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House Talk

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2016 March In March is Saturday, March 12th!



So, you have heard about the annual **March in March** but you have never attended. Well, Saturday, March 12 is your opportunity to see what the fun is all about. Marchers who have participated in past years urge you not to miss it!

The 2016 **March in March** will be the biggest and best of this annual event benefiting Kiwanis Family House (KFH). You will join a couple of hundred members of Kiwanis, Key Club, Circle K, Aktion Club, Builders Club, and K-Kids having fun while raising money to support families dealing with medical crisis. To participate, you just have to raise a minimum of \$15 in pledges (or more!) and show up at KFH on the day of the event.

Click [here](#) to download a copy of the pledge form and release forms you will need to join us.

In promoting this day of fun and fundraising, KFH Executive Director Dan Germain asks

ALL friends and followers to answer the call. "We really need to see our largest turnout ever. To this point in our current fiscal year, we are somewhat below our fundraising revenue target. We have a chance to get back to budget with this event, but we need the K-Family to show up on March 12 in big numbers. Everybody, please come march with us."

Sponsored by Circle K Club at Sacramento State University, the 7th Annual **March in March** promises to be a fantastic FUN-draising event for the entire Kiwanis Family! It will begin with a FREE pancake breakfast for all participants. Here is the schedule:

8:30 - 9:30 am	FREE pancake breakfast
9:30 - 10:00 am	Join Hands Around the House
10:00 - 12:00 pm	March Laps Around the House
10:00 - 1:00 pm	KFH Carnival

Individual, club, and division prizes for the most money raised and the most laps walked will be awarded, including:

- KFH Memorial brick for the Kiwanis club donating the most money (2015 winner was Woodland Kiwanis Club!)
- KFH Memorial brick for the SLP club donating the most money (2015 winner was Woodland High School Key Club!)
- KFH Memorial brick for the SLP club walking the most laps (2015 winner was Mesa Verde High School Key Club!)
- KFH Memorial brick for the Kiwanis club walking the most laps (2015 winner was Lincoln Kiwanis Club!)
- KFH red polo shirt for the individual raising the most money (2015 winners - tied - were Muriel Brounstein and Marv Hale)
- Trophy for the SLP division walking the most laps (2015 winner was Division 44 South Key Club!)
- Trophy for the Kiwanis division donating the most money (2015 winner was Division 44!)

Sacramento State Circle K's project Chair Sandy Ito promises a memorable day. "We are working very hard to make this a day you will remember. It is important for the entire Kiwanis family. But the families we take care of here at KFH will receive the primary benefit. I hope we have 300 people here on March 12."

7TH ANNUAL
MARCH in MARCH
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LOCATION: Kiwanis Family House, 2875 50th St.
 Sacramento, CA 95817

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PRIZES: {
 KFHM MEMORIAL BRICK CLUB DONATING MOST \$
 CLUB WALKING MOST LAPS
 KFHM RED POLO INDIVIDUAL W/ MOST PLEDGE
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 WALKING MOST LAPS
 KIWANIS DIVISION
 DONATING MOST \$

> \$15 minimum pledge

You are a friend of Kiwanis Family House, but are you a ***Friend of Kiwanis Family***



House? For the new year, why not make the resolution to finally become a Friend?

Becoming a Friend is easy! You can setup up a recurring monthly contribution through PayPal. Go to our website at www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org, select "How You Can Help" and then "Become a Friend of Kiwanis Family House." Suggested contribution levels are as follows:

Copper Friend:
\$10/month

Silver Friend:
\$25/month

Gold Friend:
\$50/month

Platinum Friend:
\$100/month

Or you can pledge annual support. Reminders will be mailed on your anniversary date.

Copper: **\$100/year**

Silver: **\$300/year**

Gold: **\$500/year**

Platinum: **\$1,000/year**

More friends are needed--won't you pledge your support?

New Flooring Project Has Begun

The quality of our guest services is largely dependent on a clean, well-maintained Kiwanis Family House. In terms of maintenance and repair, 2016 is a milestone year - the tenth in our current facility. Per our operating agreement with the University of California, Davis, we have gained access to funds that we have been depositing into a reserve account for the past decade. We are not wasting any time taking advantage of the opportunity to completed much-needed upgrades.

Our highest priority is flooring in the common areas of the facility. As these photographs portray, we are replacing worn and soiled carpet with new porcelain tiles in our main west lobby, our north side and south side lobbies, and the east entryway at the rear of the building.

The first phase began February 8 in our main lobby and corridors in the administrative areas. Upon project completion, we will have invested approximately \$30,000 and replaced nearly 3,000 square feet of carpet with new tile that will be more durable and easier to keep clean.



Carpet in the front lobby and side hallway was pulled up to begin the project on February 8th.



Welcoming our Newest Sponsor Clubs: #103 and #104

Kiwanis Family House is *thrilled* to welcome its TWO newest sponsor clubs, **the Kiwanis Club of Walnut Creek (home club of Cal-Nev-Ha District Governor Cherice Gilliam)** and **the Kiwanis Club of Fortuna (home of Division 20's two-time Lt. Governor Janice Simmons)**. We thank these clubs for stepping up to pledge their ongoing support!

Our club commits to...

Supporting families
at Kiwanis Family
House

We are ready to add sponsoring club number 105--will **your** club be the one?

#KidsNeedKiwanis



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 2015/16 Lieutenant Governor, can you help us locate one club in your Division which is not already a KFH sponsor? Let us know!

Kiwanis Family House Board and Committee Schedule

The Kiwanis Family House Board of Directors has announced a new board meeting schedule for the 2015-2016 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 Rita Germain at ritamgermain@gmail.com or 916-549-1354.

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.

Upcoming Events

Join us for the following upcoming events:

KFH Committee Meetings	February 22
KFH Board Meeting	March 8
March In March	March 12
Kiwanis One Day	April 2



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

- Toilet paper
- Bottled water
- Batteries, AA and D Cell

GUEST NEEDS

- Hotel size toiletries (shampoo, soap, etc.)
- Hand held electric hair dryers
- Alarm clocks
- New pillows for twin beds
- Bath towels (white, 30" x 52"), hand towels (white, 16" x 30") and washcloths (white)

OTHER NEEDS

- Liquid dish soap (for hand-washing dishes)

- Powdered laundry detergent
- Bleach
- Unscented liquid fabric softener (NO dryer sheets please)
- Paper plates, cups, and bowls
- Disinfectant wipes (Clorox, Lysol, or similar brands)
- Non-latex Nitrile disposable gloves (sizes M and L)

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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