

The Family House

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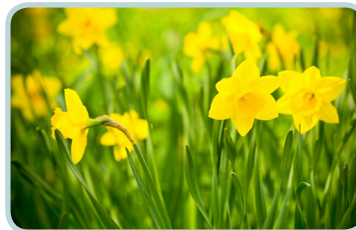
A home away from home for those touched by illness

Grants Pass Association of Realtors

The Grants Pass Association of Realtors has sponsored The Family House from the inception of the idea to the raising of the building, and it continues its support by sponsoring a golf tournament. The tournament has raised approximately \$20,000 over the past two years to benefit The Family House endowment. This year's tournament will be held at the Grants Pass Golf Club on **August 26**. There will be lots of fun, including raffle prizes and a silent auction.

Community Support

The Grants Pass Garden Club has helped beautify The Family House grounds for the past three years. In 2009 the club donated 150 daffodils, in 2010 it donated 150 gladiolas, and this year it presented a check for \$150 to purchase flowers and plants for the backyard area. Nancy Lester and her friends at the Grants Pass Garden Club have really brightened up the view for our guests. We appreciate their support!



The members of the Azalea Grange are also great supporters of The Family House. They are continually donating books, household supplies, and hand-crocheted caps for cancer patients and any other guest who wants one. Recently, one of the Grange's beloved members, Kenneth Butler, died. His wife, Judy, requested that donations be made to The Family House in his name. What a wonderful tribute. Thank you so much, Judy, for thinking of others during this difficult time.

Reflections from Past Guests

*Dear Ones at The Family House:
We were so glad to be directed to the Family House when we found out Grandma needed surgery; we never imagined, though, such a sweet experience. From the very first, we were bathed in kindness, gentleness, and respect by staff and family alike. We felt barriers fall away as people from many places and walks of life are allowed to cross paths and comfort one another with friendship. What a powerful and precious vision was birthed for this home—and that is just what it is...home!*

*Thank you with all our hearts.
Do not grow weary in well doing, our friends; you are making a difference!*

*All of our love,
The Crawford Family*



Donation Opportunities

During phase II of The Family House construction, the local churches of Latter-Day Saints provided the labor for our backyard landscaping, helped with the playground, and built a gazebo, a lattice above the dining-room doors, and the brick wishing walls in the two healing gardens. These are located on the east and west ends of the buildings on our curved patio areas. We currently have one row of tiles installed on each wishing wall, and we continue to offer people the opportunity to buy a tile. All donations go to the endowment fund to ensure The Family House is available for future generations. If you are interested, please complete the enclosed form.



Gazebo construction

Our Wonderful Volunteers



Katherine Worden

Katherine always brightens up our Wednesday afternoons not only with her grace and kindness but also with beautiful flowers from her garden at home. “I love this place,” she says. “I would never want to volunteer anywhere else.”

The Family House is blessed to have 16 incredible volunteers. Most of our volunteers work four hours per week, with a couple doing more for a total of 6900 hours since we opened. We would like to highlight one of our wonderful volunteers in this issue.

When guests arrive at The Family House on a Wednesday afternoon, they have the pleasure of being welcomed by Katherine Worden who has donated 589 hours. No matter what, Katherine is up for the task. What she most enjoys is greeting families and introducing them to our house, making them feel right at home.

Special Friends

When Jim and Donna arrived at The Family House in June 2010, their thoughts were to stay perhaps a few weeks, never to imagine six months. Former residents and business owners in Josephine County for nearly 25 years, they had retired to Bullhead City, Arizona; but Jim and Donna found themselves returning to the physicians they knew and the best medical care at Three Rivers Community Hospital. In Jim’s words, “Without The Family House, I just don’t know what we would have done. This is like home, and it’s a comfortable place to be during Donna’s weekly treatments, and being so close is wonderful.”



Jim and Donna Peebles with Sadie (mascot)

Before long Jim and Donna settled into their routine of medical appointments, morning walks, meal planning, lots of rest for Donna, and lots of idle time for Jim. Time was never wasted, however, as he shared stories and special moments with many guests who came to The Family House, caught up on his reading and visits with old friends, and became the “keeper of the house.”

Jim and Donna are but one of the almost 1,000 families The Family House has served since opening in April 2008. This June all of us are looking forward to seeing these wonderful guests again when Donna returns for her medical evaluation. We promised them the return of their “home” suite and warm, comfy recliner, and they promised us their candid sense of humor and natural good nature.

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