When you read House Talk, you see the numbers of guests, you see where they come from, and occasionally you read thank you letters from our guests.

As the late broadcast journalist, Paul Harvey, would say, now it is time, “For the rest of the Story.”

House Director, Dan Germain, prepared the following story about one of our family guests. The photos were made available from the family.

Dan’s story follows:

Ten weeks after learning they were going to be parents, doctors told 20-year-old Cody Conley and 18-year-old Christian Dagen from Corning, California that their baby girl would be delivered with an omphalocele, a birth defect in which the infant’s intestine or other abdominal organs grow outside of the belly button.

The muscles in the abdominal wall (umbilical ring) do not close properly. As a result, the intestine remains outside the umbilical cord. At the time, doctors assessed that their baby would have perhaps a 25 percent chance of surviving.

Rhylie Boles was born on November 29, 2012. Approximately 25-40 percent of infants with an omphalocele have other birth defects.

Rhylie’s parents were grateful to learn that their baby had none. With that, her chance of survival jumped to 90 percent.

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I often mention how our Kiwanis Family House (KFH) serves families all over the District as well as around the world.

So perhaps it is time to mention and give examples of how we also serve people in our own area.

For those of us involved with our House all the thanks we receive from our clients when they check in and when they leave and say to us what is almost a universal comment, “Thank God you are here! I don’t know what we would have done, without you!”

This is very uplifting to each of us. There is also a great deal of satisfaction as we see all the wonderful events that take place at our KFH meeting room with all parts of our Kiwanis Family working together planning an event or preparing to do a work project at the House.

There is also the time when someone in our local Kiwanis Family needs our help.

On one hand we hate to see friends need our service on the other hand thank God we are there for them too.

Our KFH serves families living more than 35 miles from our House and many of us who work there live just inside that radius but we can still be served by the house and here is an example of one of those cases where we were able help a local Kiwanian last month.

This email was sent to our House Director Dan Germain by a thankful Kiwanian shows how we help.

“I just wanted to send an email to thank you for the excellent service that was provided to me this past weekend.

“I report weekly to our Kiwanians in Placerville regarding the needs and updates of the Kiwanis Family House. I am the one that has been bugging you on the phone for updates.

“I never thought that I personally would have a request for assistance.

“My youngest daughter was hospitalized this past weekend for four days at UCDMC.

I called the Kiwanis Family House and let them know I was a Kiwanis...”

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Important Dates

Kiwanis Family House
Board meetings
Kiwanis Family House
2875 50th Street
Sacramento, CA 95817
Second Thursdays 7:00 pm

2013
Feb 13 (Wednesday)
Mar 14
Apr 11
May 9
June (annual meeting) TBA
July 11
Aug 8
Sep 12

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Register your card by calling (800) 353-9002.

Kiwanis Family House
Mission Statement
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Buy a brick!
The memorial bricks cost $100 each. The lettering grid is 15 spaces across and three rows deep.
Use them for birthdays, anniversaries, memorials, sponsored organizations, past presidents, honorary members, and more. They last longer than plaques.

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!

See us at:
• Feb. 9, 2013 Cal-Nev-Ha Mid-Year Conference North, Modesto, CA DoubleTree by Hilton, Modesto
• March 2, 2013 Cal-Nev-Ha Mid-Year Conference South, Burbank, CA Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport

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These 915 families come from outside Cal-Nev-Ha District (California, Nevada, and Hawaii). These 915 families come from:

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- Belgium
- Brazil
- Canada
- England
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Israel
- Italy
- Mexico
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Pakistan
- People’s Republic of China
- People of Palau
- Serbia
- Taiwan
- Uruguay
- Venezuela
- Wales

Division 7 and Division 44 are considered the “host” divisions. Families living within 35 miles of UCMDT 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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- Anderson (3)
- Arbuckle
- Aromas
- Bangor
- Cedarville
- Chico (3)
- Clearlake
- Colfax
- College City
- Colusa
- Copperopolis
- Corning (2)
- Cottonwood (2)
- Dobbins
- Dorris
- Forest Ranch
- Fresno
- Gasquet
- Gridley (3)
- Hamilton City
- Hayfork
- Herald
- Janesville
- King City
- Klamath
- La Quinta
- Leggett
- Lincoln
- Litchfield
- Lodi (5)
- Magalia (2)
- Mendocino
- Mountain Ranch
- Oakdale (3)

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### Neighborhoods… not numbers! (Cont’d)

- Oakley
- Orland
- Oroville (4)
- Paradise
- Pollock Pines (2)
- Portola
- Quincy (2)
- Redding (10)
- Sacramento
- San Diego
- Santa Rosa
- Shasta Lake (2)
- Shingletown
- Sonora
- South Lake Tahoe (3)
- Stockton (2)
- Sunnyvale (3)
- Sutter
- Tulelake
- Turlock
- Vacaville (4)
- Watsonville
- Weed
- Willows
- Winton
- Woodland (3)
- Yorba Linda
- Yreka
- Yuba City (3)
- Hawaii
- Honolulu
- North Carolina
- Hickory
- Nevada
- Carson City
- Fallon (2)
- Fernley
- Gardnerville
- Reno
- Sparks (3)
- Yerington
- Ohio
- Spencerville
- Oregon
- Grants Pass
- Williams
- Wyoming
- Powell

### Faces behind the numbers (Cont’d)

Since her arrival, Rhylie has been housed in the UC Davis Medical Center Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

Cody and Christian have been guests at the nearby Kiwanis Family House (KFH). Four times every day, they have shuttled between our KFH and NICU to care for - and learn how to care for - their precious girl. Cody says the work has been more exhausting than any physical labor he has ever done. Without the option of staying locally at the KFH and being able to provide this loving support, they may very well have had to stay in Corning and had more limited visits.

Less than a month old, Rhylie is feeding well and is growing. When she is released and returns to Corning, her still-developing lungs will require oxygen for a period of time. Additionally, she will not be ready for the necessary corrective surgeries until she has grown for 12-18 months. So, at least twice each month until then, this young family will have to make the two-hour drive between Corning and Sacramento for ongoing monitoring and treatment.

Their every-day living challenges are severely impacted by a lack of financial resources. Cody is actively seeking employment but remains out of work. A mechanically unreliable vehicle and daunting fuel prices worry Rhylie’s parents as they think about their need to travel Highway 99 over the next year to ensure Rhylie’s health and safety.

Like thousands of families over the past 28 years, Cody and Christian had the security of knowing that staying at our KFH meant that they could remain close to their baby.

### UC Davis Children’s Hospital

The UC Davis Children’s Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) was established in the 1970’s to provide excellence in clinical care and promote research into health problems facing infants including those who are born very prematurely – at 37 weeks gestation or earlier – are very ill or require surgery, often to correct congenital anomalies.

The UC Davis Children’s Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), is the designated Level III nursery for the Sacramento Region, caring for infants from throughout Northern California.

The Special Care Nursery is a Level II designated unit for children who are seriously ill but expected to recover more rapidly.

The 49-bed combined NICU and Special Care Nursery includes a 1-bed isolation room and is staffed by neonatologists 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Working with subspecialists in other fields, such as cardiology and pulmonology, our team of experts treats infants with a variety of health conditions, including:

- Birth asphyxia
- Congenital heart disease
- Congenital anomalies (birth defects)
- Jaundice
- Infectious diseases like pneumonia
- Respiratory distress

### April 6, 2013

Plan your Kiwanis One Day Project at our Kiwanis Family House.

Call Dan Germain at (916) 736-0116.
Joyce Maynard

All I can do is reach for it myself. I can’t tell my children to reach for the sun. to see what we do with ours. I can’t watch to see what our children do. Parents do too. As much as we enough,” the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.ing through their involvement with covered the need for temporary lodg-

Leona

honor the legacy of our co-founders, ulated by the KFH board of directors to Award on a most deserving Kiwanian.

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Dan Germain
dgermain@kiwanisfamilyhouse.org

Congratulations to Leona and Vern – both now gone - continues to feed our passion to serve families in times of need. The board presented the very first Bright Award to Leona Bright in 2006. My presentation in Modesto marked Bright Award Number 54.

While the ongoing recognition program honors our visionary founders, each individual Bright Award honors an individual, club, division, district, or organization that has exemplified service to Kiwanis and community.

Division 46 Lieutenant Governor Terry McGrath, Bright #54, is one such deserving individual. Given Terry’s life-long commitment to community service, the award presentation would have been moving enough on its own merits.

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February 2013 Wish List

Office Supplies:
• 9” x 12” Brown Clasp Envelopes
• Yellow card stock, 8 ½ x 11, 67 lb.

Cleaning Supplies:
• Formula 409
• disinfecting wipes
• disinfectant spray
• Lysol blue toilet bowl cleaner
• Swiffer All-Purpose Cleaning Solution
• Swiffer pads (wet)

Personal Care Items:
• Hand sanitizer
• Kleenex or comparable tissues

Kitchen Supplies:
• Coffee
• Cookies

Kiwani...
Where’s Waldo?

Where’s Wally is a series of children’s books created by British illustrator Martin Handford. The books consist of a series of illustrations depicting dozens or more people doing a variety of amusing things at a given location. Readers are challenged to find a character named Wally hidden in the group. Wally’s distinctive red-and-white-striped shirt, bobble hat, and glasses make him slightly easier to recognize, but many illustrations contain “red herrings” involving deceptive use of red-and-white striped objects.

A spin-off from Where’s Wally might be Where is our Kiwanis Family House?

I quick response might be it is on the campus of the University of California Davis Medical Center.

We have had guests look for us in Davis California. No, we are at 2875 50th Street, Sacramento, CA 95817-2308. Set your GPS accordingly.

K-FH employee Scott Patterson is pointing to a location for guests coming from other galaxies.

A satellite view is below. Note to the right the R/V parking locations. To the left is 50th Street. Everyone has there favorite way to get to our KFH.

The simple directions are exit Highway 50 east bound in Sacramento, at 59th Street. Go south on 59th Street. Turn right on Broadway.

Go west on Broadway and turn right on 50th Street.

K-Kids score for our KFH

K-Kids is a service organization for elementary school children sponsored by Kiwanis International.

The K-Kids at Coyle Avenue Elementary School, Carmichael, California were shooting baskets with toilet paper rolls what they later donated to our Kiwanis Family House.

This unique fund raiser resulted in a full SUV of toilet paper being donated. This elementary school is in the San Juan Unified School District.

President’s Message

by Bill Hooper (Contd.)

(Continued from page 1)

member from Placerville and asked if I could leave my car in your parking lot and come over to use the shower facilities a couple times in the evenings.

“I did not need a room, as I was by my daughter’s bed side the entire time. Your staff was very kind and helpful. And the security transport back and forth to the hospital over the weekend was a huge relief.

“I have not met you personally but in the past have had contact with others including Gary Christensen and Maude Butte.

“The Kiwanis Family House is very special to me and I hope our communities continue to support the great work you and your staff provide. If there is anything I can do at this end, please do not hesitate to call. My daughter is home now and doing better.”

After her signature she wrote (A Kiwanian for Life).

I think that is the way many of us feel and for those of us involved with our Kiwanis Family House it is a big part of the reason we feel that way.

Remember local Kiwanians, day use of the House is always an option if you ever need it. Thanks for your ongoing support.

Till Next Time.

Yours in Kiwanis Service, Bill bhoopklg56@comcast.net
Ways to support our Kiwanis Family House...

Vehicle donations needed!

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, of R/V.

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

Questions: Call Board Member Calvin Hara at (916) 812-5524 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 what 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”.

TV for KFH

Our Kiwanis Family House (KFH) guests watch TV in their rooms. But the TV’s in their rooms are wearing out.

Donate $300 so our KFH may purchase replacements. We are targeting Best Buy Store’s Insignia model which has a DVD player.

Families need diversions while worrying about family members.

Televisions allow them to catch up on the news.

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.

Become a friend!

Want to feel good about yourself?

The become a Friend of our Kiwanis Family House. It takes an annual donation of $100 (or more). 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.

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

21st Annual Red & White Ball

Karen Borman is reminding everyone to circle February 16, 2013 on their calendars.

Set your GPS for the Dante Club located at 2330 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95825.

It is a dinner dance.

★ Cocktails 6:00 p.m.
★ Dinner 7:00 p.m. Prime Rib, chicken, and vegetarian entrees.
★ Tickets are $45 payable to Kiwanis Family House. Tickets must be purchased by February 12, 2013.
★ For more information contact Karen Borman (916) 769-7384 or bormank@aol.com

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Two internationally respected UC Davis MIND Institute researchers have received grants from Autism Speaks, a national autism advocacy and science organization, to study autism from two different perspectives.

“These grants from Autism Speaks are helping to launch two very exciting projects,” said Leonard Abbouduto, director of the MIND Institute.

Endowed Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Sally Ozonoff has received a three-year, $450,000 grant to develop a new, video-based method of identifying autism in very young children.

Ozonoff will collaborate with a company that produces software for families of children with autism to develop and pilot a new video-based autism screening measure, the Video-Referenced Infant Rating System for Autism, or VIRSA.

The research is aimed at creating a tool that can help identify autism risk at a younger age, offering the opportunity for intervention before full-symptom onset. The new measure has potential for much wider use than existing measures, which rely upon visits to health care providers. Since the VIRSA is intended for Internet administration, it will be of lower cost than tests that require clinic visits, as well as being immediately accessible.

“When we interview parents about their child’s development, we sometimes have difficulty conveying what we mean,” Ozonoff said. “But when we show them a video they immediately recognize the behavior and are better able to answer. We think that using video will make the process of early screening easier for parents than relying on written descriptions of behavior alone.”

After it is developed, Ozonoff and her colleagues will study VIRSA’s use by administering it three times at 6, 12, and 18 months to parents of infants who are at a familial risk of autism spectrum disorder.

The study will examine the measure’s accuracy by comparing its results with already established autism screening tools.

Jacqueline Crawley, Robert E. Chason Endowed Chair in Translational Research in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, has received a one-year, $94,000 equipment grant for the start-up of a new preclinical initiative to discover pharmacological compounds effective in treating the diagnostic symptoms of autism.

The grant will establish the first phase of the Preclinical Autism Consortium for Therapeutics, or PACT, which will test compounds in genetic mouse and rat models of autism, for reversal of autism-relevant behaviors and physiology.

Crawley will test potential new medications in mice with mutations in genes associated with autism that display behaviors analogous to the core symptoms of autism. PACT, in collaboration with the leadership of Autism Speaks, includes two other founding Principal Investigators. Richard Paylor, a colleague at Baylor College of Medicine, will conduct analogous behavioral assays in rats with parallel mutations.

A collaborator at Boston Children’s Hospital and Harvard Medical School, Mustafa Sahin, will conduct physiological assays in the same mutant mouse and rat models of autism. Jill Silverman, an assistant professor and a collaborator with Crawley, is a key investigator in the PACT initiative.

The animals will be administered compounds that represent potential pharmacological therapeutics, to test their ability to restore normal sociability and communication skills and lessen other autism-relevant behaviors. Compounds that reduce symptoms in both mouse and rat models of autism will point the way to clinical trials for medications to improve the symptoms of autism in humans.

“PACT represents the first concerted effort to evaluate a broad range of novel pharmacological targets in multiple rodent genetic models of autism using rigorously standardized assays.

“Compounds effective at reversing social deficits and repetitive behaviors in mouse and rat models could translate to clinical successes in effectively treating diagnostic symptoms in adults, teenagers, and children with autism,” Crawley said.

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

Ten years ago Volume III Issue 8 February 2003 Article about Max Strawser. “House Talk started out as a letter, then it evolved into a newsletter. House Talk was chosen as the name since it was the ‘talk of the house’.

“It started when I was the president and was published until 1993 or so. It was in a standard 8 1/2” by 11 ” format and for a brief time 8 1/2” by 14” format. I was the first editor.”

Eight years ago Volume V Issue 8 February 2005

Key Club member Molly King is President of the Bella Vista High School Key Club. Her Key Club donated $500 to our new KFH. The money was raised through fundraising events such as craft fairs.

Three years ago Volume X Issue 8 February 2010 Shown to the right is Krisine Gibson, a third generation Kiwanian.

Her Grandfather Howard “Hoot” Gibson was president and Lt. Gov. Her dad was Bob Gibson, president and Lt. Gov.

Her clubs uses cans such as above to collect spare change for our Kiwanis Family House. Recently it collected $126. The club selects an item from the Wish List, and donates the money for that item.
"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.

"Hello Friends at Kiwanis Family House,

"We have once again found ourselves a the end of the year and embrace the idea of the season for giving. For us, giving was something we did at Christmas, but we rarely gave it much thought. We basically gave to charity of charity sake. I now believe that how we did it was very impersonal and it lacked something — and that something was love. This tradition continued until January 2009. That was when, as I see it, we were taken to school.

"Our son was in an accident on Mt. Shasta and was flown to UC Davis by helicopter. Because there is not much room in a chopper, his mother and I had to drive there. We faced all the nasty emotions that we had never faced on that long trip. In an instant we were no longer ‘It’ll never happen to us’ people but rather, ‘the other guy happens to’ people. The latter description I describe is a foreign, unreal, and almost fictional place — until a person finds himself there.

"We were so graciously given the opportunity to use a room at the KFH on the second day of our situation. That was, as so many I am sure to attest, a God-send. To be able for us to take shifts at the hospital, and almost within walking distance, be able to sleep in a bed, take a shower, have a private kitchenette was miraculous. I really was like have a security blanket.

"There were times when I would read the bulletin board when I couldn’t sleep. It was then that I was made aware of other people’s unimaginable stories. The whole experience for us from the beginning to the end was without question a learning experience, but that moment of reading the bulletin board was when I was ‘taken to school’. Through our horrifying event we became witnesses of a gathering of people, who are the KFH, doing incredible service, and we say it from a unique perspective-first hand. Because of this, we are not able to identify with people we will probably never know personally. So to summarize this, we were given a chance to turn a negative into a positive by attending the school of hard knocks. If we had not gone through the scary ordeal that we did, we would have not discovered the meaning of charity through love. And for this, we are thankful!

"I recently saw a story of a lady and her daughter who have a long term need of the KFH. Her story had much of the same components that describe the value of the KFH as we too believe exist. It is for people like her that drive us to do as much as we can to help more and more. She, like us, spoke of the comfort of a well-stocked kitchen. An important part of well-stocked kitchen is a working refrigerator. It is understood that there is a need to buy new refrigerator unit and we will be contributing towards that mission this year.

"We wish for this letter to be post-ed-not so we can boast in what we are trying to do with gift. But rather for encouragement... so that if anyone finds themselves reading a bulletin board due to insomnia, they will see this. A note of encouragement says there are people like us who have been there. We were there physically 4 years ago, but we’re still there mentally today. Helping to supply needs financially is a great feeling, but the thought that we could encourage anyone who is hurting by means of this letter is far more important!

"With Much Sincerity, The Duff Family"

March in March is Almost Here!
The Fourth Annual March in March for the Kiwanis Family House is fast approaching.

It is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Kiwanis Family House, Sacramento

The date for this fun fundraising event for the Kiwanis Family House is Saturday, March 2nd—so be sure to mark your calendar now!

The minimum pledge to enter this event is $15, which will include a hearty breakfast (breakfast is just $5 for non pledging observers). The schedule of events for the day is as follows:

- Breakfast from 8:30 to 9:30 AM
- Form a “human circle” around the House from 9:30 to 10:00 AM
- March around the House from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Although the primary purpose of the March in March is to raise funds for the Kiwanis Family, Kiwanis Families and Individuals have an opportunity to win Bricks and T-Shirts for walking the most laps or pledging the most money.

March in March is a “Rain or Shine” affair, and rain it did! In 2012. Dress appropriately (although garbage bags were the norm among the younger set).

84 Days until Creelman-Francisco Classic (as of February 1st)
It is the oldest continuously operating charity Golf Tournament in Kiwanis.
Save the date: Thursday
April 25, 2013

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Quick Facts about House Talk

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.

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.