

Dear Kiwanis Club Member,

In fall 2018, Lana Earney got terrifying news. She was diagnosed with breast cancer requiring surgery, followed by four weeks of radiation therapy. Just getting to her doctors at UC Davis Health in Sacramento was a dilemma, due to a long drive from her home.

Lana lives in the Sierra Nevada foothills. With winter coming, she didn't trust that she could safely drive the snowy, icy and sometimes isolated roads to the UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center several days a week for her treatments. As if she weren't frightened enough about her cancer, now Lana had another serious fear: she began making plans for what she thought was her only option – to sleep in her truck for a month.

A social worker knew about the Kiwanis Family House on the UC Davis Health campus, just a few blocks from the cancer center. The social worker immediately referred her, giving Lana the comfort of knowing she would be able to make all her appointments and, afterwards, rest in an affordable, comfortable room at the house. Today, Lana is cancer-free and because of the goodwill she was shown, she now wants to give back to other people facing what she faced.

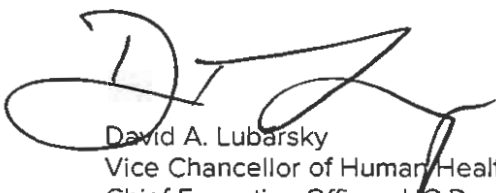
"I really want to find ways to help people, whether it's just holding their hands or listening to them," she told us. "Whatever they need."

I recently toured the Kiwanis Family House here at UC Davis Health and was amazed by the compassion and support your organization provides to our patients and their families. I learned that up to 2,000 guest families from 27 states and three countries spend more than 7,800 nights in the home each year. I'm pleased that we have partnered with the Kiwanis Family House since 1984 to create this relaxing reality for our patients, and I am so pleased to tell you our partnership strengthens the UC Davis Health mission to make every patient experience a positive one.

So, please accept my most heartfelt 'thank you.' It's because of members like you that our patients, like Lana, can ensure they get the care need, and are safely looked after while receiving that care, freeing them to focus on getting well. When patients face struggles like hospitalization, it's difficult enough. When they also have stress from unexpected hotel and travel, this creates such a serious burden that it can even slow the healing process. I'm grateful to you for providing a clean, cozy place to stay for our patients and their families, and for helping them heal instead of struggle with hardships.

I hope you'll continue your sponsorship of this valuable resource, a much-needed home away from home for patients in their time of need. Together, we can continue to provide comfort to our patients and their families when they need us most. To make a gift, visit [kiwanisfamilyhouse.org](http://kiwanisfamilyhouse.org) or call 916-736-0116 today.

With gratitude,



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