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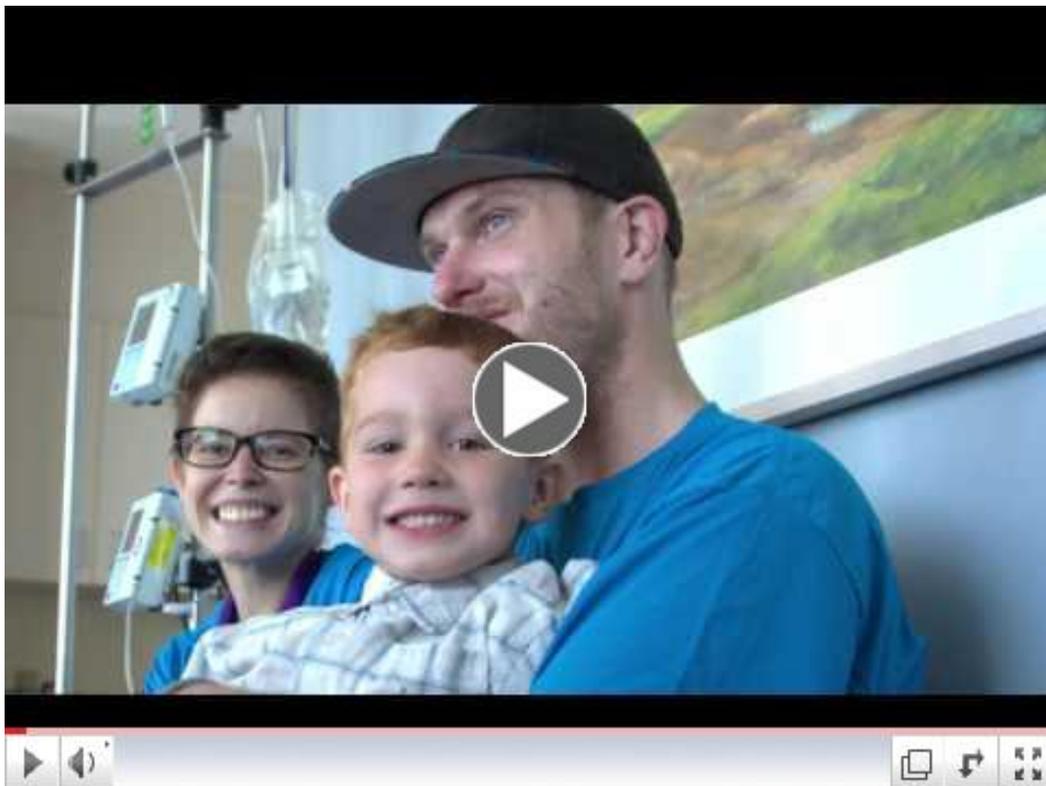
# House Talk

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## NEW VIDEO: Kids Need Kiwanis

Produced by Kiwanis International and featured at the closing session of the 2016 Kiwanis International Convention in Toronto, Canada, this new video illustrates that ***Kids need Kiwanis, families need Kiwanis, and Kiwanis Family House saves families.***



**President's Message | Jim Legler**



On a personal note, I greatly appreciate the confidence placed in me by my election to the position of Board President for the coming year by the Board of Directors. Thank you for the honor and privilege to serve in this capacity. A management philosophy to which I subscribe is one of "servant leadership" and I feel my charge is to do everything within my ability to continue building on the positive legacy of leadership and service established by each of my predecessors. I'm looking forward to an exciting year and with the help of all the supporters of "KFH", a year which will see great things happening.

As the journey of the Kiwanis Family House continues into the 2016-17 fiscal year, the entire organization, from top to bottom, has a healthy and positive culture with a strong commitment to service. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of a team of individuals consisting of our Executive Director, Dan Germain, the Operations Manager, Charlie Bussey, the entire hourly staff, and a core of volunteers, guests staying at the facility consistently receive a high level of service and day - to - day operations run smoothly. The Board of Directors has a wealth of talent, varied experience, and a strong commitment to the ongoing success of the organization. Serving as stewards of the organization, the current Board of Directors is poised to continue building on the work of prior Boards. The organization is now in a position to focus efforts on developing a new Strategic Plan, building financial reserves; increasing exposure of the facility within Kiwanis International, the Cal-Nev-Ha District of Kiwanis, and the Cal-Nev-Ha District Foundation; and also continuing to strengthen and enhance partnerships with U.C. Davis Medical Center, Shriners Hospital for Children - Northern California, and other partner entities within the community.

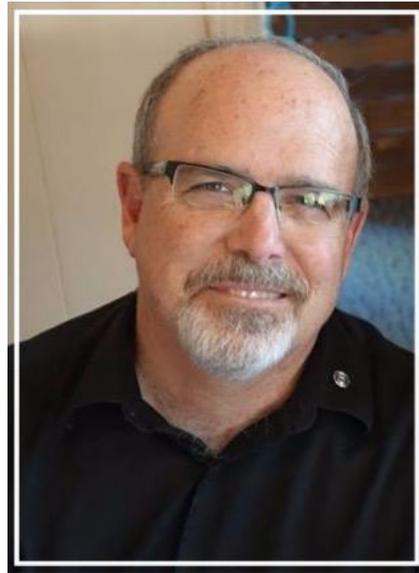
Each of the member clubs and individual supporters can be very proud of what has been accomplished over the past 32 years at Kiwanis Family House. I believe the Kiwanis Family House serves as testimony to the Kiwanis motto: "One Can Make A Difference". Thank you all for your ongoing support and let's have a terrific year!

## Director's Column | Dan Germain

What truths have constituted the Kiwanis Family House legacy for the past 32 years?

- Serving families dealing with serious illness or injury.
- Offering a temporary home away from home.

- Housing guests from more than 30 countries and from every state in the U.S.
- Family members located within five minutes of their hospitalized loved ones.
- Saving families while the medical professionals save lives.
- Rallying hundreds of Kiwanis clubs and Service Leadership Partners in support of one awesome, ongoing program.



Certainly, there are many enterprises in cities around the world that share a similar mission. Several hundred Ronald McDonald Houses have undoubtedly established the largest footprint and the highest profile. My, what those houses have done to brand their renowned charitable program!

For Kiwanis Family House, one additional unique truth has always helped define us: Our house in the California-Nevada-Hawaii District has been the only one anywhere in the world built by and continuously operated by Kiwanis. While we have taken a certain pride in that distinction, no one should interpret that pride as our desire to remain the only Kiwanis House. We are often asked why there are not Kiwanis Family Houses in other cities, states, or countries. So many families dealing with medical crisis in an unfamiliar location need a place of respite.

While attending the International Convention in Toronto last month, we learned that Kiwanians in another region were "weeks away" from announcing their commitment to creating temporary lodging facilities for families traveling to a new children's hospital in their area. I will not identify them here since they have not yet issued their formal announcement. Needless to say we are proud of our Kiwanis friends who will embark on this rewarding mission. Most importantly, we are comforted in knowing that each family they serve will be eternally grateful to Kiwanis for providing lodging and comfort during a frightening chapter in their lives.

The Toronto convention was important to us for a couple of other reasons. The Kiwanis International staff produced the brief video you see above, promoting our Kiwanis Family House. They aired the two-and-a-half minute promotional piece during the convention's closing session. The international-level visibility during the convention led to casual conversations about a vision for the future within Cal-Nev-Ha.

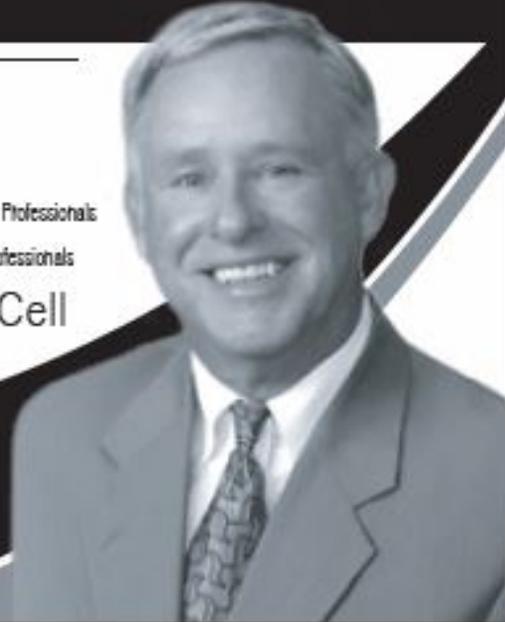
In this future, Kiwanis has built Family Houses in other metropolitan locations across the three states, supporting hospitals in Las Vegas, Honolulu, Reno, and various Southern California, Bay Area, and Central Valley counties. In this future, Kiwanis Family Houses around the District help brand Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanis as a premier service organization, a brand that emerges as an integral element of a resurging Kiwanis

membership.

If I have sparked a visionary anywhere, let's talk.



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# 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](http://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 #105...WE NEED YOU!

We are ready to add sponsoring club number 105--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

### Our club commits to...

Supporting families  
at Kiwanis Family  
House

#KidsNeedKiwanis



If you are a 2015/16 or 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](mailto: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](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and designate Kiwanis Family House as your charity, and start shopping today-it's that easy!

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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](mailto: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**. Look for details shortly!

## Upcoming Events

Join us for the following upcoming events:

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| KFH Committee Meetings | <i>August 9</i>     |
| District Convention    | <i>Aug 11-13</i>    |
| KFH Committee Meetings | <i>August 22</i>    |
| KFH Fall Workday       | <i>September 10</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/](http://www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org/how-you-can-help/donate/)

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