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HHT has a new P.O. Box:

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Please send all monetary contributions to this address

The Hospitality House of  
Tulsa

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## The Mayden family's story

In pictures: Baby Enoch and Big Brother Cozmo Mayden



*On July 18th, I was transferred to Hillcrest from Tahlequah, OK. We are from Springdale, AR. I had preeclampsia and was told they would keep me there until I delivered. I was 30*

*weeks at the time. My husband and son were unable to go back and forth, so I did not see them the first week. Then we heard about HHT, and they were able to stay close to me! Our son, Enoch, was delivered by C-section at 34 weeks. He was on oxygen, had Jaundice, and had a hard time eating, but he was a fighter and came along! He is in an open crib now and almost ready to go home! Hopefully he won't have any more Bradys.*



*I cannot put into words how thankful I am for this place and all the people here—the staff, the volunteers who fixed and brought so many delicious suppers, and everyone else that helps make this place such a blessing for families like ours. Thank you for all your prayers and support.*

*In Him—Dani*



## Update from family

September 2009

Hello everybody,

*We just wanted to let you know how much you are appreciated. I do not know what our family would have without a ministry like yours! I hope you all are doing fine. Our little man is outgrowing his first set of clothing, and Cosmo could not be a better big brother (he even takes out the stinky diapers!). Enoch is now 19.5 inches and weighs almost 7 pounds. At night he sleeps 5 hours at a time and is really alert during the day. We will continue to keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you again for everything.*

*Robbie, Dani, Cosmo and Enoch Mayden*

### Your support, time, and contributions invested in families facing medical crisis away from home

	2007	2008	2009
Families Served	189	190	162
Avg Number of Families on Waiting List	10	14	10
Families Unable to Serve because No Available Room	192	239	179
Meals of Love Served	2,427	2,977	2,479
Families Requesting Prayer Support	89%	89%	90%
Families Requesting Community Connection	17%	42%	36%
Volunteer Hours Given	1,626	1,717	1,859

## HHT has a NEW LOGO!!!

Along with many other projects including marketing, public relations, creative design, video production, strategic planning and more, HHT's talented Marketing Committee has given HHT a new image! Thanks to all who attended our Peek n' Treat logo reveling party on October 30th!



A big thanks to our newest Meals of Love Sponsor, United States Beef Corporation,

for donating 100 meal coupons a month to HHT!



## GIVE A DAY. GET A DISNEY DAY.

"Give a Day. Get a Disney Day." is a program that celebrates and inspires volunteerism. Beginning January 1, 2010, a community member who signs up to volunteer a day of service with Hospitality House of Tulsa, through Volunteer Central of Greater Tulsa, will get one day admission to a *Walt Disney World*® or *Disneyland*® theme park, free. Disney has started this program to inspire one million people to volunteer a day of service.

The program begins January 1, 2010 and continues until tickets are distributed or December 15, 2010, whichever occurs first. The first one million people to sign up with a participating organization and complete a day of volunteering will receive a free Disney day. YOU have the opportunity to be part of the first one million by signing up with Hospitality House beginning Jan. 1. We encourage interested volunteers to come by The Hospitality House and schedule their 2010 volunteer activities today!



HHT Staff at Peek N' Treat

All participants must sign up via the "Give a Day. Get a Disney Day" site, at: [http://disneyparks.disney.go.com/disneyparks/en\\_US/WhatWillYouCelebrate/index?name=Give-A-Day-Get-A-Disney-Day](http://disneyparks.disney.go.com/disneyparks/en_US/WhatWillYouCelebrate/index?name=Give-A-Day-Get-A-Disney-Day).

For more info visit, [www.tulсахospitalityhouse.org](http://www.tulсахospitalityhouse.org) and click on latest news, or visit [www.volunteercentraloftulsa.org](http://www.volunteercentraloftulsa.org)

### HHT NEEDS LIST:

- Glade Plug-In Refills- Holiday Scents
- Mr. Clean Magic Erasers
- Febreze/ air freshener
- Furniture polish
- Postage stamps
- Tall Kitchen Trash Bags
- Bottled Water
- Ingredients for Cookies (self rising flour, semi sweet chocolate chips , quick oats, brown sugar, white sugar, vanilla, baking soda,
- eggs, butter-flavored Crisco)
- Snacks such as: Soup at Hand, breakfast bars, crackers, apple sauce, oatmeal, chips, easy mac
- Coffee
- Laundry Soap/ Clorox Bleach
- Carpet Freshener
- Dishwashing Detergent
- Hand Soap/ Sanitizer
- Scrubbing Bubbles
- Printer/copier paper
- Plastic-ware (forks, spoons, cups, plates)
- Light Bulbs
- Saran Wrap, Aluminum Foil, Ziploc baggies
- AA, AAA, C, D, 9V batteries
- Lysol and Lysol Cleaning Wipes
- White towels and wash clothes
- Styrofoam shell "To-Go" containers (divided inside)
- Kleenex
- Thank you/ Sympathy cards



HHT sign with new logo



# Practicing Hospitality

## A Note From Our President

As I look at the upcoming calendar, I am amazed we are starting our 4<sup>th</sup> year of serving families in medical crisis! What a privilege it is to serve alongside hundreds of volunteers and supporters as we carry out our mission.

Since the economic crisis hit, these past 2 years have truly been a testing of endurance and faith for our organization. However, we rolled up our sleeves and carefully managed our expenses, reached out to new donors, and focused on our mission and the quality of service we provide to our guests.

As I write this, healthcare delivery changes are taking place and more needy families are traveling further distances for the quality healthcare found in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Without HHT, these families would be forced to sleep in waiting room chairs or their vehicles, and skip meals as they bear the financial burden of being near their hospitalized loved ones. Our organization stands willing to be a haven during a family's medical crisis away from home.

We will have some exciting news to announce over the next few months regarding how we can help more families. In the meantime, I'm asking for your help with our program/operating expenses.

Will you please consider making a gift this year to help us meet our on-going monthly expenses?

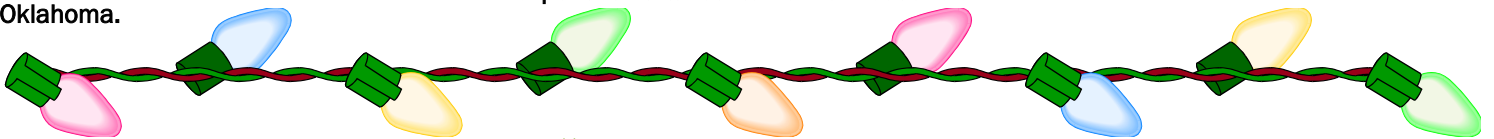
If you think about all the types of expenses it takes to run a household -

utilities, maintenance, insurance, supplies, etc., HHT incurs those same expenses multiplied by 7 every month.

Consider making your gift this year through our Room in the Inn, Room in Our Hearts annual campaign drive! What about Adopting a Day at Hospitality House in honor of a loved one to celebrate a special day? We truly appreciate your support for so many families who call Hospitality House their 'home away from home'.

May you have a blessed holiday season,

Toni Moore, President & CEO



## *Room in the Inn, Room in our Hearts*

***Join us December 3rd in serving families in need through Boundless Hospitality!***

HHT's annual fundraising campaign, *Room in the Inn, Room in our Hearts* will kick off December 3rd at 5:30 with the lighting of 5,110 musically-synchronized Christmas lights on HHT, representing the number of nights of lodging HHT provides families in medical crisis in one year. As part of the kick off, HHT volunteers will be distributing 350 waiting room survival kits to families in Tulsa area hospital waiting rooms for our charity event, *A Night of Hospitality* as well as hosting a private online auction via our Web site. We will also have live music, Santa, and cookies and cocoa here at HHT for community member coming to view the light show! Don't miss this exciting night of giving at HHT and the opportunity to help us serve more families in medical crisis!

### Here's how you can get involved:

- Donate \$10 to illuminate one light, representing one night of lodging for a family.
- Adopt A Day at HHT: Visit <http://www.tulsaospitalityhouse.org> for more info.
- Participate in HHT's Private Online Auction (See brochure for details)
- Join us at HHT December 3rd for our kick off event to enjoy the lighting, live music, Santa, and some cookies and hot cocoa.
- Visit HHT from December 3rd to January 3rd, tune into a local FM station from your car, and view the light show to the synchronized music while hearing testimonies from former HHT guests.

\*\* Adopt a Day or purchase a light in honor of someone you love this holiday season—a special gift for your loved one, as well as for a family in need!\*\*

Dear HHT Family:

Most of you know what a wonderful program Hospitality House is for families in medical crisis. But do you know how HHT started?

It began in 2002 when Toni Moore began a scriptural word study about Biblical hospitality. The Greek word we translate into 'hospitality' is *PhiloXenia*, which means love for the stranger, or friend to the stranger. Using that understanding, Toni's own personal experience with a medical crisis away from home, and her work experience in healthcare administration, a vision to establish a Hospitality House in Tulsa was born.

We formed our non-profit in 2005, performed a patient feasibility study with all Tulsa hospitals, and established our Board of Directors. In 2006, [Hillcrest Medical Center](http://www.hillcrestmedicalcenter.com) purchased an 8-unit apartment complex who offered it to HHT for \$1 /year lease donation! Volunteers and Tulsa area companies came together during the summer of 2006 and provided labor, building materials, supplies, and furnishings and we were open 3 months later! Over 600 families from all areas of Oklahoma and 23 other states in the U.S. have found a 'home away from home' during their medical crisis. HHT receives referrals from all Tulsa area hospitals.

What a testimony to the generosity of the Tulsa area community and the faith of the founding supporters!

[www.tulsa hospitality house.org](http://www.tulsa hospitality house.org)

Volunteers and Staff,

I just wanted to let you all know what a wonderful ministry this is. You could do so many other things with your time, but God has placed you here with such a great purpose. Trapper and I feel so blessed that we have a safe place to stay so close to our babies, especially since I am alone here a lot of the time. The boys are doing well. Keep them both in your prayers. We know we serve a mighty God who is the healer of all, and He blessed us with these two beautiful boys, and He has a mighty plan for all of our lives, and what a testimony we will have to give others! Thank you all so much for playing such a huge role in our journey and giving us both peace of mind being here. Please continue to pray for us all and God bless you in everything you do.

Sincerely, Shannon and Trapper Greenwood

Dear Hospitality House,

It is impossible to put into words how grateful I am for this island of peace and tranquility. After two days of sleeping in a chair at my mother's bedside, I was exhausted. It was difficult to leave her when she was so scared following her stroke, but I knew I would be a more patient care-giver if I took care of myself. I will be eternally grateful for the beautiful accommodations and the caring, thoughtful staff who not only met my physical needs but emotional needs as well. The hospitality suites are a little bit of heaven on earth.

God Bless you, Gay Clifton

Dear Everyone,

How do I begin to put into words how much it meant to me to be able to stay at the hospitality house while my daughter was in the hospital? You provided me with much more than a place to stay. Your open arms, listening ears, kind words and loving ways made me feel like I had friends - family, even - here in Tulsa. It is so difficult to have a sick child, but the comfort and care you provided made my burden lighter. From the lovely apartment, to the cards I would find on my table, the meals prepared so thoughtfully, the prayers, the home-baked cookies, the absolute kindness I encountered here - the hospitality house goes way above and beyond being hospitable. I am ever grateful to God for allowing me to find you, and to you - every one of you - for bringing his love to me, day after day. I will never forget you.

Love, Chris

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