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Hospitality House of Tulsa to double occupancy for families in need

Expansion Campaign Details and Dedication announced

TULSA, OKLA., July 14, 2011- Hospitality House of Tulsa will more than double the number of medical families they serve through their “H² – Hospitality to the 2nd Power” Expansion Campaign.

Hospitality House of Tulsa is a faith-based non-profit organization whose mission is to offer a ‘home away from home’ for families caring for loved ones in medical crisis. Their programs provide lodging, meals, prayer support, and community support services to hundreds of families each year that must travel to Tulsa to receive specialized medical care found in all 14 Tulsa area hospitals.

With over 25,000 patients per year traveling to Tulsa in medical crisis, the need for their services is evident within the healthcare community. In 2006, Hospitality House of Tulsa opened its first facility, a lease donation from Hillcrest Medical Center for one dollar per year. The first facility includes 7 family suites, serving approximately 550 people per year. The suites are full every night, and the organization maintains a waiting list that averages 14 families per night.

“The most difficult part of our mission is knowing there are so many more families that need a place to sleep, meals, and the support to make it through this medical and financial crisis,” says Toni Moore, President & CEO of the Hospitality House of Tulsa. “We were thrilled that our friends at Hillcrest Healthcare System stepped up again and donated the use of a second facility, just eight feet from our front door.”

The expansion campaign, which began in January 2010, will provide funds to operate, furnish and remodel the second facility. Within just 17 months, Hospitality House reached 70 percent of their goal of 1.3 million

dollars. They began renovations on their second facility in June 2010, which will include six additional family suites as well as a Day Room. The Day Room will serve the families on the waiting list immediately by providing them with a place to shower, nap, eat, let their children play and receive prayer support.

“The Day Room is going to be a busy place,” says Clydella Hentschel, Campaign Volunteer. “We receive calls on a regular basis from families that are sleeping in waiting rooms or cars that just need a place to take a shower. Until now, the best we could do was put them on our waiting list, but with the help from our community, we will soon offer the Day Room for these families.”

A dedication ceremony will be held Friday, July 22 at 10:00 a.m. to recognize donors, followed by a public open house until 4:00 p.m. for the community to tour facility. A second public open house will be held Saturday, July 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

“With the help of many wonderful donors and volunteers, we are thrilled that this second home will take us from serving 550 people per year to 2,500 per year,” says Moore. “Community members attending our open house can help provide a “home away from home” for hundreds more families by visiting www.myregistry.com, searching for Hospitality House of Tulsa, and bringing an item off our registry to help warm our new home.”

Donations to support this second facility and the families it will serve can be sent to Hospitality House of Tulsa, PO Box 14472, Tulsa, OK 74159 or visit www.tulsa hospitalityhouse.org and click “Donate Now”.

Hospitality House of Tulsa is currently training Day Room volunteers. For more information on becoming a Day Room volunteer, please call Jessica DuBois at 794-0088.

For more information about The Hospitality House of Tulsa and how to get involved, call (918) 794-0088, or visit www.tulsa hospitalityhouse.org

A Big thank you to our H2 Expansion Campaign Donors!

Leadership Gift Donors include: The Anne & Henry Zarrow Foundation; Hillcrest Healthcare System; Mary K. Chapman Foundation; Morningcrest Health Care Foundation, Hospitality House Board of Directors

Major Gift Donors include: Bill & Kay Day; Children’s Medical Charities Association; Dave & Clydella Hentschel; Doyl & Donna West; First Baptist Church of Broken Arrow; RAM Energy ; Hardesty Family Foundation; Hille Foundation; Kip & Debbie Kindred; Kevin and Sheri Willson, Martin and Bonnie Rinehart, Newfield Foundation; ONEOK Foundation; Paula Brumble; Probuild Lumber; Property Arts, Inc – Darrell Byrd A.I.A; Truss & Obey Lay Builders; Walton Family Foundation; Waters Charitable Foundation

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About the Hospitality House of Tulsa:

The Hospitality House of Tulsa is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, providing lodging, meals and support services to needy families of patients in the Tulsa area hospitals, traveling at least 30 miles to Tulsa to care for their loved one during a medical crisis.

*Please see fact sheet for more info

*Media is invited to attend dedication event. Interviews, pictures, or videos can be scheduled by calling Jessica DuBois at (918) 794-0088.



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