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House Talk

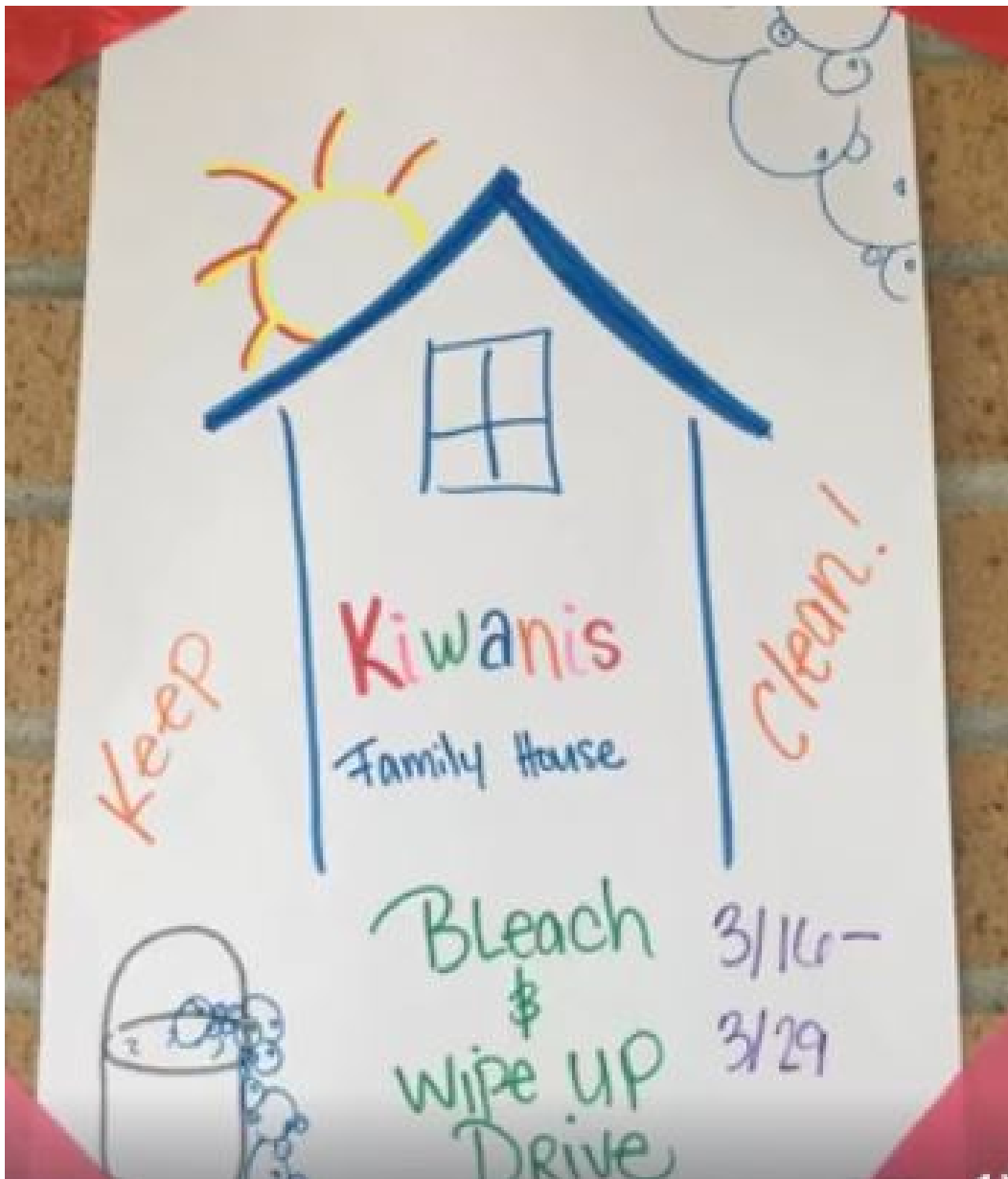
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Around Our House



The 8th Annual March in March, sponsored by Sacramento State Circle K, was the most successful yet! Attendees raised \$8,000 for our House at the event, which was led by James Hoong (left) and his Circle K Committee. A delicious pancake breakfast was provided by East Sacramento Kiwanis, and other activities included a photo booth, face painting, henna tattoos, and a scavenger hunt! Thank you to all who participated, planned, or donated to this terrific event!



The K-Kids Club at Coyle Avenue Elementary is starting their annual drive for Kiwanis Family House, collecting bleach and disinfectant wipes for our House. Thank you, K-Kids and your sponsoring Kiwanis Club, Citrus Heights Kiwanis!



Operations Manager Charlie Bussey visited the north state early in March. Here he is shown receiving almost \$700 in donations from the Red Bluff Kiwanis Club. Most days, an average of three families from Shasta and surrounding counties are guests of our House.

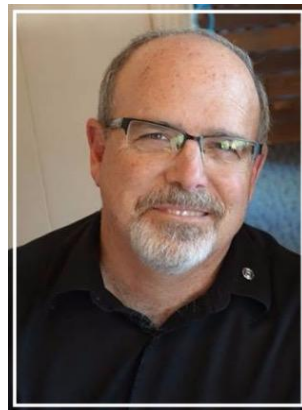


Is your club planning a project, workday, or fundraiser for the House? If so, send photos and details to editor Rita Germain at ritangermain@gmail.com so we can feature you in a future issue!

Director's Letter | Dan Germain

I strive to pen a column each month that is focused on a single impactful message or story. However, many noteworthy story lines are swirling as I sit to compose this month's message. Coincidentally, I celebrate my fifth anniversary as Executive Director of Kiwanis Family House, a milestone that has me in a broadly reflective place anyway. So, without apology, I offer this medley for your consuming pleasure.

- Baton Rouge: For the past two years, we have communicated with [\(read more...\)](#)



Kiwanis Family House Annual Meeting is June 3, 2017

The Kiwanis Family House Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 3, 2017, beginning at 11 a.m. All sponsor clubs are requested to attend to hear an update on our House and to cast their votes for our open Board Director positions. Additional details and proxy forms will be mailed to sponsor clubs in April.

It Coming...Big Day Of Giving is Thursday, May 4th!

Big Day of Giving is a 24-hour online giving challenge that brings together the region's nonprofit community to help raise much needed unrestricted funds and shine a spotlight on the work nonprofits do to [\(read more...\)](#)



Review our GivingEdge profile [here](#).

President's Message | Jim Legler

As I have mentioned in previous "President's Messages", the Kiwanis Family House Board of Directors has been working on the development of a new Strategic Plan. This has been a challenging task but one which is a critical component in achieving continued success and fiscal stability into the future. The previous strategic plan has served the facility well but is slightly over five years old and needed to be replaced with a plan that takes into account the current business environment; varied stakeholder needs; and changing economic conditions. The focus of the [\(read](#)



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Become a Sponsoring Club!

We are welcoming TWO new sponsor clubs this month!

#111: The Kiwanis Club of West San Jose
(Division 12)

#112: The Kiwanis Club of Lincoln Foothills
(Division 44)

Our club commits to...

Supporting families
at Kiwanis Family
House

#KidsNeedKiwanis



We are so grateful to the leaders and members of these clubs for their generous commitment to our House!

We are ready to add sponsoring club number 113--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:

Kiwanis One Day	<i>April 1</i>
Creelman/Francisco Golf Tournament	<i>April 27</i>
Big Day of Giving	<i>May 4</i>
May Board Meeting	<i>May 9</i>
KFH Annual Meeting	<i>June 3</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

- Disinfectant wipes
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Kleenex

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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