



Hospitality Happens

May 2011

Bringing Blessings Home

My family is so grateful for the Hospitality House. My husband and I recently adopted a baby boy from Tulsa. After his birth, we expected to spend a week or two in Tulsa, because he was in the NICU at Hillcrest Medical Center because he was premature, born at 34 weeks. We live very far away, on the east coast, and did not expect to be displaced from our home for very long. However, because his condition worsened, and he had several breathing and cardiovascular complications, he remained hospitalized for approximately 2 months. This became an extremely stressful time for us; we were overwhelmed with concern for his health. In addition we were unprepared for all the costs associated with the adoption process, and having to live in another city, far from home for such a long period of time.



The Hospitality House was truly an amazing gift for us in this whole process. We were able to stay there for some time, towards the end of our son's hospitalization. This took so much of the financial burden off of us for living expenses. And, it was wonderful. A warm, comfortable place to stay, with all the comforts of home. The staff and volunteers are caring, giving, and flexible people. They provided us with all the basic things you need to get by, a home cooked meal, a place to do laundry, and even allowed me to use the fax and computer to help with some of the adoption related paperwork and communications. But, besides the basics, they also provided us with something immeasurable - wonderful caring and support; the staff was always there to chat, and to lend an ear to any worries we were having. It was a real stress reliever to have someone to talk to after spending so much time in the hospital, by my son's side all day. Also, the proximity to the hospital was great; so close I could walk there.

Before this experience in my life, I had no idea that there were people and organizations that were so giving and charitable towards people in need, both financially and emotionally. The Hospitality House is an amazing organization, and we are so thankful for all they did for us during our son's stay at the hospital! Thank you, thank you, thank you - we will always remember your kindness.

Sincerely

Nancy, Doug and Crosby

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A Time to
DANCE with our Stars

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**“A Time to Dance with our Stars”
Saturday, June 18th—5:30 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Tulsa—100 E. 2nd St.**



Kristin Dickerson

KTUL Channel 8 Good
Day Tulsa & Good
Morning Oklahoma Host

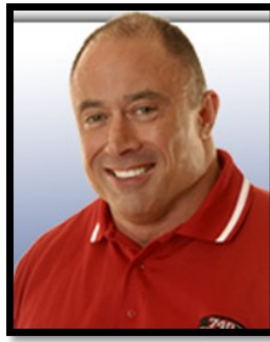
**Dancing with
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News Anchor & Reporter

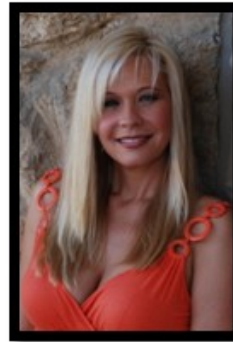
**Dancing with
Deborah Delaney**



Pat Campbell

KFAQ 1170 AM
Morning Show Host

**Dancing with
Rachel Morris**



Sunny Leigh

KVOO 98.5 FM
Morning Show Host

**Dancing with
Ryan McDaniel**



Latoya Silmon

KTUL Channel 8 News
Anchor Reporter

**Dancing with
Jay Rhea**

Meet our 2011 celebrity dancers who will waltz, cha cha, and tango their way to the dancing title at “A Time to Dance with our Stars”, our annual fundraising gala and celebrity dance competition, which includes:

- **Chef-catered food stations**
- **Live & silent auction**
- **Open dance floor**
- **Celebrity dance competition**

The winner of the dance competition will be determined by judges’ scores and community votes. Votes are \$1.00 per vote and proceeds from the voting go toward the mission of Hospitality House of Tulsa. To vote for your favorite celebrity, go to:

Using your smartphone:

- Give.mobi/kristin
- Give.mobi/jason
- Give.mobi/pc
- Give.mobi/latoya
- Give.mobi/sunny

Using the internet:

- M.give.mobi/kristin
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Go to Hospitality House of Tulsa’s Facebook, Twitter, and website events page (www.tulsa hospitality house.org/events.htm) for information on how to vote for the dance teams on the internet and additional events news.

For ticket information, call (918) 794-0088 or email jdubois@tulsa hospitality house.org.

Sponsorship opportunities available:

- \$5,000 Tango sponsorships
- \$2,500 Swing sponsorship
- \$1,000 Mambo Sponsorship
- \$500 Cha cha Sponsorship.

To learn about sponsorship benefits including promotion, VIP tables and marketing opportunities, please call (918) 551-6670 for more information.



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- Tango sponsor: Tulsa Adjustment Bureau
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What is your Assignment?

From Blanche Bunce, Hospitality House Guest

I was 500 miles from home when I received a phone call that turned my life upside down – a call telling me that my precious husband had been in a motorcycle accident and was being life-flighted to Saint Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I found my husband in a medically induced coma, wearing a neck brace and on a ventilator. My two sons slept on the floor of the hospital room, and I took the chair. We stayed around the clock in Gary's room as the ventilator and other machines worked to keep his body going. Thankfully, a team of young doctors continued to work with Gary, and three weeks and two days after the accident, he was breathing on his own. Gary was in the Trauma Unit at Saint Francis Hospital for five weeks, and then was transferred to Overland Park, Kansas, where he was a patient for three months. After a month of home health care, he is beginning rehabilitation as an outpatient. We are believing our God for the full regeneration of his spinal cord and restoration to complete health.

The social worker at the hospital told us about Hospitality House. What a haven! We could feel the peace of God when we entered the apartment. The concern of the staff and volunteers gave us assurance that God was near. It was a special blessing to find a meal prepared for us when we returned to sleep each night. That people we did not know would care enough for us to provide such wonderful food made us aware of God's love and watch care. Being on the receiving end of such love and generosity was very humbling, yet we felt God's love in such a special way. Hospitality House of Tulsa was a refuge during this storm in my life.

When our missionary friend, Dan Salas, was back in the United States and spoke at our church, he presented a simple yet powerful message about being faithful to our calling. His message was, "What Is Your Assignment?" I can clearly see the assignment given the volunteers at Hospitality House and they are faithfully carrying out their assignment with excellence. My assignment is to encourage and care for my husband through this time of restoration, until he is back on his feet, walking again. **God is faithful; what is your assignment?**

"Before taking early retirement in 2006, I was a paralegal. I knew the importance of having a will, living will, power of attorney, and doing financial and estate planning. Gary and I discussed it and had the documents prepared before we retired. I was so glad we did. I did not have to spend any time considering those issues since the documents were in place if I needed them. I would encourage everyone to take care of these issues while enjoying good health."

— Blanche Bunce

To read Blanche's complete story, visit our blog at: hhtulsa.blogspot.com



Practicing Hospitality

A note from our President

BUILDING HOPE, BUILDING ENDOWMENT

Life is all about building relationships, and our relationship with you is so very important to us. We want you to know that we were recently selected to participate in the Planned Giving Partnership Program through the Tulsa Community Foundation.

The partnership program will create our Planned Giving Office to provide professional guidance and assistance to our friends and supporters who want to make a commitment to build our endowment fund in order to secure resources that impact today and touch countless families for generations to come.

The great news is that planned gifts such as wills, trusts, charitable gift annuities, and other tools provide strategies that can help you achieve your financial and family goals, as well make a lasting impact for families caring for loved ones during medical crisis.

With that in mind, you might want to talk with someone from our staff. If you would like to take advantage of this free service, please contact Toni Moore at 918-794-0088 or tmoore@tulsahospitalityhouse.org.



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**Your Requested
Newsletter Enclosed**




I want to thank every one at Hospitality House. I truly believe in all your prayers. Everyone has been so sweet, and I feel that with your prayers, my son has been touched by God. Last night my son woke up and saw me. He smiled at me. I was so happy. I love you all for being here and all that you have done and are still doing for us. My family and I are very grateful for all of you. You cannot imagine.
Thank you,
Daryl Scott's Family
Ponca City, OK



Volunteer Opportunities for "H2", our second facility:

- "Meals of Love"
 - With double the mouths to feed, double the meals are needed as we open our new facility
- "Day Room" volunteers
 - Volunteers needed to manage the "Day Room", a place where families on our waiting list can come for a shower, nap, meal, laundry, and prayer support.

Contact Jessica for details: (918) 794-0088
jdubois@tulsahospitalityhouse.org

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
- Bleach
- Lysol/ Lysol Wipes
- Brooms (no straw)