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Hillcrest Medical Center Donates Apartment Complex to The Hospitality House of Tulsa

Tulsa – Hillcrest Medical Center (HMC) is donating a 7-unit apartment complex to The Hospitality House of Tulsa, a local 501(c)(3) charity, to be used for family-centered lodging and support services for out-of-town family members of hospitalized patients.

"Having a family member hospitalized is very stressful," said Steve Dobbs, Hillcrest Medical Center CEO. "We are proud to work with The Hospitality House of Tulsa to offer comfortable and convenient housing to family members who travel long distances to be with loved ones."

According to Toni Moore, President of *The Hospitality House of Tulsa*, there are more than 25,000 patients who travel to Tulsa each year for inpatient care.

"The majority of these patients are accompanied by a family member or caregiver. These families are traveling 50 miles or more to Tulsa," Moore said. "Nearly half of the families we help are on limited income, and are not able to afford hotel and dining out costs associated with a lengthy medical stay."

When accommodations like the Hospitality House are unavailable, many family members will sleep in waiting room chairs or in their vehicles, and limit their meals to one a day, or eat out of vending machines. Under these circumstances, many caregivers experience isolation, sleep deprivation, stress, depression, and financial crisis.

The 7-unit apartment complex will include a washer, dryer and the Hospitality House will provide meals daily along with emotional and spiritual support. The Hospitality House will also have an office at the apartment site, which will be staffed to help guests.

"We estimate we can house about 150 families throughout the year and plans are to open this summer," said Moore.

The Hospitality House of Tulsa will host a fundraiser, *Big Band, Big Heart*, on Thursday, March 30, 2006 at 7 p.m. The benefit concert will feature the gospel big band sounds of The Tulsa Praise Orchestra with special guest Dave Boyer and will be held at Southern Hills Baptist Church, 5590 South Lewis Ave.

This event is sponsored by HMC, Louis Blosch Insurance Agency, First National Bank and Trust Company of Broken Arrow, and Arvest Bank. Tickets are $10 and are available at Mardel's, Lifeway Christian Store, Arvest Bank, Citizens Security Bank, Southern Hills Baptist Church- Tulsa, and Arrow Heights Baptist Church – Broken Arrow.

For information about tickets, please call 918-694-8888 or visit www.tulsahospitalityhouse.org. Donations may be sent to: The Hospitality House of Tulsa, P.O. Box 1988, Broken Arrow, OK 74013.

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The Hospitality House Of Tulsa
FACT SHEET

- Over 25,000 patients, representing families, travel to Tulsa each year for inpatient medical stays*. Of those 25,000…

  - Appx 20,000 come from 50 – 100 miles away
  - Appx. 3,000 come from 101 – 150 miles away
  - Appx. 500 come from 151 – 200 miles away
  - Appx 1,500 come from over 200 miles away (some stats showed up to 700 miles)

  * Data collected from Patient Feasibility Study in which the major Tulsa hospitals participated in, as well as data from The 2003 Patient Origin report derived from the 2003 Oklahoma Annual Cooperative Survey, published by The Oklahoma Hospital Association.

- According to a 2004 survey by The National Association of Hospital Hospitality Houses, cities the size of Tulsa can expect a hospital hospitality house to serve families from:

  - Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas, and Missouri
  - 27 states in the U.S.
  - 6 – 10 Foreign countries

  For more information on the National Association, go to www.nahhh.org

- The Average Length of Stay in a Tulsa hospital is 3.5 – 4 days. However many patients face longer stays of 1 week up to 2 months or more.

- Nearly 50% of patients seen in Tulsa hospitals are Medicare, Medicaid, and Uninsured patients, which represent families on very limited income, who can not afford out of pocket expenses associated with a lengthy medical stay.

- The Hospitality House of Tulsa was incorporated as a non-profit in November of 2004 and became a 501(c)(3) organization in July of 2005.

- The Hospitality House Board of Directors and Advisors include:

  Toni Moore, President of The Hospitality House of Tulsa
  Brooke Gage, LPC, Secretary/Treasurer of The Hospitality House of Tulsa
  Glenda Love, Ronald McDonald House – Tulsa
  Randy Hamil, Ardent/Hillcrest Health System
  John Herndon, First National Bank and Trust Co. of Broken Arrow
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