twin Bed Sheet Sets (White Cotton only, please)

OTHER NEEDS

- Disinfectant Wipes (Clorox, Lysol or similar brand)
- Liquid Dish Soap (for hand-washing dishes)
- Powdered Laundry Detergent
- Unscented liquid Fabric Softener (NO DRYER SHEETS)
- Non-Latex Nitrile Disposable gloves, sizes S, M and L
- Paper Plates, Cups and Bowls
- HOME DEPOT and LOWE'S gift cards
- 9-Volt Batteries

Who We Are



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To View our Board of Directors, click [here](#).

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide temporary housing and support to families of seriously ill or injured children and adults being treated at UC Davis Medical Center and Shriners Hospitals of Northern California.

Our Vision

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

Our Values are guided by the KIWANIS Service Motto: "Serving the Children of the World".

The KIWANIS FAMILY HOUSE encourages the following core values:

- A sense of community
- Dedication to service
- Respect for families
- Augmentation of services provided by other organizations
- Collaboration with community partners
- Foster awareness for those in need
- Generosity

Ways to Help

You can help the Kiwanis Family House by donating or participating in the following programs:

- Sponsor A Family
- Become a Friend of the Kiwanis Family House
- Buy a Brick
- Purchase a Bright Award
- Donate a Vehicle
- Participate in the SaveMart S.H.A.R.E.S. Card Program
- Donate Wish List Items
- Become a Sponsor Club
- Sponsor a Room
- Volunteer at the Kiwanis Family House
- And much more!

For information on these opportunities, go to:
www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org/how-you-can-help/donate/

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