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.

Thirteen-year-old Hector is a Kiwanian at the House. He was lying down on the back seat. Damian’s wife, Violeta, was holding their baby daughter, Gloria. He never saw the vehicle that hit him broadside at high speed and spun their vehicle. Damian next saw emergency workers treating him, his wife, and his son. A few minutes later, they found Gloria more than 100 feet away.

They braced Damian’s neck as a precaution; otherwise, he was unhurt. Violeta sustained a bruised kidney, seven broken ribs, and a fractured clavicle. The children were most critically injured.

Doctors told Damian and Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta they were at risk of losing both of them. Miraculously, he was unhurt. Violeta
Important Dates

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

2013
Apr 11
May 9
June (annual meeting) TBA
July 11
Aug 8
Sep 12
Oct 10
Nov 14

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."

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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!
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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 or a brick order contact editor. See page 10.

See us at:
- June 27-30
- August 15-17, 2013
Cal-Nev-Ha Dist. Convention
Silver Legacy Resort & Casino, Reno, NV

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Kiwanis Family House, not in my backyard!

Report #130
Since October 1, 2001 to February 28, 2013, (the effective dates of this report), 12,148 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 11 years. Previous to October 1, 2001 the reports were tabulated in a different format.

Our KFH has hosted 928 families from outside Cal-Nev-Ha District (California, Nevada, and Hawaii). These 928 families come from:

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Georgia
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Carolina
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin
- 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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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 February 2013. The number in parentheses is the number of families. The average stay per guest is 2.8 nights.

Arizona
- Chandler
- Alturas (3)
- Anderson (5)
- Antioch
- Applegate
- Arbuckle
- Auburn
- Bakersfield
- Big Pine
- Burney (3)
- Chico (6)
- Cloverdale
- Cobb (2)
- Cool
- Corcoran
- Corning (5)
- Cottonwood
- Crescent City
- Dunnigan (2)
- Dunsmuir
- El Dorado
- El Sobrante
- Etna
- Eureka
- Fort Bragg (2)
- Grass Valley (2)
- Happy Camp
- Hayward
- Hydesville
- Kings Beach
- Lewiston
- Lodi (3)
- Los Molinos
- Magalia
- Martinez (5)

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Ever seen this sign?

Know what it means? You might save a life!

We have all walked by signs like this in airports and malls indicating where a heart machine is located.

Do you know what is in them and how to use it? I did not.

Try this video and see what you think.

If you pick the wrong choice------the man dies------choose wisely. You may save a life and it could be mine so I just watched this video - twice._http://www.heartrescuenow.com/

Attention Kiwanis Clubs, Key Clubs, Action Clubs, Circle K Clubs and Friends

Join us at our KFH Kiwanis One Day Project on Saturday April 6th.

There will be inside chores, and outside projects. We will vacuum, clean, wipe, mulch, trim, plant and more.

For more information and to sign up for your favorite projects contact:
- Contact Gary Christensen gcsmc@aol.com
- Contact Brian Davin treekare@yahoo.com

Faces behind the numbers (Contd.)

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Glória completely recovered from her brain injury.

Hector’s spinal injuries left him paralyzed from the waist down.

Following the second of two surgeries in Mexico, the family crossed paths with visiting representatives from Shriners Hospitals.

Around Easter of 2010, Hector and his family made their first of five trips to Sacramento, supported by Shriners and charitable airplane pilots.

Three surgeries later, Hector's spinal support and wheelchair mobility are improved. The family knows there will be more trips to Sacramento.

On that initial trip, they worried about accommodations. Through a translator, Damian recalls that they never expected to find the Kiwanis Family House.

He says the people have always treated them with respect and lots of love for the children. Hector and Gloria always want to come to our KFH. It feels like home to them. It is hard for them to be away from other loved ones, but they are very happy to be together.

Montana
- Butte

Nevada
- Carson City (4)
- Gardnerville
- Las Vegas
- Reno (4)
- Sparks
- Stateline
- Sun Valley

Texas
- Plano

Wyoming
- Gillette (2)

Neighborhoods... not numbers! (Cont’d)

(Continued from page 3)

- Marysville
- Meadow Valley
- Meadow Vista
- Mendocino
- Menlo Park
- Merced
- Mount Shasta
- North Hollywood
- Oakdale
- Orland
- Oroville (2)
- Palo Cedro
- Paradise (3)
- Porterville
- Portola (5)
- Quincy (2)
- Raisin City (3)
- Red Bluff (8)
- Redding (8)
- Richmond
- Rio Dell
- Riverdale
- San Jose
- Shasta Lake (3)
- Smith River
- Sonora (2)
- South Lake Tahoe (3)
- Stockton
- Strawberry Valley
- Sunnyvale
- Susanville
- Temecula
- Travis AFB
- Tulare (2)
- Tulelake
- Vacaville
- Valley Spring
- Visalia
- Westwood (2)
- Yreka (2)
- Yuba City

Florida
- Fort Lauderdale

Michigan
- Southfield

Michigan
- Southfield
April first marks my one year anniversary as House Director. I have learned so much from so many special people. Our Kiwanis Family House is one story I could never tire of telling and I am impressed with how many of you feel the same way.

This building has its own magical spirit. The place is not 20,000 square feet organized into four quadrants of guest rooms. The place is not a lobby, office space, a conference room, a resource room, or a counseling room. It is neither common kitchen areas and quiet courtyards nor a playground and spaces for recreational vehicles. Yes, these are all features of the Kiwanis Family House. But they are not our House. I cannot think of another way to say it - our KFH is a setting where humanity reveals itself every day. Since my first day April 1, 2012, more than 1,800 families in crisis have come through our doors. We have featured several of their stories in our presentations and published materials.

- **Sandra Gantt** is the young woman whose doctors were carefully balancing her pregnancy and her leukemia.
- **Hector Damian Cecco Sanchez** is the 13-year-old poet from Baja California, Mexico being treated for paralyzing spinal injuries suffered in an automobile accident.
- **Erica Deshaies** was born with structural heart deficiencies, a missing kidney, and a stomach detached from her esophagus.
- **Thor, Celeste, and Talon Westby** are family members traumatized by a natural gas explosion in their home.
- **Rhylie Boles** is a baby girl born with her intestines outside of her abdomen.
- Cancer patient **Kenny Smith** and his wife **Sherilyn** find time between treatments to support KFH staff in the upkeep of the facility.
- **Julie Davis’ son Charlie Wagner** is a hydrocephalus patient who spent the first 85 days of his life in pediatric intensive care.

- **Buddy Howard** is the Yerington, Nevada cancer patient who flew more than 70 times to Sacramento for treatments before finally succumbing to his disease last month. “The hospitals save lives. The Kiwanis Family House saves families,” our friend **Gary Christensen** is noted as saying.

    Indeed, I have seen it first-hand in my initial year of service to you, our stakeholders, and to the families we so passionately serve. I give credit to our board of directors, our staff, our volunteers, our sponsor clubs and members, and our donors. This team has accomplished so much and touched so many lives.

    However, in commemorating my first year, I marvel most at the service our guest families provide to each other during their overlapping stays in our home. This magical building is made so by the community that our families become.

    They share their meals and their tender stories with each other. They counsel each other. They laugh and cry with each other. They bond.

    They remain in contact with each other after they leave us. This phenomenon is the primary reason guest **Kenny Smith** has called our Kiwanis Family House a “different world” from the one outside our doors. When you are sick, that world too often loses track of you, marginalizes you, keeps you down, and dehumanizes you.

    I say this to all of you as I anticipate my second year as your partner in this wonderful endeavor. Don’t be surprised if we host a record-breaking 2,000 families this year. It will be critically important for at least some of us – individuals and clubs alike – to step up a level in our charitable giving so that we can continue to house and serve all of the families who desperately need us. You can be that person who commits to promoting from your current copper-level Friend of our Kiwanis Family House membership to a silver-level one. Ask your Kiwanis Club to increase its typical support.

    Thank you, partners, for a fulfilling year. Let’s do another one!

**Dan Germain**
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dgermain@kiwanisfamilyhouse.org

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**Kiwanis Family House April 2013 Wish List**

Our House Director always has a ready Wish List of items that are needed by our KFH. These items are usually readily available at a convenient store or perhaps you have them at your home. If you feel you can help out with an item, either take it to our KFH or give us a call at (916) 736-0116 to arrange a pick up.

**April Priorities**

Two (2) coffee makers
Ceramic coffee mugs
Plastic cookie containers
New underwear and socks for children and adults

**Vending Machine Stock:**
- Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Diet Coke, Fanta Orange, Diet Mountain Dew, Dr. Pepper, Diet Dr. Pepper, A&W Beer, 7up, Diet 7up
- For The Guest Rooms:
  - bath towels, white, 30”x52”
  - hand towels, white, 16”x30”
  - wash cloths, white

**Cleaning Supplies:**
- Clorox® or Lysol® disinfecting wipes
- Laundry soap
- Bleach
- Swiffer® Wet Jet mop
- Swiffer® All-Purpose Cleaning Solution
- Cleaning pads for Swiffer® Wet Jet mop

**Personal Care Items:**
- Hand sanitizer
- Kleenex® or comparable tissues

If you wish to ship or mail them, here is a money saving way: Mail gift cards, for Sam’s Club or Costco Wholesale to:

**Kiwanis Family House**
2875 50th Street,
Sacramento, CA 95817

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**Impressions**
The monthly column
by Dan Germain
KFH House Director
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 are guided by the Kiwanis International Motto: “Serving the Children of the World.”

The Kiwanis Family House was built through the efforts of many Kiwanis club volunteers from the Sacramento area. We opened on July 23, 1984 to answer an urgent need for temporary housing for the families of pediatric patients at the UCD Children’s Hospital.

Could you be the one in your club that comes up with a new idea that will help us provide a room for a family in need?

It is time for a major work project at the House on Kiwanis One Day April 6th. Our Team leaders are organized and ready to utilize all of you who show up. Work clothes, a shovel, rake and a pair of gloves is all you need. We will have lunch and drinks and a job for you to do.

Work inside will include cleaning carpets, organizing storage areas, and hanging art pieces.

Outside under Landscaper Brian Davin’s (Brian’s Neighborhood Tree Care) expert leadership we plan to plant 25 trees, beautify the area around our sign on 50th Street, weed, and spread wood chips.

We will have a team paint designated exterior surfaces, install the engraved memorial bricks, prepare the patio areas for spring and summer, and wash windows.

Don’t forget the Creelman-Francisco Memorial Golf Tournament on April 25th in Davis, California. This is the oldest continuously operating charitable golf tournament in Kiwanis.

Please plan to be involved in all of these events as they are great fun and help us out financially at the House.

Until next time Yours in Kiwanis Service, Bill

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The Creelman-Francisco Classic is the oldest charity golf tournament in Kiwanis. Shown above are the late Bob Creelman and the late Wilford “Red” Francisco. Bob Creelman first organized the event, and “Red” Francisco took it over when Bob passed away in 1977.

The 53rd annual will be held on the last Thursday in April, April 25th at the Davis Municipal Golf Course in Davis California.

All proceeds from that event support our Kiwanis Family House.

• Lunch available 11:30 a.m.

Sheriff’s Office

Shotgun start 1:00 p.m.
• $63 Golf and Dinner
• $45 Golf Only
• Carts (limited) $12@ half cart. Reserve early
• $18 Steak Dinner
• Dinner and Awards 6:00 p.m.
• Counts as interclub. Sponsoring clubs are: Citrus Heights; Davis; E. Sacramento Mid-town; Rancho Murieta; Sacramento Suburban
• All proceeds to KFH.

Deadline April 18, 2013.

Questions: Chris Creelman (916) 709-1839; Tim Reid (530) 756-3828 timreid@raa.comcastbiz.net

Checks payable to Kiwanis Club of Sacramento Suburban and mail to Chris Creelman, 5530 Newton Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826

KFW Course of Dreams

"Build it and they will come!"

“Best Hole Design
Best Theme Hole
Lowest Score”

PRIZES

Hole Sponsorships: Kiwanis Club $100 / SLF’s $50
Admission:
$5 Adults / $3 Ages 12 and under

For More Information or to Sponsor a Hole, contact:
Rita Beall | sacbeall@gmail.com | 916-549-1354
Dan Germain | dgermain@kiwanisfamilyhouse.org | 916-420-9996
Details soon at: www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org

President’s Message by Bill Hooper (Contd.)
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.

Get your SHARES Card (on page 2) so we get our "share".

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, or 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!

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 anyone away for lack of payment.

Become a KFH Team Member!

- We need more volunteers.
- If you are a Sponsor Club consider having your members adopt one day each month and cover all of the shifts.
- 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.
- Training is provided.

Contact House Director Dan Germain at: (916) 736-0116.
UC Davis Medical Center has been named one of “100 Hospitals and Health Systems with Great Oncology Programs” by Becker's Hospital Review, a national publication geared to hospital and health system leaders.

The Becker's Hospital Review editorial team selected the hospitals based on clinical accolades, quality care and contributions to the field of oncology. The ranking recognizes hospitals that are “on the cutting edge of cancer treatment, prevention and research,” according to the publication.

The editorial board considers the ratings of reputable health-care resources including U.S. News & World Report, the National Cancer Institute, the American College of Surgeons and other credentialing organizations when making selections.

“Each organization has demonstrated a focus on patient-centered cancer care and emphasis on continual innovation in treatments and services,” according to the publication’s press release. “Many of these organizations also have a place in the history of cancer prevention and research, as they’ve driven groundbreaking discoveries and made clinical milestones.”

Ralph de Vere White, cancer center director, was delighted to learn of the recognition from such a well-regarded publication.

“Not only should this be viewed as an important distinction for the faculty and staff of our cancer center and research programs,” he said, “but for the entire region and network of communities that we are honored to serve.”

Ralph W. deVere White is associate dean for cancer programs at UC Davis School of Medicine, director of the UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center and a professor of urology.

He received his medical degree from Dublin University in Dublin, Ireland, and completed an internship and residencies in surgery and urology at St. Vincent’s Hospital in Dublin and at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC.

He has been named multiple times as one of "The Best Doctors in America" and is one of four urologists serving as a volunteer consultant to the American Cancer Society's on-line "Experts Answers" bulletin board for questions about prostate cancer.

UC Davis was one of nine hospitals in California selected among the top 100 in cancer care and the only hospital in the greater Sacramento region to make the list. UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center earned the highest honor in oncology in 2012, becoming the nation’s 41st “comprehensive” cancer center to be designated by the National Cancer Institute.

UC Davis Medical Center also has been listed as a top hospital for cancer by the U.S. News & World Report the past two years.

Here is a list of the nine hospitals in California (from the list of the Top 100):

- Cedars Sinai Medical Center (Los Angeles).
- City of Hope National Medical Center (Duarte, Calif.).
- Eisenhower Medical Center (Rancho Mirage, Calif.).
- Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center (Los Angeles).
- Stanford (Calif.) Hospital & Clinics.
- University of California Davis Medical Center (Sacramento).
- University of California San Diego Medical Center.
- University of California San Francisco Medical Center.
- USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center (Los Angeles).

Becker's Hospital Review: Becker's Hospital Review features up-to-date business and legal news and analysis relating to hospitals and health systems.

It is published by ASC Communications.
“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.

Artwork left at our Kiwanis Family House by children
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.

### House Talk: Contact the Editor

**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.
7. Editor is **John W. Seigal**.
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9. US Postal Service address is: P.O. Box 1131 Sloughhouse, CA 95683-1131

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.

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**Communication is a two way street.**

- We are here to inform.
- We are here to listen.
- We are here to remind.
- We are here to answer any questions.
- We are here to offer suggestions.
- Contact information is listed above.
- If you are unsure which one to call, give anyone a call and you will be directed to the right ambassador.