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Family House

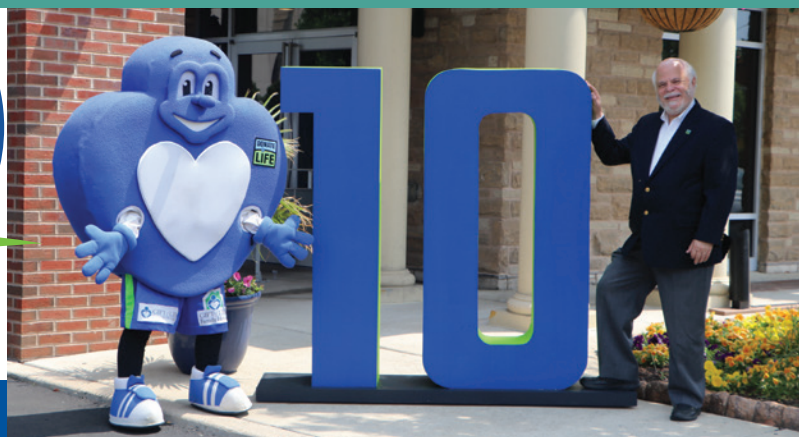
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# Update

**JOURNEY TO  
HOPE**

**10  
YEARS**

**Celebrating 10 years of caring  
for transplant families at the Family House**



Howard M. Nathan, Founder, President and CEO

**Gift of Life Family House opened in 2011 and has provided comfort and hope to thousands of families along their transplant journeys.** On July 14th we officially marked this special milestone by kicking off a year-long 10th anniversary celebration and fundraising effort. We're calling it our **Journey to Hope Campaign** in honor of the courageous families we serve every day.

I'm extremely proud of all that we have accomplished over the past decade. The first of its kind in the U.S., Gift of Life Family House has faithfully provided affordable lodging and services to transplant families and patients each year since we opened. Our guests travel from far and wide to Philadelphia for state-of-the-art care and are often exhausted mentally, physically and financially when they arrive at the Family House. We have truly become a comforting "home away from home."

## A leap of FAITH

Building the Family House was truly a leap of faith for all of us involved. From my own experience with my sister who needed a liver transplant in 1991, I learned that many families were traveling much farther than mine who had no place to stay. They were sleeping in hospital lounges, in their cars, or wherever they could rest their heads. For many, staying in hotels was too expensive as they were already financially strapped.

It took nearly 20 years to formulate the concept, get the financial backing, acquire the land, build the Family House, hire and train staff, recruit volunteers and get the word out. But we did it – together!

## COMMITMENT to affordability

In our 10-year history, we have provided over 70,000 nights of lodging and care as well as 250,000 meals plus household supplies, transportation and counseling to over 2,800 transplant families.

We have steadfastly maintained our \$40 nightly room fee — though our actual costs are now as much as \$175 per night — and have never turned away a family who couldn't pay. All told, we have provided over \$10 million in subsidized care to transplant families since we opened.

All of this is made possible by the generosity of individuals, companies, organizations, foundations, and friends like you who believe in our mission and know that we are good stewards of their generous contributions. I am so very grateful!

## Our Journey to Hope needs YOU!

You can support our journey ahead and help us to continue offering affordable care to transplant families by supporting our campaign. In doing so, you will also be helping to ensure that no family is turned away for lack of ability to pay.

There are many ways to give to the Family House and be recognized including room and other sponsorship opportunities for individuals, groups and companies.

**Please join us as we celebrate our 10th anniversary  
and the journey to hope that we share.**

Yours truly,

*Howard M. Nathan*



# Celebrating 10 YEARS of Caring for Transplant Families

A look back at our journey together.

1991

Vision for the Family House began after Howard Nathan's personal experience with his sister's transplant journey provided a deeper understanding of the obstacles that transplant families encounter when traveling to an unfamiliar setting.



JANUARY 2007

Vision came to life in one of the final renderings (130 total) of the Family House



OCTOBER 2009

Family House groundbreaking ceremony held at Gift of Life Donor Program's 35th anniversary event



OCTOBER 2010

Construction of the Family House underway at 401 Callowhill Street



JULY 2011  
Gift of Life Family House opened its doors and welcomed home its first transplant family

APRIL 2011

Home Cook Heroes program launched with a party

JUNE 2011

First volunteer graduation for Guest Services volunteers

JULY 2011

First Home Cook Hero volunteer group organized by Missy Gurmankin prepared and served dinner to families



1991

2007

2009

2010

2011

MARCH 2016

30,000th lodging night reached of providing care to transplant families

JULY 2016

First Home Cook Hero All-Star Plates installed in the Family House kitchen



JULY 2015

Family House celebrated 4th birthday



AUGUST 2014

10th Annual Kidney Open Golf Outing hosted by Dan Sinnott and Howard Nathan



FEBRUARY 2014

50,000th meal served through Home Cook Heroes program

MARCH 2013

100% guest room occupancy reached for first time

MAY 2013

Caring for families on the transplant journey

"[Family House] was our home for four months, providing support to my family during such a difficult time."  
—Maribel



MAY 2012

Family House Dedication Event reunited 400 members of Gift of Life's community

JULY 2012

Activities Program kicked off with Dr. Ranjoo Prasad, Family House Advisory Board Member, helping guest with special project



2016

2015



SUMMER 2015

Wish List Drive held in memory of Eric Smith, one of over a thousand wish list drives coordinated by volunteers over the last 10 years

40  
DECEMBER 2014  
First 40 Hours for the Family House launched



JULY 2019  
Best Birthday Yet program launched

DECEMBER 2019  
Construction completed for 2 new guest rooms

2014

JANUARY 2020  
Sponsor-A-Room program launched



SEPTEMBER 2020  
250,000th meal served through the Home Cook Heroes program

2013

FEBRUARY 2021  
\$10,000,000 provided in subsidized care to transplant families

Family House celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2021 and recognizes the community for 10 years of service

2012

NOVEMBER 2012  
First Annual President's Reception held



2017

JANUARY 2017

Research study conducted found positive impact of the Family House on transplant caregivers' health and well-being

DECEMBER 2017

Family House provides comfort during the holidays "You can't help but feel happy during your stay."  
—Merida



2018

FALL 2018

The new Family House shuttle arrived with seating for 11 passengers, easier access and large cargo areas



2019

2020

2021

Please visit [giftoflifefamilyhouse.org/bridge-about-us](https://giftoflifefamilyhouse.org/bridge-about-us) to learn more and review photo captions.





# 4 WAYS TO SUPPORT THE JOURNEY TO HOPE 10th Anniversary CAMPAIGN FUND

**JOIN the Welcome Home Club for Monthly Giving** • Support the journey ahead by partnering with the Family House through a monthly gift. Your campaign commitment will help us continue welcoming transplant families to a place of comfort and hope for years to come.

**MAKE a Campaign Tribute Gift** • Give a gift to the campaign fund and add your special tribute on our new online tribute wall. This is a unique opportunity to have your message be seen and inspire thousands. Make your personalized tribute today!

**SPONSOR a Guest Room** • Individuals, teams or organizations can give a one-time gift or raise funds to sponsor a guest room. Annual room sponsorship will support families by keeping our nightly fee low and covering costs for those who cannot afford it. You can also sponsor in memory or in honor of someone. Guest room sponsorships are \$5,000 each.

**SIGN UP for 40 Hours for the Family House Giving Tuesday Fundraiser** • Mark your calendar now for #GivingTuesday, November 30th and participate in the virtual fundraiser that gives transplant families hope!

Visit [GiftofLifeFamilyHouse.org](http://GiftofLifeFamilyHouse.org) for more information



## HOURS FOR THE FAMILY HOUSE Supporting the Journey Ahead

**FUNDRAISER BEGINS:**  
Tuesday, Nov. 30  
at 8:00 a.m.

**FUNDRAISER ENDS:**  
Wednesday, Dec. 1  
at 11:59 p.m.

Join the virtual fundraiser that gives transplant families hope. Mark your calendar now for **#GivingTuesday, November 30th**. On this national day of giving back, we are hosting our 40 Hours for the Family House online fundraising campaign – a chance for caring people like you to put your compassion into action and help raise funds to support transplant families.

It's easy to set up your fundraising page, share your story, and make your own gift. Then, on 11/30, enlist your friends to help you meet your online fundraising goal! The whole event lasts just 40 hours, and you can participate on your own or with a team. Don't miss this great opportunity to support the journey ahead for transplant families.

**It's a great way to give and help celebrate our 10th anniversary.** It's also a great way to pay tribute to a loved one by creating your personal or team fundraiser in their honor.

Individuals or teams who raise \$5,000 or more have the option to sponsor a guest room at the Family House in 2022.

## NEW! ONLINE TRIBUTE WALL



**Dedicate, Celebrate, Remember, Honor, Inspire, Commemorate**

We're excited to share a new opportunity commencing as part of our Journey to Hope – 10th Year celebration campaign.

The Family House has created a new tribute wall page on [GiftofLifeFamilyHouse.org](http://GiftofLifeFamilyHouse.org) where supporters can add messages hope, celebrate a loved one, pay tribute through a memorial message, and more! The tributes can then be shared with others through email and social media.

When you make a gift of any size to support the Family House you will have the opportunity to add your special tribute on our new online tribute wall.

This is a unique opportunity to have your message be seen and inspire thousands each year for years to come. Make your personalized tribute today!



## Caregiver Lifeline Spotlight

by Talia Giordano, LCSW  
Family Services and Caregiver Lifeline Manager

In 2017, the Family House led a research study conducted by an independent, doctorate level researcher to evaluate how well it has been supporting the families. The Family House is excited to announce that the study is now published in *Progress in Transplantation*, the journal for NATCO, The Organization for Donation and Transplant Professionals.

The article was co-authored by our Caregiver Lifeline Manager and social worker, Talia Giordano, LCSW, *Gift of Life's* Vice President, Jan Weinstock, Esq., and Jennifer Campbell, PhD. We found that “while patients and caregivers were dependent and deeply grateful for the lodging and amenities that met their basic needs, it was the contact and support from other patients and caregivers at the transplant hospitality house that had the most profound positive impact on patient and family attitudes, outlooks, and perceived well-being.”

Visit <http://bit.ly/NATCOarticle> to view the abstract or purchase the article.

*The Caregiver Lifeline Program is supported in part by TD Charitable Foundation and Bridge to Life. We are thankful for their partnership and generosity.*



## NEW! THE CHIMES OF HOPE

**The Chimes of Hope is an exciting new feature of the Family House that was unveiled as part of our Journey to Hope – 10th year celebration campaign.**

The area features a large, custom-made wind chime hung prominently in the garden next to the porte-cochere at the Family House. **The Chimes of Hope serves as a place where guests can come to celebrate major milestones in their transplant journey by sharing their story – and then ring the chime loudly to conclude the special moment.** The ringing of the chime will represent sounds of encouragement, celebration, and hope. Milestones can include receiving a transplant, going home after a long stay, celebrating a transplant anniversary and more!

The Chimes of Hope will provide a unique opportunity for guests to celebrate and share their story with our families, volunteers and staff, which can then be shared on our communications platforms to reach the larger transplant community.



Jody, Family House guest and lung transplant recipient



# IMPACT by the NUMBERS

2011-2020



## OPERATIONS

Average Family  
Stay/Days

**5.54**

Room  
Nights

**70,722**

Unique  
Families

**2,829**

Meals

**258,402**

Subsidized  
Supplemented  
Care

**\$9,935,378**

Volunteer  
Hours

**117,735**

Shuttle  
Trips

**11,499**

Miles

**109,657**

2011-2020



## DEVELOPMENT

Wish List Drives

**1,199**

Fundraising Events

**314**

Founders' Circle  
Members

**96**

Welcome Home Club  
Members

**131**

Average #  
Family Circle Members  
each year

**375**

2011-2020



## CAREGIVER LIFELINE

Provided over  
**3,200**

hours of counseling  
to families  
at the Family House

Reached over  
**4,500**  
individuals through  
support groups  
and external groups

Led **36**  
conference  
presentations or  
trainings with over  
**834** professionals

# Thank You

for supporting families during  
their transplant journey.

Contributions of \$250 or more received between JANUARY – APRIL 2021

### Founders' Circle

[GIFTS OF \$10,000+]

New members who have made  
gifts of \$10,000 or more

The Estate of Elizabeth Rizzotte  
Richard Zwelsky

Current members who have made  
renewed gifts of \$10,000 or more  
Community Tissue Services  
CSL Behring, LLC  
Temple University Health System  
Sam and Jean Jones

### 2021 Family Circle

[GIFTS OF \$250+]

to support the annual fund

HONOR IN PLATINUM [\$5,000+]  
Donald and Sarah Carter

HOPE IN GOLD [\$2,500+]

Joseph and Beverly Forline  
HealthLogix

Howard and Liz Nathan  
John and Brenda Scanelli

CARE IN SILVER [\$1,000+]

Alarm Funding Associates, LLC  
Larry and Diane Beard  
Paul and Jennifer Brucker

Wendy Bullotta

Keith Chalmers

Lauren's Foundation

Ellen and Bernie Gottlieb

Dr. and Mrs. Richard D. Hasz, Sr.

Home Shopping Network

Susan Kempton

Laura Kirk

Krysta Hankee Memorial Fund

John and Sharon Manz

John McBride

John and Eleanor Michele

Mid-America Transplant

Jeff and Maxine Morgan

Cary Moritz, Esq. and

Michael Moritz, MD

Cristin Nicoletti

Kathy and Charles Noll

Adam and Christina Pennypacker

Team Spiers

Samantha Smith

Paul Stehlik

J. Kate Stickles and Brad Baldus

Nancy Tindall

TRIO Philadelphia

GRACE IN BRONZE [\$500+]

Anonymous

Anonymous in memory of

John Moretto

Tibor and Bridget Baksy

Michael Perkins and

Julie Baumgardner

Catie and Lexi Becker

Debjeni and Satya Bhoumik

Marian Buccafurni

Jim and Karen Carns

Mary Carroll-Riedel

Edward Chambers

Caroline and James Coleman

Florence and Robert Dolceamore

Mary Ann Dunlap

Ruth and Nick Grigoriades

Jean and Sam Jones

Lodge No. 2 Free and Accepted

Masons of Pennsylvania

Louis and Maryanne Maczuga

Masonic Blood and

Organ Donor Club

James and Mary Maugeri

William and Sharon McKee

National Disease Research

Interchange

Nationwide Organ Recovery

Transport Alliance

Dr. Kim Olthoff

Rutgers Gang

Terri Lathan and Darryl Price

Andrea and Sean Reynolds

New Vision Pioneers

Salvation Christian Center

Cesar and Carmen Sanchez

Michael Santucci

Geraldine Schinski

Carl Fritz and Debra Scotti Fritz

Jay and Pat Souder

St. Augustine Roman

Catholic Church

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Eric and Lori Stevenson

Temple University Health System

Heart and Vascular Department

Michael Walker

Walker Lodge #306 IOOF

Robert G. Walsh, Sr.

COMFORT IN COPPER [\$250+]

Anonymous

Dominic Adorno

Charles Alexander

Martha and Bill Anderson

Mary Ashman

Dr. and Mrs. Horace Barsh

Lisa Benkert

Sheila Blanks

Eugene and Patricia Blum

Richard Bradley

Lori and Elling Brigham-Eidbo

Norman and Donna Buchanan

Annina Burns

Eric Campbell

Sandra and Francis Cannon

Melvin and Lynne Cherry

Joanne Cochrane

Charles Creveling

Chris and Sharon Crooker

Theresa Daly

Stephen and Priscilla Demosky

Dave DeStefano

Nancy Doble

Christina Dockery

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Ty Dunn

Cathy Ebinger

John Edwards

Scott Espenshade

Sean Forrest

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Kathy Yandle and Rick Miller

Ed Yashinsky

ITALIC = upgraded member

BOLD = renewed member

### Sponsor-A-Room Program

New 2021 Sponsor

Transplant Alliance Foundation

### The Legacy Garden Paver Program

Thank you to those who dedicated  
an engraved paver

The Gannon Cup

in memory of Patrick Gannon  
and Phillip Oseredzuk

Sheri Reavis

in honor of Dr. Kartik Shenoy

John and Brenda Scanelli

in memory of John I. Soloway

Stacy Schwab

in honor of Karen Schwab

Due to space constraints,  
honor/memorial gifts and  
supporter gifts are no longer  
listed in the newsletter.

We apologize for any errors or  
omissions and ask that you  
contact us at 267-546-9812 to  
report any corrections.

## We THANK Our Volunteers



## Recognizing 10 Years of Service

For the last 10 years, volunteers  
have served as the heartbeat  
of our mission both inside  
and outside the walls of the  
Family House.

We are so grateful for the countless resources  
and thousands of hours they have put in  
to helping provide affordable lodging and  
making the Family House feel like home  
for transplant families. From preparing and  
serving meals, driving the shuttle, organizing  
the pantry, and answering phones, to  
hosting wish list drives, organizing special  
fundraisers and attending speaking events  
in the community – their dedication to our  
mission and people we serve is what makes  
the Family House work.

To make a contribution to Gift of Life Family House,  
please visit [GiftofLifeFamilyHouse.org](http://GiftofLifeFamilyHouse.org) or use the enclosed envelope.

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