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Hospitality House of Tulsa to Double Occupancy for Families in Medical Crisis

More than 40 skilled construction volunteers from Oklahoma and surrounding states begin renovations on a second facility to double space for out-of-town families of patients in Tulsa hospitals.

TULSA, OKLA., June 1, 2010- Hospitality House of Tulsa celebrates the generosity of more than 40 skilled construction volunteers from Oklahoma and surrounding states that begin renovations on a second facility June 4, which will double their occupancy for families in medical crisis.

“We are thrilled that these construction volunteers have begun preparatory work so hundreds more families will be served,” says Toni Moore, President and CEO of Hospitality House of Tulsa. “We realize the upcoming expansion is going to involve a huge fundraising effort to make the goal of doubling our capacity a reality, and our volunteers are beginning their work in that area. You’ll be hearing more from us in the future.”

Located on the Hillcrest Medical Center campus, Hospitality House of Tulsa is a non-profit organization whose mission is to offer a ‘home away from home’ for families caring for loved ones in medical crisis. Their programs include providing free lodging, meals and prayer support to hundreds of needy families each year that must travel to Tulsa to receive specialized medical care found in the 14 Tulsa area hospitals. Since opening their first facility in 2006, Hospitality House has given *Boundless Hospitality* to more than 750 families from all parts of Oklahoma and 23 states in the U.S.

More than 25,000 adult and pediatric patients per year travel 50 to 800 miles, along with their caregivers, to Tulsa for inpatient treatment. Hospitality House currently has seven fully-furnished family suites, which are occupied every night of the year. Because of the great need for their services, they also maintain a waiting list averaging 14 families each day.

The construction volunteers, part of a group called TRUSS & OBEY, have traveled to six states donating their time and skills to church and ministry building projects in the past.

“These great Christian volunteers have made our past 24 years and 28 projects a blessed and joyful work for all of those involved. The TRUSS & OBEY Lay Building Team consists of members from seven states and all ages. The team’s primary mission is helping small congregations reduce their building costs by using volunteer labor. Basically we receive great delight in doing the Lord’s work,” says Mike Maxwell, coordinator for TRUSS & OBEY.

Seven area churches including Arrow Heights Baptist Church, Central Baptist of Owasso, Southwood Baptist Church, First Baptist Church of Broken Arrow, First United Methodist Church of Broken Arrow, First United Methodist Church Tulsa, and Redeemer Covenant Church are also assisting Hospitality House by feeding and lodging these volunteers for nine days.

*For more information about The Hospitality House of Tulsa, call (918) 794-0088, or visit

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About the Hospitality House of Tulsa:

The Hospitality House of Tulsa is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, providing lodging, meals and support services to families of inpatients in the Tulsa area hospitals, traveling at least 30 miles to Tulsa to care for their loved one during a medical crisis.

*Please see fact sheet for more info

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