



donor, Kevin Ryan. The Ryan family were guests of the Family House for several months in 2013

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For 36 years, I've been lucky enough to witness the difference that Gift of Life makes in people's

lives – including my own. I've shared in the joys, as well as the sorrows, of countless families and have been humbled by the enormous role that our organization plays in each of their transplant journeys.

At Gift of Life Family House, we continue to provide families traveling to Philadelphia with much-needed support services and affordable accommodations during their wait for a life-saving transplant. And in 2013, we reached a very special milestone - the Family House's 10,000th night of lodging to transplant patients and families since its inception in July 2011. In the following report, I invite you to read more about this incredible achievement, hear stories from past guests, and get a glimpse into this past year's operational accomplishments at the Family House.

All of these notable highlights would not have been possible without the generous support of our community, our contributors, our volunteers and our staff. Without your caring hearts and commitment to our mission, we would not be able to provide a "home away from home" to those in need.

I would like to personally thank all of you who helped to further our work in 2013. It is my sincere hope that we can count on your continued support in the coming years, as we strive to make a lasting impact on the lives of the transplant patients and families we serve.

With deepest gratitude,

President and CEO

PS - Thank you again, your support helps us keep our doors open, day and night, 365 days a year.

Gift of Life Family House serves as a "home away from home" for transplant patients and their families by providing temporary, affordable lodging and supportive services to those who travel to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for transplant-related care. Gift of Life Family House is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization.

"Gift of Life was our home for four months, providing support to my family during such a difficult time. We have no way to repay all the love and compassion, all the services that we received in this wonderful place. Today I can say that this House provides everything a family might need in such a difficult time as the one we went through."

—Maribel Rodriguez with son, Kenneth Rodriguez, who received a life-saving

liver transplant in December 2013.

Thanks to the generous support of the community, Gift of Life Family House reached 10,000 nights!

In November, the Family House marked its 10,000th night of providing lodging to transplant patients and families since opening in 2011.

The "milestone guests" were Jimmy Powell and his wife Belinda, who moved from their home in Alabama to the Family House in July while Jimmy awaits a rare double-lung/liver transplant.

Several years ago, Jimmy was diagnosed with Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency, a rare genetic disease that causes non-alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver and non-smoking emphysema.

From 2010 until May 2013, the Powells drove back and forth to Philadelphia for medical appointments and tests.

When Jimmy was finally listed for transplant and the Powell's had to make a move, they were relieved to find the Family House.

"Being able to talk to other transplant patients and families has been therapeutic," says Belinda. "It has meant a lot to stay at the Family House, a whole lot. I feel safe here." RIGHT: The Nelson Family and friends present a check from the proceeds raised at their 5th Annual David's Parrot Party Fundraiser "No Shower Happy Hour" in Wildwood, NJ held on July 13, 2013.

Andover Township Community Softball Game and Fundraiser Bingham Elementary School Valentine's Day Craft Sale 1st Annual BeerNERD Homebrew Battle hosted by Side Bar & Restaurant Blue Jeans Fundraiser TruMark Financial 3rd Annual Brian H. Early Foundation Golf Tournament Cardinal O'Hara High School Fundraiser in honor of Matt Tyson Charity Partnership of the Philadelphia Marathon - TEAM Family House Craig's Styleathon Fundraiser hosted by the Watson Family and Friends 5th Annual David's Parrot Party "No Shower Happy Hour" Fundraiser Delaware Good Sam Club Event Donate Life Motorcycle Run in memory of Bonnie Majeski

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Ally's Angels Breakfast & Blood Drive in memory of Ally Heintz Aloha Fundraiser hosted by Queen of Hearts Foundation, Inc.

Doug Wright Memorial Golf Outing in memory of Doug Wright and Cole Patrick Kershner

Dress Down Day Voorhees Middle School Student Council Hat Week
Dylan's Holiday Food Drive and Fundraiser hosted by the Manning Family

Fore the Love of Golf 2nd Annual Dwight Johnson Memorial Golf Outing

Gift of Life Night at Buffalo Wild Wings 3rd Annual Gift of Life Spring Concert held in Memory of George and Jack Steinmetz

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2nd Annual Hope for Harlow Memorial Roller Derby Game hosted by Atlantic Coast Roller Girls

I.A.C.L. 2nd Annual Ernie Leone Memorial Tournament Jackson's 9th Annual Mulligan on Life Golf Outing

to our volunteers

in the community for

coordinating fundraising

events in 2013 to support

the mission of Gift of Life

Family House.

9th Annual Kidney Open Golf Outing hosted by Howard M. Nathan and Dan Sinnott Kinsley's Shoprite and Pocono Mountain Harley Davidson "Family House

Ride for Awareness" and Organ Donor Awareness Day



Kyle "Cowboy" Downin Memorial Ride for Gift of Life
La Salle College High School Dress Down Day
Laurel Springs School Pajama Day Fundraiser
McGinley Family Fundraiser
4th Annual Multicultural Affairs Coalition Pre-Dash Brunch
Neiman Marcus Fashion Show Fundraiser Stylish Support hosted by
Carol Giungo and Lori Peruto, Eso.

Our Mother of Consolation School Dress Down Day Papa Carl's 9th Annual Jam for Life Event Paul W. Penkala 2nd Annual Golf Tournament Penny Day Fundraiser Tilden Elementary School

Punk-A-Poo Holiday Gift Drive and Fundraiser
Punkin Chunkin Fundraiser

Q2 Concert hosted by Eryka Waller in memory of Quinn Robert Payne Rancocas Valley Regional High School

5th Annual Ritz Theatre Fundraiser featuring Legally Blonde the Musical hosted by the Southern New Jersey Coalition on Organ and Tissue Donation

Round Robin Tennis Tournament hosted by Linda Berger Rowan University PRSSA's 2013 "Organ Donor Day" Fundraiser

Rowan University PRSSA's 2013 "Organ Donor Day" Fundra Rowan University "Night Bright Color Run"

Shippensburg University Fundraiser

Smiles for Terri - 3rd Annual Golf Outing and Dinner Banquet St. Monica Parish Confirmation Students Coin Drop Fundraiser

5th Annual Spring Fling Charity Golf Outing hosted by Maynard's Cafe and Ri Ra Irish Pub

Sprint for Sam 5K Race hosted by Pesaresi Family and Friends
Tap the Gap Golf Outing hosted by Delaware Water Gap Country Club
Team Brown Beats Golf Outing and Fundraiser

The Barley Sheaf Players Fundraiser
Turner Construction Golf Outing 2013

Village Tavern Fundraiser in memory of Tim Green

Wendy's Restaurant of Warrington Fundraiser

Wilm Film Festival Trailer Screening Party hosted by Aero Taxi, Inc. 2013 York County Employee Appreciation Day in honor of Chuck Noll

LEFT: Team Spiers is a committed group of volunteers who celebrate the life of Kevin P. Spiers by preparing meals for the Home Cook Heroes Program once a month. In 2013 they joined the Founders' Circle by pledging a major gift to underwrite guest room #306 in memory of Kevin.

Words From Our Guests

"The Family House was a wonderful oasis away from the hospital during my husband's kidney transplant. The brightness and cleanliness of the facility along with the camaraderie of the occupants made each day tolerable. The availability of meals and sharing, not only food but thoughts, helped us outside of Philadelphia, I never thought of having to need a place near the hospital where Murray's transplant was being done. Being an older adult, I worry about driving in bad weather and at night, the availability of affordable, comfortable lodging during the initial, repeated hospitals visits, and finally transplant was much appreciated and alleviated those worries. Coming back "home" to dinner and conversation helped break up the tedium. We are indeed blessed that Murray received his life-saving kidney transplant and that we found Gift of Life Family House, our 'home away from home.' Thank you to everyone who made the Family House possible for families like ours." — Sheila, > wife of Murray, kidney transplant recipient

"Having a place where we can lay our heads at night is paramount, so we can be well-rested and focused on our son's care. The Family House surrounds us with people who understand our situation and are so welcoming. And eating a home-cooked meal made by volunteers who go out of their way to provide you with this kind gesture—it literally earns them the title that Gift of Life gives them, 'Home Cook Heroes'." —Billy, father of Murphy, one year-old double-lung transplant recipient







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200 **New Twitter** Followers



EFT: Comcast staff presented the Family House with a check for \$5,000 on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 during Comcast Cares Day.





With sincere gratitude, we proudly recognize our newest 2013 Founders' Circle Members who have given major gifts to support the Family House.

2013 Founders' Circle

The Founders' Circle is made up of the following tiers:

\$1.000.000 + LEADERSHIP AND LEGACY

TRUSTEE OF COMPASSION

SPONSOR OF STRENGTH \$ 200,000 +

\$ 100.000 + AMBASSADOR OF GENEROSITY

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Penney Girls Foundation (Pantry and Dining Room

Grand Lodge of New Jersev

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(Guest Room)

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Smiles for Terri Memorial Fund (Guest Room)

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\$ 25,000 +

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Bold indicates upgraded members

\$ 50.000 + PARTNER OF CARE

LEFT: Fran and Ranea Pesaresi, Founders' Circle members, at the Family House guest room dedication in memory of their daughter Samantha Pesaresi.

On April 17, 2012, I was fortunate enough to receive a heart and liver transplant. The time we spent at the Family House was not only welcoming and comfortable but also informative, since we were able to share stories with other transplant families facing similar situations. This was so important in maintaining our sanity and getting through our difficult time." —Alan Brown



Recognizing yearly generous partners who help to support the Family House operations and to sustain programs annually. The Family Circle is an annual giving program made up of philanthropic contributors who give \$250 or more in a calendar year to support the Family House annual fund.

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Family Circle members L-R: Linda Berger, Michael Chobert Susan Pincus and Barbara Katz-Chobert

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GIFT OF LIFE FAMILY HOUSE

..16%

FAMILY STAYS BY SPECIFIC ORGAN TREATMENT

2013 Operations Report

Through the financial support from our community members and the dedication of staff and volunteers, thousands of transplant family members are provided with the comfort and care they need at Gift of Life Family House. We are proud to share with you the Family House operations statistics from 2013.





Puerto Rico

Saudi Arabia

New York

439 PATIENTS FROM 23 STATES AND 3 COUNTRIES South Carolina

Transportation

The Family House offers shuttle transportation services to all eight transplant facilities within the Philadelphia region. The shuttles are driven by trained Family House volunteers.



2013 **VOLUNTEER** TOTAL TRIPS **RECAP**





Adopt-A-Family Program

Shelter during difficult times...

The financial burden that transplant families endure is oftentimes staggering. Lost wages due to time away from work paired with medical : its Home Cook Heroes Program, and travel expenses can quickly add up. The Family House is committed to helping alleviate financial stress by providing a "home away from home" for eligible families – regardless of their ability to pay. This is made possible in large part by the Adopt-A-Family Program. Through a collaborative and community-focused approach the Adopt-A-Family Program also uses generous contributions to bridge the gap between the actual cost of a one night stay (\$160) and the requested guest fee of \$40.

1 in 5 families cannot pay the full \$40 per night fee and require support from the Adopt-A-Family Program fund.

Through generous financial support from the community, Gift of Life Family House supplemented \$1,385,985 of operating expenses in 2013. This figure is based upon the actual cost of \$160 per night.

Home Cook Heroes Program *Taste of comfort...*

: The Family House's commitment to its guests extends far beyond providing a place to sleep. Through the Family House ensures that guests also receive nutritious meals during their stay. Born out of the realization that most transplant patients and their families don't have the resources, time or money to prepare a healthy, home-cooked meal, the Home Cook Heroes Program brings in community

In addition to providing meals, the Home Cook Heroes Program stocks the refrigerators and guest pantry at the Family House with food and cooking supplies. It also helps to underwrite the costs of operating the meal program, communal

volunteer groups to do it for them.

family kitchen, beverage station and dining room.

MEALS SERVED THROUGH HOME COOK HEROES PROGRAM : Caregiver Lifeline Program



TOTAL MEALS 20 100 **PROVIDED IN 2013**

2013 HOME COOK HEROES GROUPS



On June 11, 2013, volunteers from Philly Cooking Light Supper Club prepared dinner for Family House guests through the Home Cook Heroes Program, L-R: Michelle St. Pierre and her daughter. Christina St. Pierre

Peace of mind...

The transplant journey turns lives upside down, not only for the patient but also for the primary caregivers. Through the Family House's Caregiver *Life*line Program, these individuals gain the education and support they need to meet the demands of their challenging role. The resources available through the program – which include a full-time social worker, online informational library and community outreach programs – help caregivers locate financial assistance, gain emotional support, maintain physical fitness and develop contacts with caregiving groups.

Family House's full-time, licensed social worker provided 298 hours of counseling to 81 families in residence during 2013.

134 guests attended 21 caregiver support groups hosted in the Family House.

Caregiver *Life*line Program is also active within the greater transplant community.

The Caregiver *Life*line webpage – located at www.GiftofLifeFamilyHouse.org/resources/ caregiverlifeline – offers support to caregivers and patients through online learning.

Gift of Life News, a newsletter reaching more than 50.000 households, featured 4 articles in its Caregiver Lifeline Spotlight section.



Gift of Life Family House Advisory Board Member, Dr. Ranjoo Prasad (R) with her sister, Rupal Prasad.

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