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House Talk

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Around Our House - Big Day of Giving!



Above: Emily Gravelle gives Operations Manager Charlie Bussey a donation of money she earned making and selling bracelets. Below: Members of KFH's Board of Directors, staff, and supporters attended the evening event at Rubicon Brewing Company.

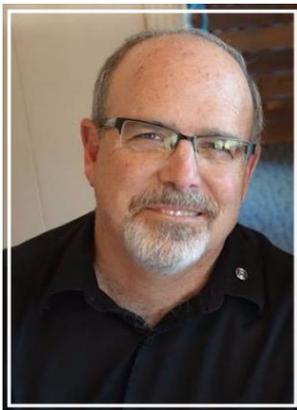


Above: Supporters from the Greater Sacramento Kiwanis Club attended the Broadway Coffee morning event. Below: Dan and Rita Germain, Paul Zappetini, and Kim Tucker (of Impact Foundry) attended the lunch event at Beach Hut Deli.



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!

Director's Column | Dan Germain



Springtime conjures up impressions of renewal and regrowth. Each year, these few months are a period of transition for Kiwanis Family House (KFH). The spring of 2017 has brought an extraordinary sense of anticipation for me. In addition to familiar annual transitional processes - adoption of a new operating budget and the election of new directors for our Board - I believe we have set the stage for KFH to make meaningful long-term improvements in effectiveness, capacity, and relevance. [\(read more...\)](#)

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 were mailed to sponsor clubs in April.

We are voting on 5 Director positions at the meeting, and we are currently recruiting for candidates. Click [here](#) for a position description, application, and copies of the letter to clubs and proxy letter.

Volunteer Spotlight | Charlie Bussey

Since before I started working here in July of 2013, our outside landscaping was being tended by some dedicated volunteers, Jim Legler, a "proud and happy member of the Galt Kiwanis Club", and Carol Frost, a longtime member of East Sacramento Kiwanis. Jim and Carol spend two or three hours every week mowing, edging, trimming, pruning and weeding. They do whatever is necessary. As a result, the planting areas and lawns around our facility look fantastic. [\(read more...\)](#)

President's Message | Jim Legler



I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal appreciation and that of the entire Board of Directors for the support from everyone who made a financial contribution to the Kiwanis Family House on the "Big Day of Giving" held on May 4th.. We set a goal to raise \$75,000 during the 24-hour giving period and we ended the day with an astounding total of \$75,918! This total is especially extraordinary considering this was our 4th year to participate in the event and in our first year we raised just over \$16,000. [\(read more...\)](#)

Become a Sponsoring Club!

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

Our club commits to...

Supporting families
at Kiwanis Family
House

#KidsNeedKiwanis



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!



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.

WANTED: Volunteer(s) to work two to three hours per week, mowing, edging, pruning, trimming, weeding and doing what is necessary to keep KFH landscape looking sharp. Contact Charlie if you are interested!

Upcoming Events

Join us for the following upcoming events:

- KFH Annual Meeting *June 3*
- KFH Committee Meeting *June 13*
- KFH Committee Meeting *June 26*



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
- Bath mats
- White bath towels (30" x 52"), hand towels, and wash cloths

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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