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House Talk

The official newsletter of Kiwanis Family House

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Around Our House



Kiwanis Family House was the site of the Greater Sacramento Kiwanis Club's 'Valentines Cards for Chemo Patients and Seniors' project. Channel 31's Good Day Sacramento reported on the project in a live broadcast from KFH on January 30th. Ultimately, more than 600 handmade cards were made by club and community members in late January/early February for delivery to KFH guests, local hospital infusion centers, and facilities serving the senior community in time for the Valentine's holiday.



At February's Kiwanis Club of Greater Sacramento board meeting, the club presented Kiwanis Family House Executive Director Dan Germain with a check for \$2,000, proceeds from a January Awake-a-Thon hosted by the Luther Burbank High School (LBHS) Key Club. LBHS Key Club is sponsored by Greater Sacramento Kiwanis and has been hosting these fundraisers for several years. Thank you LBHS Key Club and Greater Sacramento Kiwanis for your continued support of Kiwanis Family House! We ♥ you!



The Kiwanis Club of Sacramento West presented a check at February's Division 7 Division Council Meeting to Executive Director Dan Germain. The donation will cover the room rent for a week's stay for each of the

remaining months of 2017. We (and our guest families) are so grateful for the generous support of this club and their members, including retired House Director Mauda Butte

Is your club planning a project, workday, or fundraiser for the House? If so, send photos and details to editor Rita Germain at ritamgermain@gmail.com so we can feature you in a future issue!

Gordon's Story | Charlie Bussey

Gordon Storey is a retired minister. In his ministerial postings he has served in many churches. One of these churches is located in Mt. Shasta, California. If you have ever traveled north on Interstate 5 to Oregon, you have passed by majestic Mt. Shasta. You may have blinked and missed its small town namesake...

[\(read more...\)](#)



Join us for the March in March on Saturday, March 11th!

The 8th Annual March in March is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2017! Sponsored by CIRCLE K AT SACRAMENTO STATE, this year promises to be a fantastic FUN-draising event for the entire Kiwanis

Family! ([read more...](#))

8th Annual
MARCH
in
MARCH
Saturday, March 11, 2017
Where? Kiwanis Family House
2875 50th Street
Sacramento, CA 95817

Schedule:
8:00 AM-9:00 AM
Registration and **FREE**
Pancake Breakfast
9:30 AM-10:00 AM
Hold Hands and Circle
Around the House
10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Countdown and MARCH

Trophies/Prizes:

- Individual, Club and Division Prizes for Most Money Raised
- KFH Memorial Brick for the Kiwanis Club That Donates the Most Money
- KFH Memorial Brick for the Club That Walks the Most Laps
- KFH Red Polo Shirt for the Individual That Raises the Most Money
- Trophy for SLP Division That Walks the Most Laps
- Trophy for the Kiwanis Division That Donates the Most Money

\$15 minimum pledge   #MarchforKFH #SacCKIBringIt

Download the flyer and pledge forms [here](#).

President's Message | Jim Legler

Like most nonprofit entities the Kiwanis Family House faces the challenge of reconciling available resources to the fulfilling of our mission by providing needed services to individuals receiving medical treatment personally or with a family member receiving medical care at the University of California Davis Medical Center or Shiners Hospital for



Children - Northern California.

With the financial support of over a hundred clubs within the Kiwanis organization, individual Kiwanians, and many individual...[\(read more...\)](#)

Become a Sponsoring Club!

The Kiwanis Club of San Jose has announced that it will become the 110th Sponsoring Club of the Kiwanis Family House! We are so grateful to the leaders and members of this club, which include Past Cal-Nev-Ha Governor Dan Connolly and wife Cheryl, for their continuing support of Kiwanis Family House, which began more than ten years ago when the club sponsored a guest bedroom in the then-newly built House.

Our club commits to...

Supporting families
at Kiwanis Family
House

#KidsNeedKiwanis



We are ready to add sponsoring club number 111--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!

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. Below are some 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!

**SAVE MART
SUPERMARKETS**

Do you shop at Save Mart, Lucky's, or other affiliated supermarkets? It's simple to give 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!

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, April 1, 2017**.

Upcoming Events

Join us for the following upcoming events:

March in March	<i>March 11</i>
KFH Board Meeting	<i>March 14</i>
Kiwanis One Day	<i>April 1</i>
Creelman/Francisco Golf Tournament	<i>April 27</i>
Big Day of Giving	<i>May 4</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

- Bleach
- White bath towels

- White fitted sheets - twin sized

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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