



Mission Statement

*We offer a 'home away from home'
for families caring for loved ones in medical crisis.*

A Cowboy's Smile

For most 16-year olds, a typical summer would involve working a first job, driving, going to summer camps, and hanging out with friends and family. However, for Tyler Bowman, the summer of 2007 would involve the fight for his life.



The Tulsa physicians met with Ace and Teresa and relayed the bad news. The doctors explained that Tyler would die unless they immediately amputated his left arm. While they would also attempt to save his right arm, the damage was

too extreme, and eventually they were forced to amputate his right hand, as well.

June 4, 2007 was supposed to be just another day of work for Tyler, spraying weeds while driving a four-wheel ATV. However, when an electrical high line wire fell his direction, he was severely burned.

Tyler was rushed to the hospital in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. His parents, Ace and Teresa soon followed. After an assessment by the local medical team, Tyler was then flown by Life Flight to Hillcrest Medical Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. where he was admitted to the Alexander Burn Unit.



Tyler enjoyed a visit from his friends.

Knowing this family would need to be close to Tyler for an extended time, the hospital's caring case manager, Gena Massey, made a call to The Hospitality House. The house was full, but after 2 nights of sleeping in the hospital waiting room, Ace and Teresa received a call that an apartment at The Hospitality House had finally become available.

Ace shared, "People don't realize how it can affect your life. You need a place to lay down and take a bath. It was a God-send that it was within walking distance [to the burn unit at the hospital] and so accessible." Ace and Teresa were able to rotate their time with Tyler. Ace would be Tyler's support during the day, and Teresa by night.

Teresa shared that by staying at The Hospitality House, she was able to have needed time to herself. She expressed thankfulness for a comfortable place to reflect on the

good things that were happening for their family in spite of the tragedy, to read the Bible, take a bath, and do laundry. "These are things people take for granted, but here (at Hospitality House), it feels like home. It's a warm feeling."

This tragic experience affected the family not only emotionally but also spiritually. Ace shared that their faith has become stronger. "We couldn't have gotten through it without our faith. No matter what comes, the Lord shows us the



Teresa and Ace found the needed rest in their suite at The Hospitality House.

way. We give it to Him and then let Him carry us in His hands."

In reflecting on their experience here in Tulsa they also shared the blessings that came their way:

☞ "Tyler's life was spared. He could have easily died without God's intervention for a purpose we don't yet understand, but feel God is going to use him."

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Hospitality House Facts

Our First Year

Number of families served 225
 Number of family members 525
 Room Nights Provided 2,102
 Average Number of Families
 on Waiting List 10
 Families Come From . . . All parts of
 Oklahoma, 20 additional states, and 2 foreign
 countries.
 Number of Meals of Love
 served . . 1,822

Volunteer Hours . . . 1,892 hours
 403 Families Referred from: Hillcrest Medical
 Center, OSU Medical Center, St. John Medical
 Center, Saint Francis Hospital, Southcrest
 Hospital, Laureate Hospital, Orthopedic Hospital
 of Eastern Oklahoma, Continuous Care Center,
 Grace Hospice.

**Sign up for our E-News and
 see more notes from families
 and videos on our new website:**

www.tulсахospitalityhouse.org

Hospitality House Wish List / Family Needs

- Laundry Detergent
- Fabric Softener Sheets
- Bleach
- Trash Bags—13, 8, or 4 gallon
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels, Paper Napkins
- Phone Calling Cards
- Cereal, Cereal Bars, Snacks—Single
Serving Size
- Bottled Water
- Lysol Spray
- Cleaning Products
- Thank you notes
- Postage Stamps
- White printer/copy paper

“Dear Hospitality House Supporters:
 Thanks for allowing me to have the opportunity to stay in The Hospitality House of Tulsa. I appreciate it a lot. The apartment was very nice and lovely. My daughter had told me for a long time that she needed help to control her anger behavior. There was nothing available close to home. We were able to get her into Shadow Mountain Behavioral Health System in Tulsa. I was not allowed to stay with her. Visiting hours are one night a week plus Saturdays and Sundays. My sister and I would go to Tulsa on Saturday morning, visit with my daughter, then we would go to the river or the park to have dinner. I would cook us something to eat on my camping stove and heat up water to wash with. Then we would sleep in the van at the hospital. Sunday morning we would do it all again. On Monday I had appointments with my daughter and the staff. After the appointment we would go back home (between Guthrie and Edmond). Since we were staying in Tulsa over the weekend, we started visiting a Baptist church in town. That’s when we heard about The Hospitality House of Tulsa or otherwise, we would still be staying in our van. Thank you to everyone who contributes to the Hospitality House of Tulsa.”

Sincerely,
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 “On our own journey
 through life with the Lord
 leading us towards our
 “Heavenly Home”, He brings
 people into our life for a reason.
 You have been called for a purpose
 such as this and we want to thank you
 for helping us along the way towards
 home! Your compassion and service to
 help families like ours brings honor and
 glory to our Lord and Savior Jesus and cer-
 tainly blessing to all that are part of this
 wonderful service of love! Thank you all
 again and may God continue to bless The
 Hospitality House and each one of its sup-
 porters!”
 Sincerely,
 The Gates Family

**A Note From
 the Families**
 “To all who helped us,
 On Friday, March 2, 2007 my mom
 was lifeflighted from Pryor, OK. To Tulsa,
 Hillcrest Hospital, ICU. No blood pressure, heart
 rate of 30, and no pulse. We had already lost her 3
 times enroute. We lived in the waiting room until
 Thursday March 8, my husband and My 21st
 wedding anniversary, when Toni called, like an
 angel she offered us a home away from home to
 stay in. Then came a very special surprise. Dinner
 was served for five to our room. Teriyaki
 Chicken, rice with mushrooms, salad with fruit,
 and chocolate cake for dessert. This truly was a
 bittersweet anniversary. We thought we would
 spend it in the waiting room but God sent his
 special angels to share in our burden and we were
 able to get some well needed rest and a GREAT
 dinner. This helped to allow us to celebrate our
 21st after all. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!”
 Norman and Donna & Family,
 Pryor, Oklahoma



Pam Baker was announced as the Volunteer of the Year at the Volunteer Recognition Brunch held in September.

Pam comes almost every week for three hours. Pam helps with everything from cleaning to data entry to checking in guests to laundry.

She is a real blessing to us, and we look forward to seeing her every week. Congratulations, Pam!



Family Care Corner

Sometimes it's hard to know what to do for families facing a health crisis. Here are some tips to help you minister to a friend in need.

Top Ten Dos and Don'ts When Someone in Your Life Becomes Seriously Ill *

10 – Do ask sincerely and specifically about what she is going through and let them talk details if they want.

Don't talk about "your cousin who had a completely different disease and beat it," or your "co-worker who died from something similar;" everyone's experience is unique, let her own it.

9 – Do offer very specific help:

"let me drive you to the hospital this week," or "I can coach Little League for you Saturday." Don't put the onus on him to respond to and ambiguous "what can I do?"

8 – Do acknowledge physical changes in her; don't just ignore them.

For example, "you've lost weight but you look good," or "you seem tired, can I help." If she's got breast cancer (or he's got testicular), don't immediately look at the body part. And don't tell someone going through chemo or radiation that they're "glowing."

7 – Do include him on social or other events for which he seems able or interested to attend.

Don't ask him to run a 10k with you.

6 – Do bring stuff, especially good, easy-to-serve food.

Don't just bring cheese-covered casseroles – if you don't want it, she probably doesn't either.

5 – Do remind him how special he is, how his matters in the world, in your life.

Don't offer clichés like "what doesn't kill us makes us stronger," or "unto each life a little rain must fall."

4 – Do allow her to 'set the mood,' of the conversation.

If she wants to laugh or vent, go with it. Don't impose your mood or fears.

3 – Do communicate on his behalf, if he's open to it – help create an online CarePage, for example.

Don't share private information before he's ready to do so.

2 – Do encourage her spirit and strength and efforts;

don't just tell her "a positive attitude is everything."

1 – Do something, say something – Don't do or say nothing.

Even "I don't know what to say or do," says you care AND you made the effort to communicate. Be brave and risk stumbling over your words rather than allow someone else to think you're ignoring or avoiding them.

* Source: <http://www.caringpages.com>

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☞ "God brought people into our lives which have been a part of this healing process". They shared that other families in the burn unit and at The Hospitality House helped prepare them to begin the difficult process of their son's recovery.



☞ "The staff at Hillcrest Medical Center, from the information desk, to nurses, to cafeteria staff. Everyone has been so helpful and friendly. They are all good people and have been very kind to us."

☞ "To experience the Lord being so evident in all the circumstances. All glory goes to Him. Even the little things are such a blessing"

To those who support The Hospitality House though giving and volunteering, the Bowman's expressed how much this service is needed for so many families. "You drive by and think 'how nice it is that someone does this'. But it actually takes a lot of 'someones' to help keep a place like this

going. Any little thing to get involved makes a huge difference. You don't really appreciate it until you are in this position."

They also expressed gratitude for the volunteers who brought evening meals for their family.

Through it all, Tyler's attitude has been remarkable. Most burn patients experience severe depression and lose

their drive to push through the pain of multiple surgeries and treatments. Tyler, however, through his infectious smile and positive attitude has been the inspiration for many people around him during his recovery. His parents have said all along, "If we can just keep Tyler – Tyler, being himself through this, it will be a miracle". And it is.

Ace recalls a particularly painful treatment session. As his dad watched helplessly Tyler looked up and said "Dad, that's not me". In spite of the severe injuries and disfigurement, the body his dad saw was not the real Tyler. Ace understood at that moment, that no matter what, Tyler had not changed. "We, as Tyler's parents, actually draw a lot of strength from Tyler".

Tyler's vision for his future remains positive. "The Lord has a plan for me" he told his parents. While they don't yet know the plan, they look forward to a positive future.

In August of 2007, Tyler and his family were transferred to The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research in Houston, Texas, so Tyler could continue his recovery and therapy, and receive custom prosthetics. He continues to improve daily and looks forward to the day when he'll be back at the ranch, riding horses, hunting, and fishing.



Ace, Tyler, and Teresa: their first day off from rehab in Houston.

Hospitality Heroes

Where would we be without those who support the families of Hospitality House? They are our heroes for this cause. We would like to thank the following people for their generous and sacrificial contributions.

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*As of November 25th, 2007.

We apologize for any omission or misspellings. Please alert us to any corrections. Thank you.



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In honor of Jenny's birthday

May 8—Robert and Corene Cannon

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2007

Jan 1—John and Kimberly Coons

*In honor of our son, J Coons, healed by the
Lord of Leukemia*

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Clay and Toni Moore's 20th Wedding Anniversary

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In Memory of her mother—Mary Mitchell

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April 17—Chris and Melodi McCarver

*In Honor of the Wedding Anniversaries of Larry &
Jeannette Robbins and Chris and Melodi McCarver*

May 19—Anitha, Carolyn, and Frank Flynt

*In Honor of Anita Flynt & Mark Jestes
Wedding*

June 25—Diahanna George, Ashley & Nathan Downs

*In Honor of Parents, Wayne and Pam George's
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June 28—Sandra Wright

In Memory of my son, Kevin

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In Honor of Gretchen King

Nov 4—Calvary Baptist Church VBS

In Memory of Stella "Cricket" Hokit

Dec 27—Bruce and Jan Bacher

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Meals of love

Thank you to all of our volunteers and organizations who prepare and serve evening meals to our families. They truly appreciate the time, taste, and love you put into every dish!



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 Senior Housing and Health Care

Making a Difference . . .

Many Hospitality House friends come up with innovative ways to help support the mission of our organization. Here are a few examples of their support for families in medical crisis.



Judy Osborne & Wanda Blackford deliver supplies for HHT

The Mary and Martha Class of First Baptist Church, Broken Arrow, go out to eat at a restaurant every month for fellowship. Each member takes a month and chooses where the class will go. In July, Wanda Youngblood and her daughter, Missy, decided to have the meal at Wanda's house where they would be providing the meal. It was decided that each lady would bring \$10 for the meal and the money would be donated to The Hospitality House. The evening netted \$100. The group then looked at the Needs List from The Hospitality House and went shopping. **Thank You, First Baptist Martha & Mary Class!**



Sue Jantz of Southwood Baptist Church has a *unique* way of helping the families at The Hospitality House. Sue is a sales representative for Unique MarTique, a local import company which provides a unique collection of women's handbags, crafted using quality materials and are handmade. The real story behind these purses is found in the women that make them. Their beautiful work has enabled them to break the chains of economic poverty in their South East Asian country as they can now provide for their families. Read more about these women at www.uniquemartique.com.

Sue found a way that she could help both the women in Asia who make the purses and The Hospitality House. Sue gives a percentage of the sale of her purses to The Hospitality House. The handbags are sold at The Hillcrest Medical Center Gift Store. Look for the Black **M** Tag.



Big Band, *Big Heart*

The Hospitality House of Tulsa held its annual fundraiser, *Big Band, Big Heart* on June 28, 2007. The evening was well attended by over 200 Tulsa area patrons and raised \$32,680 to support The Hospitality House of Tulsa.



The United States Marine Color Guard pose with WWII Veteran, Truman Wiley

The patriotic-themed evening, held at the Double Tree at Warren Place, was marched in by the United States Marine Color Guard. The event brought back the nostalgia of the World War II era as the evening paid tribute to two World War II heroes who reside in Broken Arrow, Mr. Truman Wiley who served as Lieutenant in the Air Force, and Mr. William Arter, who served as medic on beaches of Normandy. Mr. Arter, who also served as a bugler from Company B, was nicknamed by his fellow soldiers as “The Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy”.



Our USO Girls with costume coordinator, Barbara Holland



During the delicious dinner hour, the patrons enjoyed some serious bidding on the silent auction items which employees from the DoubleTree at Warren Place graciously gathered in. The audience was entertained with the swing style music of The Tulsa Praise Orchestra, “Glory” a 9-member vocal group, Tulsa’s own Ernestine Dillard, and the dancers from Tulsa Swing Dance Club.



John Herndon-Vice President of Hospitality House, Steve Dobbs, CEO of Hillcrest Medical Center, Toni Moore, President of Hospitality House, visit with WWII Veteran,



The crowd was emotionally moved and gave a standing ovation as the talented Ernestine Dillard sang an inspiring American Medley.



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Hospitality House supporters gather around the silent auction tables

Sponsors for the event included American Airlines, Hillcrest Medical Center, First Bank of Owasso, Louis Blosch Insurance Agency, Green Country Healthcare Association, the Hamil family, First National Bank and Trust of Broken Arrow, Continuous Care Center, The Orthopaedic Center, Ruhrpumpen, Tom and Barbara Murphy, The Double Tree at Warren Place, and Gold Medallion Senior Housing and Healthcare, Creative Animations, and Reeltime Memories.



A Message from our President

The Hospitality House of Tulsa is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that offers a 'home away from home' for families caring for loved ones in medical crisis.

Dear Friends of Hospitality House:

Happy Birthday! Ok, maybe it's not YOUR Birthday, but we do want to stop and commemorate this monumental occasion of The Hospitality House being open 1 year. When I reflect on this last year, I get a little emotional. A little over one year ago, we were cutting a ribbon, unlocking the doors, and preparing to hopefully serve 150 families. That goal was a little low as we have now served over 225 families our first year. There are just not enough emails and letters I could send out to communicate the magnitude of mail we receive from families telling how you as a community have helped them.

To all the volunteers and contributors, thank you so much for what you have given to these families. You have and will continue to be blessed by your service of hospitality to these strangers. A special thanks to the Hospitality House Board of Directors and Advisors. I am blessed having such a group of people who share this passion for families in medical crisis and are always willing to give of their time and resources to see that all the needs are met. Also, without our special partners at Hillcrest Medical Center, we would not have been able to be in our facility and be up and running so quickly. Thank you, Hillcrest, for believing in our mission to support all families traveling to Tulsa in a medical crisis.

Through the generous support from The Osteopathic Founders Foundation, St. Mary's Oil and Land Exploration Company, Pro-Build, and volunteer carpenter, Clay Moore, we have recently added Murphy bed cabinets to the living rooms of our suites, allowing more family members of the patient to receive quality rest. Even though this year was successful, we still have much work to do. During this first year, we had over 400 families referred to us, but only had room for 225 families. Because of the overwhelming need, we are committed to build a 24-unit facility which will serve more families traveling to Tulsa in medical crisis.

Sincerely,



Toni Moore

President & CEO

Through the generous support of several foundational grants, we are happy to introduce you to our staff who serve the families so compassionately.



Sharon Robertson,
Volunteer Coordinator

Christy Moore,
Family Care Coordinator



Happy Holidays from
The Hospitality House
of Tulsa



Dayna Applegate,
Housekeeper



Keri Akers,
Bookkeeper

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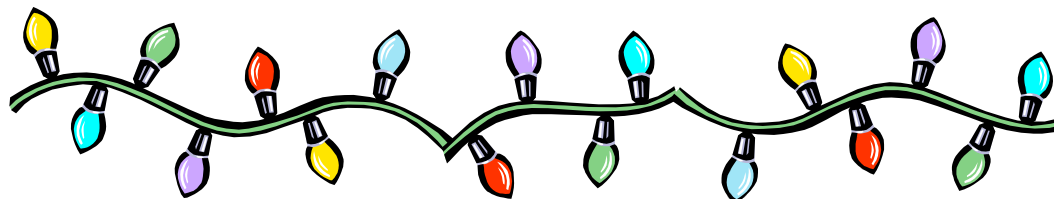
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Room in the Inn

Room in Our Hearts

Can you believe it? We're only weeks away from Christmas! The Christmas carols are already playing on our favorite radio stations.

Lyrics like "I'll Be Home For Christmas", or "There's No Place Like Home For The Holidays" remind us of the cherished times we spend with family during the holiday season.

Unfortunately, for the families cared for at The Hospitality House of Tulsa it's one of the most difficult times of the year. However, this House has truly become a "home away from home" even during the holidays for families facing a difficult medical crisis.

Instead of holding a fundraising event requiring our supporters' time, once again, we are holding a Christmas 'non-event'. The Hospitality House of Tulsa can provide 2,550 nights of lodging



each year for families of patients. We are decorating the outside of the House with 2,550 Christmas lights. Each light represents one night of lodging for a family in need.

During the month of December, The Hospitality House will illuminate one Christmas light on the House for every \$10 donation received. Additionally, we are hanging outside the House a fourteen foot high Christmas Tree banner, recognizing donors whose contributions light up 50 lights, 100 lights, 150 lights, or more. Last year, we raised \$14,000 to support our families. Our goal is to see every light illuminated this season representing a goal of

\$25,550. Please help us light up the night for families in medical crisis.

How many lights would your family like to illuminate? Simply enclose your donation in the envelope or donate online. Follow the progression of lights by logging onto www.tulсахospitalityhouse.org.