December has a tradition of gift giving. The exchanging of gifts is one of the core aspects of the modern Christmas celebration, making the Christmas season the most profitable time of year for retailers and businesses. Gift giving was common in the Roman celebration of Saturnalia, an ancient festival which took place in late December and may have influenced Christmas customs.

There are stories about the Magi that brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

For many, the stress of this season, centers on what to buy for others, especially those people who seem to have everything.

The key of gift giving is to give until you feel good about it.

Here are some suggestions: (Continued on page 5)
**Important Dates**

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**Save the date**

These benefit our Family House:

- Feb. 15th Red & White Ball
- Apr. 24th Creelman-Francisco Classic
- Apr. 26th Kiwanis Day at Sacramento River Cats

**Kiwanis Family House**

- **Mission Statement**
  "The mission of the Kiwanis Family House is dedicated to providing housing and support to families of seriously ill children and adults being treated at University of California, Davis, Sacramento."

**Subscription information about House Talk**

- House Talk is the official publication of our KFH.
- Each Sponsor Club is emailed a copy to the designated Kiwanian.
- If you are interested in receiving the House Talk via email visit our website at: www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org and enter your email address on the lower left-hand corner where it says "Sign Up For Our Email Newsletter".
- If you wish to receive it by US Postal Service contact Editor on page 10.

**Donate a brick!**

The memorial bricks cost $100 each. The lettering grid is 15 spaces across and three rows deep.

Donate them for birthdays, anniversaries, memorials, sponsored organizations, past presidents, honorary members, and more.

They are memorials and last longer than plaques and seen by more people.

The bricks are installed in the courtyard of our Kiwanis Family House.

For more information see website or contact editor. See page 10.

**Would you donate 3% of your supermarket shopping to our Kiwanis Family House?**

It is simple as 1-2-3

1. Do you shop at Save Mart, Smart, Food Maxx or Lucky Supermarkets?
2. If so scan your S.H.A.R.E.S card and the house gets a percentage. You still get the great sale prices and the rest.
3. If you do not have a card contact editor (page 10) and send your name and USPS mailing address. Editor will send you a S.H.A.R.E.S card by return mail!

Scan the S.H.A.R.E.S card each time you shop!

**Visit us at:**

- **Feb. 1st** Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha District Mid-year South Conference Garden Grove/Anaheim California Hyatt Regency Orange County
- **Mar. 1st** Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha District North Conference, San Ramon Marriott, San Ramon, California
- **Aug. 14-16** Cal-Nev-Ha District Convention, San Diego, California Town and Country Resort & Convention Center

**2013**

- Dec 12
- Jan 9
- Feb 13
- Mar 13
- Apr 10
- May 8

**2014**

- Annual Meeting will be held in June on a date to be announced.
As 2013 winds to a close, we reflect on the families dealing with medical crisis we have touched in the past year. They include:

- **Julie Davis**, Charlie Wagner, whose son, born with hydrocephalus, commonly known as water on the brain.
- **Sandra Gantt**, who was pregnant with her second child when her doctors diagnosed her with leukemia.
- **Damian** and Violeta Panchano from Mexico, whose children, Hector and Gloria, were critically injured in a vehicle accident.
- **Kenny** and Sherilyn Smith, who lodge at the Kiwanis Family House each time they travel from their home in Reno for Kenny’s cancer treatments.

As you remember these and our other wonderful families, many of you are considering the tax advantages of your year-end charitable giving. As you do, I announce a specific call to action. We urgently need you to support our new capital campaign to raise funds to build a staff laundry room.

Here is why this operational need is so compelling.

When we opened our current facility in 2006, UC Davis Medical Center provided linen service to the Kiwanis Family House. As a result, our laundry room, equipped with three washers and three dryers, satisfactorily served the daily needs of our guests.

Now, however, our housekeepers now process between 20 and 30 loads of laundry every day and compete with the very guests we serve for access to the machines.

For staff, inaccessible washers and dryers means frustrating disruptions to the performance of assigned tasks. For our guests, the inconvenience adds anxiety to that already created by the medical circumstances surrounding their stay at the Kiwanis Family House.

In short, the current laundry room has become an operational choke point and a source of stress for all of us. We need to build a second laundry room for staff use.

This gets us to the motivation for a new capital campaign. The Kiwanis Family House has an annual operating budget of around $450,000.

There is currently no room in this budget to build a second laundry facility at a cost of between $10,000 and $20,000, and without raising additional funds, we will be unable to solve this problem for our guests and our staff.

*This is where you come in.*

As our supporters and friends, we know that you are passionate about the work we do, and the families we help, at the Kiwanis Family House. We are asking you to reach into your hearts and donate a little extra this holiday season to ease the burden of countless guest families.

With the help of our many individual supporters, we can raise the funds needed for this worthwhile project. Donating is as simple as writing a check, or going online to our “How You Can Help” page, and designating your funds for the laundry room project.

I have already made my personal donation. I would be very pleased to have you join me in supporting this capital campaign.

From **Julie Davis, Charlie Wagner, Sandra Gantt,** the Panchano Family, **Kenny** and **Sherilyn Smith**, and the almost 23,000 families who have stayed at the Kiwanis Family House, I would like to say a sincere “thank you” for your support over the past 29 years. We hope you will consider once again showing your support by becoming a part of making our much needed laundry expansion a reality.

Dan Germain
(916) 736-0116
dgermain@kiwanisfamilyhouse.org

YouTube is a video-sharing website. It was created in 2005 by three former PayPal employees: Chad Hurley, Jawed Karim, and Steve Chen in February 2005.

It has been owned by Google since late 2006.

To find stories about our Kiwanis Family House go to: www.youtube.com

Then in the search window, type in **Kiwanis Family House**.

You will find out a dozen of video stories about our Kiwanis Family House.

You can read about what our Family House does.

You can have friends give testimony about our Family House because they have volunteered at the house.

But none can tell you a better story, than the families who have stayed there. Look for those stories. Current videos:

- Buddy’s Story
- Kiwanis Moment
- Kiwanis Family House News
- The History of the Kiwanis Family House
- Jennifer and Erica’s Story
- Kiwanis Family House, The Duff Family

This site is updated on a regular basis with new stories about the people and families we serve.
Kiwanis Family House, not in my backyard!

Report #138
Since October 1, 2001 to October 31, 2013, (the effective dates of this report), 13,339 families have stayed one or more nights at our Kiwanis Family House while being treated at UCDMC and Shriners Hospital for Children®.

This report covers over 12 years. Previous to October 1, 2001 the reports were tabulated in a different format.

Our KFH has hosted 1,020 families from outside Cal-Nev-Ha District (California, Nevada, and Hawaii). These 1,020 families come from:

- Alabama
- Missouri
- Alaska
- Montana
- Arizona
- Nebraska
- Arkansas
- New Hampshire
- Colorado
- New Jersey
- Connecticut
- New Mexico
- Delaware
- New York
- District of Columbia
- North Carolina
- Florida
- Ohio
- Georgia
- Oklahoma
- Idaho
- Oregon
- Illinois
- Pennsylvania
- Indiana
- South Carolina
- Iowa
- South Dakota
- Kansas
- Tennessee
- Kentucky
- Texas
- Louisiana
- Utah
- Maine
- Vermont
- Maryland
- Virginia
- Massachusetts
- Washington
- Michigan
- West Virginia
- Minnesota
- Wisconsin
- Mississippi
- Wyoming

Also, there have been families from:
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Canada
- England
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Israel
- Italy
- Mexico
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Pakistan
- People’s Republic of China
- Republic of Palau
- Serbia
- Taiwan
- Uruguay
- Venezuela
- Wales

Division 7 and Division 44 are considered the “host” divisions. Families living within 35 miles of UCDMC are not eligible to stay at our KFH.

Aren’t you glad that there is your Kiwanis Family House in Sacramento, California?

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Neighborhoods...
not numbers!

The column to the left mentions numbers, where our guests are from, codified by Kiwanis Divisions.

This article defines our guests from their neighborhoods during the month of October 2013. The number in parentheses is the number of families.

**Arizona**
- Chandler
- Prescott Valley

**California**
- Alturas (2)
- Arcata (2)
- Arnold
- Big Bear City
- Chico (4)
- Clovis (2)
- Copperopolis
- Cottonwood (2)
- Diamond Springs (3)
- Dixon (2)
- Eureka (3)
- Fairfield
- Foresthill
- Fresno
- Grass Valley (2)
- Greenwood
- Groveland (2)
- Huntington Beach (2)
- Janesville
- Kelsey
- La Mesa
- La Puente
- Leggett
- Long Beach
- Los Molinos
- Madera
- Marina
- Marysville
- McKinleyville
- Modesto (2)
- Murrieta (3)
- Nevada City
- North Fork
- Olivehurst

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www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org
Kiwanis Family House
December 2013 Wish List
Our Kiwanis Family House always has a ready Wish List of items that are needed. Perhaps you might want to add an item for our Family House when you are shopping. You might find it more convenient to mail us Sam’s Club or Costco gift cards and let us do the shopping. (The cards fit into mailing envelopes easily). Mail to:
Kiwanis Family House
2875 50th Street,
Sacramento, CA 95817

If you would rather deliver them to our Family House or give us a call give us a call at (916) 736-0116 to arrange a pick up.

December Priorities
For Guest Rooms:
 Mattress Pads (for twin beds)
 Unscented Kleenex® or comparable tissues
 Bath Towels (white 30” x 52”)
 Hand Towels (white 16” x 30”)
 Wash Cloths (white)
 Umbrellas

Personal Care Items:
 Travel size shampoo
 Travel size conditioner
 Travel size soap

Guest Comfort
 Our library of VHS movies is now obsolete. We now need movies in the DVD format.

Other Essentials
 Banker Boxes for record storage.
 Ziploc® bags in quart and gallon size.
 Adult wheel chair in good working order.

See’s Candies
(Continued from page 1)

See’s Candy. Many sponsor clubs raise money selling See’s Candy. In fact our Kiwanis Family House will be doing so this year. Prices start about $10.00.

Give the gift of hospitality. You have heard of the expression, Oh what would I give for a good night’s sleep. Now you can give (donate) $50.00 for a family to have a good night’s sleep. Our Family House never turns a family away because they could not afford the asking fee. Sponsor a Family for a Night, or several nights at our KFH. The cost for a night is $50.00 See article on page 1 or go to our website.

Buy a Brick for our Family House. The bricks can be lettered and serve as a lasting memorial to honor the person. Bricks cost $100@. See article on page 2 or go to our website.

Give the gift of time. Volunteer at regular intervals doing whatever you feel comfortable doing. We have all kinds of jobs/assignments. See information on page 7.

Become a Friend of our Kiwanis Family House, or gift such a friendship. Gifts start at $100 annually or $10 @ month. See article on page 7.

The gilt edged gift of the year, is to give a Bright Award. You may want to honor a family member, club member or business associate with this gift which is named after Vern and Leona Bright, the co-founders of our Kiwanis Family House. For details contact the editor (on page 10) or go to our website
www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org

Virginia
 Burke
 Washington
 Gig Harbor
 Wyoming
 Jackson

Neighborhoods...
not numbers!

(Continued from page 4)
• Oroville (5)
• Palermo
• Paradise (2)
• Penn Valley
• Portola
• Quincy (2)
• Red Bluff (4)
• Redding (9)
• Redwood City
• Rough and Ready
• San Diego
• San Pablo (2)
• Shasta Lake (2)
• Sierraville
• Smith River (2)
• Sonora (2)
• South Lake Tahoe (2)
• Stockton
• Susanville
• Tulelake (2)
• Turlock
• Vacaville (2)
• Visalia (3)
• Weaverville
• Willows (2)
• Yreka
• Yuba City (2)
• Georgia
• Marietta
• Minnesota
• Minneapolis
• North Carolina
• Burnside (2)
• Nevada
• Fallon (2)
• Reno (5)
• Sparks (2)
• Virginia City
• New York
• Adams
• Ohio
• Kent
• Oregon
• Klamath Falls
• Medford
• Portland
• Texas
• El Paso

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President’s Message by Bill Hooper (Contd.)

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and the California-Nevada-Hawaii Foundation who have approved club and division grants for projects at KFH;

♥ To Shriners Hospital in Sacramento that joined the partnership,

♥ To all the Kiwanians and SLP members, mostly from the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of Kiwanis, that have stepped up to provide whatever was and is necessary for Kiwanis Family House to operate;

♥ To the world class doctors and staffs at UC Davis Medical Center and Shriners Hospital whose medical healing skills bring us patients from all over the USA and the world, a big thank you.

Each of us share our time, talent, and treasure so our House can provide a temporary home to the loved ones of about 150 hospitalized patients families every month.

Hospital personnel and House guests constantly tell us how important it is to the healing process for patients to know their family is resting safely only minutes away from their hospital bed. The talented doctors heal the patients, we help the families heal.

When you reflect on the effort it has taken to build and operate the House we each need to count our blessings.

Our guests often say to me, Thank God for Kiwanis Family House and I agree. But I also say Thank God for each of you who have done and are doing all you can to support this wonderful Kiwanis Project.

On behalf of all the families we served and the Board of Directors and staff of the House we wish you a wonderful Holiday Season and prosperous New Year.

Till Next Time, Yours in Kiwanis Service,

Bill

William Hooper, President
bhoopklg56@comcast.net

Thanksgiving at our Kiwanis Family House

The Thanksgiving holiday tradition is commonly traced to a 1621 celebration at Plymouth in present-day Massachusetts.

It is over 3,000 miles from Plymouth, Massachusetts, and it is 392 years later, but the holiday tradition continued at our Kiwanis Family House.

Retired House Director, Mauda Butte, prepared the feast.

In Mauda’s words, she prepared:

♥ Three turkeys,
♥ One large ham,
♥ Mashed potatoes-gravy,
♥ Mashed sweet potatoes,
♥ Green beans
♥ Stove top stuffing with cranberries,
♥ Caesar salad,
♥ Relish tray,
♥ Devilled eggs;
♥ Scalloped corn,
♥ Cranberries salad whole and berry type,
♥ Apple pies, and
♥ Pumpkin pies.

She started this Thanksgiving Tradition in 1980 in the first Family House, and she has continued it every year in our current family house.

The dinner is served from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Preparation began the night before when residents in Room 101 peeled the potatoes.

The night shift watched over the turkeys in the roaster, and the ham in the oven.

Julia Pinzon helped set the tables up.

Jodi Adams helped all around the house from helping Lanelle Rogers with he Devilled Eggs, to welcoming guests.

Kiwani Lieutenant Governor Joe Jaquez, came in and pitched it to assist.

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Sacramento furnished the turkey, ham, potatoes, and pies, and the Kiwanis Club of Lincoln provided some canned goods.

There were volunteers from the Citrus Heights Club and maybe others that Mauda did not catch.

When Mauda was asked why she does this, she replied:

“We are a family and everyone needs to know that someone cares enough to take time out of their family and do this for those staying at the house.”

“Another wonderful day at the Kiwanis Family House it’s hard not to be able to do this, that is where I have spent most of my holidays and then to my family for the rest of the day.

“Merry Christmas and that’s where I will be cooking again, plus New Year’s Day for the special Black-eyed pea tradition.”

Photo Credit: Jodi Adams
Ways to support our Kiwanis Family House...

If you have an old car, boat, or Recreational Vehicle (R/V) you can transform it into cash for our Kiwanis Family House.

Our KFH has partnered with Car Program Inc. to provide an easy-to-use tax deductible process to donate your car, boat, or R/V.

You are able to donate your vehicle, running or not, and it does not have to be registered.

Go to:

Questions: Call Executive Director Dan Germain at (916) 736-0116 or Car Program Inc. (800) 240-0160. This agency can accept donations from most of our 50 states to benefit our KFH!

DONATE A CAR
(800) 240-0160
Kiwanian contact: Calvin Hara (916) 812-5524

KFH... visit us!

If you are in the neighborhood and want to stop by for a visit, please do.
If you want to arrange a special tour in advance, call us at (916) 736-0116.

Hold a club meeting here!

Get your SHARES Card (on page2) so we get our “share”.

Become a friend!

Want to feel good about yourself?

Then become a Friend of our Kiwanis Family House. It takes an annual donation of $100 (or more). Monthly payment options are available. Information about memberships and ways to pay, is available at our website: www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org

Want to feel better about yourself? Consider giving your friends and relatives the “gift” of becoming a Friend of our Kiwanis Family House.

You will receive a colored metal pin, depending on your level of giving.

These donations keep our Family House in operation and keeping our commitment of never having to turn any one away for lack of payment.

Recycling makes cents!

Donate ink cartridges, LASER cartridges, toner cartridges etc. to our KFH.

We even have a container for used plastic bags to be recycled.

It helps the environment, lessens the impact on land fills, and makes cents.

If you work for a company, ask it if it will cooperate in giving you the items to take and donate.

Our KFH gets money when we turn them in for recycling.

Recycling money is “green” and spends the same way with a lessening on the KFH budget.

Gifts of Appreciated Securities

If you have marketable securities that have grown substantially in value, the tax laws make it possible for you to make an important gift at a remarkably low after-tax cost.

A gift of appreciated securities generally qualifies you for an income tax charitable deduction equal to the value of the gifted securities, and it may also avoid the long-term capital gain tax on your unrealized capital gain.

You can deduct up to 30% of your adjusted gross income in the year of your gift. Any amount given in excess of 30% can be carried over and deducted for up to five subsequent years.

Usually a sale of appreciated securities results in a tax on your full gain – in other words, you keep only part of the profit. But if you donate those same appreciated securities to our Kiwanis Family House, there is no tax on your gain, even though your “profit” is counted as part of your charitable deduction.

Check with your Tax Advisor or IRS.
Since the founding of the first Shriner's hospital in 1922, treating orthopaedic conditions has been the foundation of Shriner's Hospitals for Children®. The Shriner's Hospital of Northern California is located on the campus of UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento.

These two hospitals become magnets to treat all sorts of illnesses, disease, and broken bones. Our Kiwanis Family House provides temporary housing for the families of those hospitalized. The diseases and disorders treated are wide-ranging and diverse.

Whether Shriner's is treating bone deformities like clubfoot, neuromuscular conditions like cerebral palsy or genetic anomalies like achondroplasia, its goal is to help each child become as functional and healthy as possible.

With the largest full-time staff of pediatric orthopaedic surgeons in the United States, as well as a comprehensive team of physical, occupational, speech and other therapists, Shriner's is able to treat each child with a customized approach based on their overall health and medical conditions.

**Conditions Treated:**
- Amniotic Band Syndrome
- Arthrogryposis
- Blount's Disease
- Brachial Plexus Palsy
- Cerebral Palsy
- Clubfoot
- Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease
- Flat Feet
- Fracture Complications
- Friedreich's Ataxia
- Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip
- In-Toeing
- Kyphosis
- Legg-Calve-Perthes Disease
- Limb Deficiencies, Deformities and Length Discrepancies
- Lordosis
- Muscular Dystrophy
- Neurofibromatosis
- Osgood-Schlatter Disease
- Osteogenesis Imperfecta
- Osteomyelitis
- Pectus Carinatum
- Pectus Excavatum
- Rickets
- Scoliosis and Other Spine Conditions
- Slipped Capital Femoral Epiphysis (SCFE)
- Spina Bifida
- Spinal Muscular Atrophy
- Spondyloysis and Spondylolisthesis

**Medical, Surgical and Rehabilitative Services:**
- Limb Lengthening Surgery
- Occupational and Physical Therapy
- Orthotics and Prosthetics
- Pain Management
- Psychological and Psychiatric Services

**Social, Educational and Transitional Services:**
- Care Coordination
- Child Life and Recreation Therapy
- Family Support Groups
- Social Workers
- Special Camps
- Teachers and Classrooms
- Transition Programs

"Over the years"
The current series of *House Talk* (Volume I Issue 1) is dated May 1, 2001.

**Eleven years ago**
Volume III Issue 6
December 2002
Interview with co-founder Leona Bright.

It was Leona Bright who said to her husband Vern when families of patients had no place to stay, "Why don't you Kiwanis do something about this?"

**Eight years ago**
Volume VI Issue 6
December 2005

Kiwanis Club of Stockton, donated $25,000 to sponsor a room in the new house.

Depicted above (left to right), Olive Davis (Director); Ron Malmquist (President); Loring Turrell President of KFH; and Leona Bright co-founder of our Kiwanis Family House.

**Three years ago**
Volume XI Issue 6
December 2010

I continue to be amazed at all the work Kiwanians are doing to support the Kiwanis Family House.

I like reading about your activities every since

I have been on your mailing list. Keep up the great work.

Light a Fire!

Because Kiwanians Care!

Sylvester Neal
Kiwanis International President

www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org
Letters, we get letters, we get stacks and stacks of letters..."

These letters are left at our KFH addressed to you. They are published to show our readers of the impact made by the staff and services of our Kiwanis Family House and UC Davis Medical Center. The letters are published as originally written and punctuated. This is to preserve the sincerity and spontaneity of the writer.

"Kiwanis,

"Thank you so much for all your caring & sharing during our hard times.  "My daughter passed away after a 5+ month stay in UDC."

"We appreciate every ounce and piece of help from everyone”

"What a saving grace, the Kiwanis have been during our time of need.  "We stayed here on and off during my sisters 6 month fight at UDC.

"Thank you so very much!”

"I was here for almost a week recently, and it was a blessing to be here.

"When my husband was transferred from U.C. Davis to Kaiser, I had to leave.

"Thank you so much for being here!"

"To the Kiwanis family house:  " I would just like to thank all of your staff for the outstanding support and all the help you gave me in my time of trouble.

"God bless all of you very nice people.

"P.S. I will be back to the hospital on Wednesday. I would like to bring some dishes to eat.

"God Bless all of you"

"To the entire staff: I want to thank you all for being here for my family and other families. This is a blessing to have someone care enough to share openly their home to us, with a sick family member in hospital.

"God will continue to bless each and everyone of you for being so special.

"When I first came here, I didn’t know what to expect listing to other people who don’t appreciate the goodness of other people, but as soon as I walk in the doors I was greeted very nicely and ever since then, it’s the same.

"The place is like home. It is cozy, comfortable, very supportive, and has all the right things to accommodate our needs. I or my family couldn’t ask for more. God Bless you all. Thanks...”

"To my Kiwanis Family:  "You have all been so wonderful to us. Thank you so much. I was relieved that you had RV Spaces so my (spouse) had somewhere to stay will our daughter was in the hospital for almost two months. I was glad to have the girls to talk to for support and hope.

"Thank you for being here for my family.

"I will always help support your program. Love Always”

“I just want to say God Bless you all for having us and you’ve all been so nice to us. Sharing your home, we couldn’t ask for better....”

"Because you were here, I was able to stay close to my child, which was the best gift anyone could have. God Bless this house”

“I just want to thank you all for your help.

“If it wasn’t for the Kiwanis we wouldn’t be able to see our new little girl every day.

“So I just want to let you know how much I appreciate all that you have done.”

Become a KFH Team Member!

- We need more volunteers.
- Training is provided.
- Like to work by yourself? We have such chores.
- Like to take some fellow club members along, we can handle that.
- If you are a Sponsor Club consider having your members adopt one day each month and cover all of the shifts.
- Adopt an odd day to work, such as the 5th Saturday or week day.
- Work for a shift or two each month.
- Flexible hours.
- You can "work the desk and telephones” to free up the staff to do other chores.
- You can do "handyman chores” if that is what you would like to do.
- If you have a green thumb, there are projects to assist.
- "Hands-on” community service hours.
- Wonderful atmosphere.
- Volunteer your time.

Contact Operations Manager
Charlie Bussey at: (916) 736-0116.

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Our KFH Ambassador Program has been launched. The dictionary defines "ambassador as an official envoy; an authorized representative or messenger."

- To be a Sponsor Club is one thing, but communication is a two way street.
- Because Ambassadors serve several clubs, they know the latest, and perhaps the best in fund-raising programs.
- Because Ambassadors meet with other Ambassadors, they can find solutions and best ways to solve problems.
- Ambassadors are here to inform.
- Ambassadors are here to listen.
- Ambassadors are here to remind.
- Ambassadors are here to answer any questions.
- Ambassadors are here to offer suggestions.
- To confirm your KFH Ambassador, email Rita Beall, see above.

Now you can help support the Kiwanis Family House by using Facebook. If you are on Facebook (or are planning on joining) you should “Like” the Kiwanis Family House page.

You can also click “Share” on any posting and this will share our stories with your Friends. It appears on their wall and news feed for Friends to see and spreads the message of Kiwanis Family House!

You can also “Suggest” a page to all your friends via a message. Just click on “Suggest to Friends” (the fourth link down from the logo) and choose the friends to whom you want to send an invitation to the Page.

You can post any comments, stories, or suggestions for other Fans to see, and it will also appear on your walls for your Friends to see.

If you want to reference something that is on the website, you should include a link to the Kiwanis Family House page along with your posting.

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1. House Talk is a monthly newsletter published by the Kiwanis Family House, Inc.
2. The editor is solely responsible for the content of House Talk.
3. Deadline 5:00 pm on the second Thursday of the month.
4. Items are solicited. Items submitted will not be returned unless noted by the sender.
5. Errors in the House Talk are to be brought to the attention of the editor. Egregious errors will be corrected in a future edition.
6. Responses to the articles and authors unless indicated otherwise can be sent to the editor for forwarding.
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With The Eliminate Project, Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. This deadly disease steals the lives of nearly 60,000 innocent babies and a significant number of women each year. The effects of the disease are excruciating — tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch.

To eliminate MNT from the Earth, more than 100 million mothers and their future babies must be immunized. This requires vaccines, syringes, safe storage, transportation, thousands of skilled staff and more. It will take US$110 million — and the dedicated work of UNICEF and every member of the Kiwanis family.