



Hospitality Happens

February 2011

SAVE THE DATE!

- VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BRUNCH:** SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH, 10AM—12PM
@ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 6767 S. MINGO RD.
Come celebrate a year of hard work and accomplishments with our wonderful volunteers, and be the first to hear the announcement of our celebrity dancers for "A Time to Dance with our Stars" 2011
- "A TIME TO DANCE WITH OUR STARS" 2011:** SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH
@ HYATT REGENCY TULSA (FORMERLY CROWNE PLAZA), 100 E. 2ND ST.
Join us for our annual fundraising gala and celebrity dance competition benefitting families in medical crisis.
- DINE FOR A DIFFERENCE:** TBA
Stay tuned for our next "Dine for A Difference" featuring one of your favorite sports teams and local restaurants—coming soon!



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To view event, volunteer, and family photos as well as updates about what's happening at HHT!


Read our Blog!

"Practicing Hospitality"

<http://hhtulsa.blogspot.com>

Have a great story about your experience with HHT, a medical crisis, or practicing biblical hospitality? Please share with us as a guest blogger! Contact Jessica for more details at (918) 794-0088

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Where Hope has a Home...

November 20th, 2010

We are from Sallisaw OK, an hour and 40 minute drive from Tulsa. My father, Clay Thomas, was admitted to Hillcrest Hospital three weeks ago for a tumor in the brain. We had been driving back and forth and were financially strapped. I was told about the Hospitality House but was told there was a very long waiting list. They transferred my father to Kaiser Rehab, and I made the call. God blessed me with Rachel; she said it would probably be 2 or 3 days, maybe longer, until we could get into Hospitality House. I told her our situation and God spoke to me and said "Be still". The next morning, Rachel called me and said "Mrs. Thomas, we have an apartment". I was overwhelmed. I knew God led me here. God knows exactly what he's doing and He is always on time. My father lifted his arm today!



Penny and her father Clay at Kaiser Rehab

Thanksgiving Day 2010

Wow! Talking about being thankful. We weren't home, but the volunteers at Hospitality House cooked for us and we were able to sit down and have Thanksgiving and spend all day with our dad. The food was wonderful: lemon chicken casserole, sweet potatoes, dressing, rolls and green bean casserole. We were very thankful to the Watts family for taking their time and sharing their love and giving. That's how I wish everyone could be. My dad had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

December 2nd, 2010

Today my dad walked 72 feet and was able to get out of bed and walk to his wheelchair. It's so amazing watching the miracle happen. He

was very tired. He walked so hard and sent me back to the apartment. The Christmas lighting was tonight. How beautiful - all the volunteers showed up to deliver 500 "waiting room survival kits" to families in the waiting areas at all the local hospitals. You could just look around and see God in everything the Hospitality House is doing.

December 9th, 2010

The Lord has allowed us to return home. That's my dad's only wish and it's being fulfilled today. Thank everyone for everything. God will bless you for all that you do. Give ALL Praise to the Lord!

Penny M. Thomas

Clay Thomas went to be with the Lord on December 18, 2010. The Thomas family is extremely grateful that Hospitality House let them stay closer to Clay in his last months.

Immediate Needs

- White Rubbermaid Medium Rubber Bathmats from Wal-mart <http://bit.ly/g2PxRQ>
- Hand and Dish soap
- 13 gal. Kitchen Trash Bags
- AA Batteries
- Styrofoam "To go" Containers (divided inside)
- Snacks, such as: soup, breakfast bars, crackers, apple sauce, oatmeal, easy mac, etc.
- Cookie Ingredients: self rising flour, chic chips, quick oats, brown sugar, vanilla, sugar, baking soda, eggs, Crisco
- Postage Stamps
- Scrubbing Bubbles
- Latex Free Gloves
- Lysol/ Lysol Wipes
- Brooms (no straw)



Practicing Hospitality

A note from our President

Whenever I speak to a group about our Hospitality House, I'm always greeted by many in each setting who have had a medical crisis away from home. Sometimes it's the patient themselves, or a family member, friend, or co-worker. It amazes me how many people are willing to give back or pay it forward so others who experience the same tragedy can be served. Three weeks ago, a beautiful young family from Tulsa came into our Welcome Center to share their story and how they wanted to give back and pay it forward. I hope you will join their family and friends in this fun and healthy way to help so many facing a medical crisis away from home.

Half a hundred for hospitality . . .

Just over a year ago, I was diagnosed with a rare form of head and neck cancer. My wife and I sought treatment out of state. My treatment required that we relocate about 500 miles away from home for weeks on end. Without the support and the sacrifice of our family, our friends, and our Tulsa Fire Department family, my fifty days of active treatment would have been infinitely more difficult. The compassion and hospitality of others enabled us to receive the care we needed.

The Hospitality House of Tulsa is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that offers families a 'home away from home' while enduring a medical crisis. I have found the same compassion and generosity that supported me during my battle with cancer is the very foundation of this organization. I am inspired to help them provide hope and comfort to others facing medical adversities.



Here is how you can help. Commit to doing push-ups for fifty consecutive days beginning February 15th and ending April 5th. Please find sponsors to donate a penny, nickel, dime, quarter, or dollar per push-up. All of your tax-exempt proceeds will benefit Hospitality House of Tulsa and will go directly to helping individuals and their families as they seek medical treatment in our city.

Win the Fight,

John Buck

To join John and his friends in this event, go to www.tulsa hospitality house.org/events.htm and download the half a hundred for hospitality brochure or sponsor someone who is participating in the push-ups.

Wondering if this middle-aged, mother of 2 teenagers will be doing her push-ups for this cause? Visit our blog at hhtulsa.blogspot.com to find out and hear from others during their "Half a Hundred for Hospitality" challenge.

- Still Practicing, *Jeni Moore*

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