

Caring for the Caregiver

"If someone had told me that I would sleep on the floor in my daughter's hospital room, go days without a shower while sponging off in a restroom sink each day, or survive on meals from a vending machine for weeks at a time during her hospitalization, I would have told them it could never happen. It was a nightmare."

Marleen Steinhauser can still recall the vivid details and emotions surrounding her daughter's hospitalization and heart transplant in 2004. "We never left Ali's side. Life as we knew it simply stopped. We were in our own world," recalls Marleen.

For the family members, this vigil can become surreal. The fear of losing a loved one. The concern that a suitable organ will not be located in time to help the patient. The emotions involved in

realizing that another family could also be losing their loved one and have to make a difficult decision at a time of profound grief – to provide another family with a second chance at life.

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This vigil – which can take months, even years – is the piece of the transplant experience that presents one of the greatest challenges and sources of stress for family members and caregivers. While the patient is getting outstanding care at area hospitals, family members are often left on their own to face this emotional roller coaster and navigate everything from financial decisions to complicated medical issues.

While organ and tissue transplantation has grown dramatically in our region, there is a critical demand for programs aimed at supporting the family members and caregivers during this stressful time.

Gift of Life Family House will provide support to family members of pediatric and adult transplant patients through both the lodging component for 30 families each night, but also through its Lifeline programming which will be available to family members and caregivers regardless of whether they are staying at the Family House or live hundreds of miles away.

Marleen concludes, "The patient isn't the only one to suffer. It would have been nice to have someone hold me up so I could help my daughter."

Ali and her fiancé, Adam, squeeze in a Family House Young Friends' fundraiser at a recent Sixers game.



Marleen (left) and Ali combine two favorite activities, exercise and spending time together.

Gift of Life Family House

All about Lodging & Lifelines

Gift of Life Family House is being developed to provide support to family members of pediatric and adult transplant patients on two critical levels: Lodging and Lifeline services.

Each night, Gift of Life Family House will provide temporary lodging and supportive services to thirty (30) families traveling greater than 25 miles to Philadelphia seeking transplant care for their loved one. For those patients and family members who travel to Philadelphia, the Family House will provide a warm and caring environment offering affordable accommodations, meals and hospitality at 401-415 Callowhill in Philadelphia.

Guests will have access to the Family House Lifeline Program – our online educational resources and caregiver support information tailored specifically to the unique needs of transplant family members.

And whether you visit the Family House or live hundreds of miles away, access to the online resources available through our Lifeline Program is critical for our transplant family members:

- **Who's Caring for the Caregiver?**
- **Staying Healthy when Stressed**
- **Finding Support in your Community**

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OPEN THE DOOR TO LIFE

and empower and enrich our community

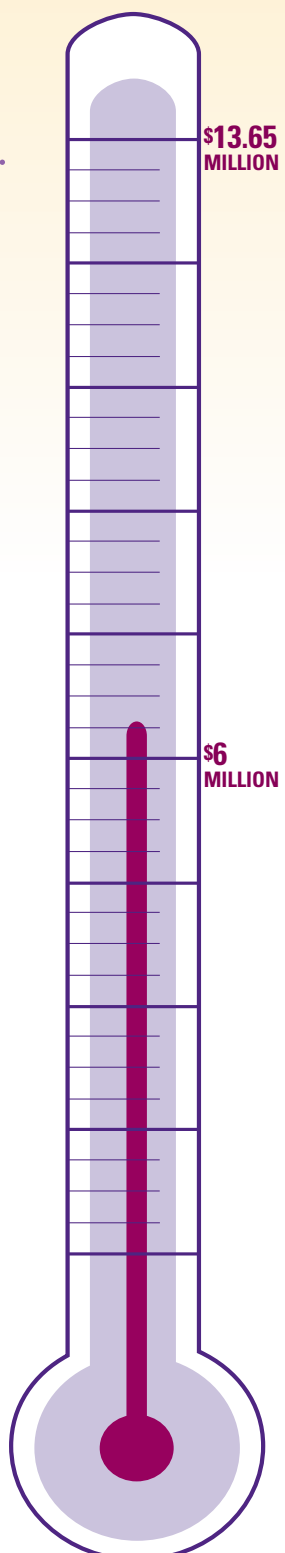
Gift of Life Family House is a unique and much needed resource for the growing number of families coming to Philadelphia for their loved one's life-saving transplant care.

Our capital campaign theme, "Open the Door to Life", embodies the celebration of life and the spirit of hope that these patients and families embrace. Our theme also underscores our ongoing commitment to promote awareness for the critical need for organ and tissue donation and honors our promise to take care of the entire family, including the patient.

Summary of Campaign Priorities and Projected Costs

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| Total Family House Project Cost | \$13.65 Million |
| Phase I: Land Acquisition | \$3.65 Million |
| Phase II: Construction & Related costs | \$7.5 Million |
| Phase III: First Two Years of Operating Revenue And Endowment Funds | \$2.5 Million |

To date, through the initial phase of our capital campaign, we have raised over \$6 million toward Phase I and Phase II between gifts/cash in hand (grants, special events and contributions) and multiple year pledge commitments.



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Bloomingdale's Fashion with
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Shopping Event
Help Change Lives Collection at the
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– Elaine Bender
Anthony Jensen Memorial Golf Outing
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Annual Golf Outing
Donors Rock Concert
Spring Fling
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Cask Night
Salt Creek Grille Restaurants, LLC –
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Young Friends Night with the 76ers
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FAMILY HOUSE EVENTS

July 25

15th Annual 2009 Kay Charles/Dave DeLong Memorial

Mike Seidick's Annual Golf Outing

Willow Brook Country Club, Allentown, PA

August 12

Gift of Rock

Concert to benefit Gift of Life Family House

Woodlands Inn & Resort, Wilkes Barre, PA

August 29

Beef & Beer

Flukes Bar & Grill, 7401 State Road, Philadelphia, PA

Hosted by the Aria Torresdale Hospital ICU Nurses/Philadelphia
Dragonboat Team

September 4

Nick Civitella Memorial Benefit

Paxon Hollow County Club, Media, PA

September 20

Papa Carl's 5th Annual Jam for Life at KatManDu

Trenton, NJ

October 3

Support Aria Torresdale Hospital ICU Nurses team at the
2009 Philadelphia International Dragonboat Festival on the
Schuylkill River!

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benefiting the Family House, visit www.GiftofLifeFamilyHouse.org
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