



# Hospitality House of Tulsa

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### HHT has a new P.O. Box:

PO Box 14472  
Tulsa, OK  
74159-1472

Please send all  
monetary  
contributions to  
this address

## Volunteer Newsletter

Dear Hospitality House Volunteer,

I hope you have had a fantastic summer and are ready for the busy months ahead! I am your new Volunteer Coordinator, Jessica DuBois.

As you may know, your faithful leader, Mysti, has accepted a wonderful opportunity in Colorado, leaving me with some big shoes to fill. She will be greatly missed, and I will try my hardest to equate the leadership, coordination and heartfelt friendship she has provided for the past year and a half.

I feel very blessed to have the opportunity to work with such a spectacular group of people and can't wait to see what God has planned for this organization as it continues to grow and serves more families in need. Thank you for contributing your time and loving effort to Hospitality House of Tulsa. I anticipate great things for the upcoming season.

It's officially September, and Fall is knocking on our door! That means it's time to start planning and coordinating for the exciting events we have taking place in the upcoming holiday season! In this letter, you will find important info about what's happening at Hospitality House of Tulsa, including information on upcoming events, some exciting updates, and the updated volunteer calendar.

Have a great week! I'm looking forward to seeing you very soon! Feel free to contact me with any questions.

God Bless,

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**HHT is celebrating 3 years of serving families in a medical crisis!**

# Happy Birthday Hospitality House!

**In 3 years, our volunteers have...**

Lodged 582 families in need from Oklahoma and 23 other states

Given 5,708 hours of volunteer service

Served 7,898 Meals of Love

**Help us celebrate by donating 3 items from our needs list!**

- Glade Plug-In Refills – Vanilla
- Latex-free disposable gloves
- Postage stamps
- Tall Kitchen Trash Bags
- Bottled Water
- Lap Size Blankets
- Ingredients for Cookies (self rising flour, semi sweet chocolate chips, quick oats, brown sugar, white sugar, vanilla, baking soda, eggs, butter-flavored Crisco)
- Non-Perishable, individually wrapped food items (Soup at Hand, breakfast bars, crackers, apple sauce, oatmeal, chips, easy mac)
- Coffee
- Laundry Soap
- Clorox Bleach
- Carpet Freshener and febreze
- Dishwashing Detergent
- Hand Soap
- Scrubbing Bubbles
- Printer/copier paper
- Plastic-ware (forks, spoons, cups, plates)
- Mr. Clean Magic Erasers
- Light Bulbs
- Saran Wrap, Aluminum Foil,
- Ziplock baggies
- AA, AAA, C, D, 9V batteries
- Lysol and Lysol Cleaning Wipes
- White towels and wash clothes
- Styrofoam shell "To-Go" containers (divided inside)
- 1 Broom and 1 Dust pan
- Kleenex
- Diapers, baby wipes
- Small thank you/blank cards with envelopes

## What's Happening at HHT?

### Ladies Auxiliary



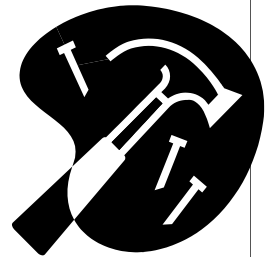
The talented and dedicated women of HHT Ladies Auxiliary are taking on some big projects in the upcoming season and would love your participation! Come enjoy refreshments, exchange ideas and be a part of a group that is unlocking the doors to HHT's future. If you are interested in joining or have friends that are interested in joining, Let us know!

We invite you and your friends to join us at our next meeting, September 17th at 10:00 a.m. Please call Jessica @ 918-794-0088 for more information

### Special Projects

**HHT is excited about taking on these much-needed projects:**

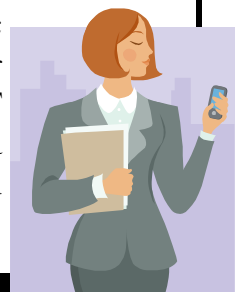
- Taking out sheetrock in 2 bathrooms, removing 2 tubs and replacing subfloor in new HHT space
- Installing wood lamenant flooring in Welcome Center and new flooring in Apt 3.
- Refacing / painting Apt Kitchenette Cabinets
- Replacing Stairs/Decking on Current Building.



**Please let us know if you would like to volunteer for this project, or know anyone who can help.**

### Marketing Committee

HHT's newly-established Marketing Committee is a talented group of individuals with a diverse range of skills in the areas of Marketing, Public Relations, Creative Design, Video Production, Strategic Planning and more. Their mission is to increase HHT awareness in the Tulsa community and surrounding areas.





**'TIS THE SEASON...FOR HOLIDAY EVENTS!**

**JOIN US**  
*in serving families in need through boundless hospitality*

## **A Night of Hospitality December 3, 2009**



*Last year, The Hospitality House of Tulsa and First Bank of Owasso, along with many wonderful volunteers, distributed approximately 300 Waiting Room Survival Kits to families staying in Tulsa area hospital waiting rooms. Because there are so many families experiencing "No Room in the Inn", we want to continue this event of giving annually. This year, our goal is to distribute 350+ kits to families in need.*

### **Here are some ways you can help!**

- Gathering supplies to fill kit
- Making Neck Roll pillows
- Assembling Kits
- Distributing Kits

Donated items need to be delivered to us by  
**Monday, November 9th, 2009**  
Welcome Center open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.,  
Monday-Friday

**Kit assembly will take place November 16, 17 and 18**

### **Items needed for Night of Hospitality**

- Bottled Water 20oz
- Breakfast bars
- Peppermints
- Soup in Hand / Cup o' Soup
- Peanut butter crackers
- Pens
- Children's books
- Activity Books
- Encouraging reading material for Men & Women
- Travel Size Wet ones
- Travel Size hygiene items (lotion, body wash, shampoo, hand sanitizer)
- Gently used or new lap size blankets
- Rice-filled neck-roll pillows (*To make, contact Jessica for pattern and directions\**)
- Materials needed for neck pillows: Tube socks, rice and material to make sleeves (*Contact Jessica for item descriptions\**)

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



Volunteers needed the first part of November for hanging Christmas lights and garland on Hospitality House.

# THANK YOU

Hospitality House of Tulsa Volunteers,

Thank you for everything that you have done for our family. When we first got here, we were very scared and worried, being in a new town and not knowing anybody, and you all have made us feel very welcome. I'm glad we got to meet all of you! Thank you for the wonderful meals that you brought by or for visiting and asking how Ezra is doing. This place has become a feeling of home, and that was more than I imagined. Today we are taking our boy home! He's doing wonderfully, and I thank you for all your prayers. Thank you, and we will miss you all! Will, Cassie, Noah and Ezra Brown  
Miami, Ok.



To everyone providing all the prayers, kind words, food, shelter, and comfort,  
Today is day 73 that my husband David Dees has been recovering at the hospital. Words can't express my undying gratitude. All of the prayers and kind words have surely been instrumental in keeping my sanity and to keep me going.  
Thank you Hospitality House of Tulsa  
Joy Dees,  
McAlester, OK



Thank you for the tasty meal you provided for my family! It was nice to come back to the Hospitality House after spending time with our newborn son in the N.I.C.U. and having a meal already cooked for my 9 year old daughter and ourselves! God Bless you for your unselfishness!  
Love, The Likner Family

To all the wonderful people that brought us the food. We really enjoyed it. It sure did help us out a lot. We didn't have much money so it helped us a lot. God works in many good ways. We can't thank you enough., Mike, Anne and Elvin

For all of the kindness, loving words, prayers, hugs and encouragement.  
Thank you for being my angels in Oklahoma. I am deeply grateful. Love, Chris

Dear Volunteers,  
Thank you so much for all of your help. I deeply appreciate it. You are in my heart. God bless you!  
Love, Gabby and Henry Scalley.



## Jessica D. DuBois

Our new volunteer coordinator, Jessica DuBois, comes to us from Grove, Oklahoma. Jessica is an Oklahoma State University alumna (go pokes!), holding a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Broadcasting with an emphasis on Public Relations and a minor in Spanish.

During college, Jessica volunteered and interned at several non-profit organizations and was involved in various campus and sorority philanthropy activities. It was through these experiences that Jessica developed her passion for helping others through non-profit work. After graduating, Jessica moved to Dallas, TX for an intensive six month internship, through which she worked on public relations campaigns for various companies, including several non-profits.

Upon returning to Oklahoma, Jessica chose Tulsa, where her family had relocated, as her new home. She began working in the marketing department at Saint Francis Hospital, where she worked until joining the Hospitality House of Tulsa family in August. Jessica is currently pursuing a Masters of Science in Mass Communication and Media Management at OSU-Tulsa. She lives with her older brother, Chad, who is also a student, and her Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Lily. Jessica's parents, who both work in healthcare, have recently moved to Cushing.

Jessica is excited to have the opportunity to be a part of God's plan for this amazing organization and is looking forward to working closely with the families and volunteers. She feels very blessed to have found a job where she can incorporate so many of her passions and prays the Lord will use her to further the vision of Hospitality House of Tulsa.