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## **Holiday Hospitality Helps Families in Need**

***Hospitality House of Tulsa kicks off holiday fundraiser with musically-synchronized light show and distribution of 500 “waiting room survival kits” to families in local hospitals***

TULSA, OKLA., Nov.22, 2011- As the annual kick-off of their *Room in the Inn, Room in our Hearts* fundraiser, Hospitality House of Tulsa gives families in need a *Night of Hospitality* Thursday, December 1, by hand-delivering 500 “waiting room survival kits” to families in 14 local hospitals. This year’s event, emceed by Pat Campbell, host of KFAQ’s *The Pat Campbell Show*, and Sunny Leigh, 98.5 KVOO’s morning show host, kicks off at 6:00 p.m. at 1135 S. Victor Ave. The community is invited to come enjoy a musically-synchronized light show, a visit from Santa, and a performance from the Cascia Hall Bell Choir, after which volunteers will take off to share some holiday cheer and deliver “waiting room survival kits” to families in need.

“This annual event is another way we are able to extend our vision of Boundless Hospitality outside of our organization’s limited space and into our community to serve these families in need,” says Toni Moore, President & CEO of Hospitality House of Tulsa.

The “waiting room survival kits” provide families who are sleeping in waiting rooms or cars during a medical crisis with items such as pillows, blankets, snacks, water, travel size hygiene items, and encouraging reading material. Annually, more than 25,000 patients travel to Tulsa for inpatient medical care, accompanied by family members and caregivers who are without financial resources for expenses such as lodging and food, especially during a lengthy medical stay. The Hospitality House of Tulsa serves

as a “home away from home” for these families, who would otherwise be forced to sleep in waiting rooms or vehicles and eat out of vending machines.

Hospitality House’s *Night of Hospitality* even kicks off their annual fundraiser, *Room in the Inn, Room in our Hearts*, through which community members can illuminate a Christmas light on Hospitality House for \$10, representing a night of lodging for a family. Each light may be dedicated to someone special this holiday season, and a light will be illuminated in their name on Hospitality House, providing a night of lodging for a family. Donations can be given through mobile devices or smart phones by going to Give.Mobi/HHT, or donate online at [www.tulsa hospitalityhouse.org](http://www.tulsa hospitalityhouse.org), or by calling 918-794-0088.

The *Room in the Inn, Room in our Hearts* Christmas light show consists of 10,200 lights, synchronized to music. From Dec. 1 through Jan. 5, community members can park their vehicles in the Hillcrest Physician’s building parking lot, directly across from the facility at 1135 S. Victor Ave, and tune into a local radio station to enjoy the light show. Light sponsorships will be available until Jan 5 as well, directly benefitting families in medical crisis.

For more information about these events or to get involved, call The Hospitality House of Tulsa (918) 794-0088 or visit [www.tulsa hospitalityhouse.org](http://www.tulsa hospitalityhouse.org)

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**About The Hospitality House of Tulsa**

The Hospitality House of Tulsa is a 501(c)(3) charity that provides lodging and support services to families living 30 miles outside the Tulsa area caring for loved ones who are inpatients in all Tulsa area hospitals.

\*For more information, see fact sheet.