Making Transplant Families
FEEL AT HOME.

2015 Annual Report
Dear Friends,

580 families. 8,439 nights. 17,734 miles. 31,696 meals.
Because of the generosity of 1 incredible community.

I am so proud and in awe of the Gift of Life community and the loving support you continue to extend to transplant patients and their families. Especially to the families who rely on Gift of Life Family House as their “home away from home” for days, weeks, sometimes even months while they or their loved one receives life-saving transplant care here in Philadelphia.

2015 was an amazing year! With your help, we served more families than ever before. Our dedicated shuttle volunteers driving families to and from area hospitals, our fantastic Home Cook Heroes serving up warm and delicious meals, along with our social worker and other caring families here at the House guiding guests through their transplant journey. And thanks to your support of our Adopt-A-Family Program, we have never had to turn a family away due to their inability to pay our nightly fee. Thank you so much for everything you do to make our House a home!

This Annual Report demonstrates the impact the Family House has had on the transplant community in 2015— but more importantly, it demonstrates just how much YOU have touched the lives of so many of our families.

Thank you for standing beside us in our mission, both now and in the years to come. With you by our side, I am confident there are great things to come for Gift of Life Family House and the transplant families we serve.

With my deepest gratitude always,

Howard M. Nathan
President and CEO

A MESSAGE from the President

It’s really nice to know that someone understands what you’re going through. This is a wonderful place, I am so grateful for it. Thank you for helping families like mine.”

Tara, transplant recipient

COVER: Cesar, Carmen and “Super” Gabe Sanchez from San Inigeos, MD. Gabe received a double-lung transplant in March of 2015 at only 8 months old. Cesar and Carmen found solace at the Family House during this difficult journey.

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Gift of Life Family House serves as a “home away from home” for transplant patients and their families by providing temporary, affordable lodging, meals and supportive services to those who travel to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for transplant-related care.

Gift of Life Family House is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization.

Scott, transplant caregiver

“What has really impressed me has been after being at the hospital and dealing with what you have to deal with, it’s almost like the minute you arrive back here, all of that burden is taken off you and you just feel so relaxed.”

MISSION STATEMENT

Lighten Their Burden

Murray’s Apples
Patients & Caregivers HUP Lung Transplant Support Group
Ravi Patil’s Fundraiser
Paying it forward
Pop-Pop’s Miracle 40 Hours
Rowan University Student Team
Sonny’s giveback to the Gift of Life
Steinmetz Family’s 40 Hours for the Family House Challenge
Team Maureen
Team Maven
Team Prasad
Janice Waitkus’ 40 Hours for the Family House Challenge
War Horse Barbell Club
Warriors for Tim and Friends

A special thank you to the teams of the 2015 challenge and all those who contributed in their honor:

Top Individual Fundraiser
Kate Leong – Celebrating Gavin Leong
Top Team Fundraiser
Team Dhillon – Shah Family and Friends
Faith Carlin & Friends
Daddy’s 3 Girls
Every Life Deserves a Second Chance
Lynn Fallon’s 40 Hours for the Family House Challenge
Gift of Life Volunteers Team
Gift of the Gift House Teams
Gift of Life Inducted Families
Hospice Care Families
“I can laugh again” campaign
Mary Pat Kessler’s 40 Hours for the Family House Challenge
Peace Tree
Pop-Pop’s Miracle 40 Hours for the Family House Challenge

The Family House team can’t wait to see what the 40 Hours for the Family House challenge will bring in 2016!

SAVE THE DATE for the 3rd Annual 40 Hours for the Family House challenge, which kicks off at 8am on November 29, 2016 – Giving Tuesday!

For a second year in a row, Gift of Life Family House hosted the 40 Hours for the Family House fundraising challenge in celebration of Giving Tuesday. 140 Participants through 45 individual fundraising teams collectively raised a total of $60,695 to help 400+ families to support the Adopt-A-Family Program.
A special thank you to our volunteers in the community for coordinating fundraising events in 2015 to support the mission of Gift of Life Family House.

**FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

- **3RD ANNUAL KIDNEY OPEN GOLF OUTING**
- **9TH ANNUAL BENSALEM TOWNSHIP CHARITY CHALLENGE**
- **7TH ANNUAL NO SHOWER HAPPY HOUR**
- **5TH ANNUAL SMILES FOR TERRI GOLF AND DINNER EVENT**
- **3RD ANNUAL RYANSTRONG 5K**
- **GIFT WRAPPING FUNDRAISER**
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**WISH LIST Drives**

Keeping the Family House stocked with basic home necessities requires a list of donated food and supplies. We’re grateful to those who coordinated Wish List Drives in 2015.

- **5TH ANNUAL SMILES FOR TERRI GOLF AND DINNER EVENT**
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I can’t say enough about the wonderful staff, who always smile and listen, and the camaraderie among the transplant families we met. The Family House provided everything we needed—and more—during what were some of the most difficult weeks of our lives. **We could not be more grateful.**

Kristen, transplant caregiver

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**FOUNDERS’ CIRCLE**

The Founders’ Circle is made up of the following tiers:

- **Leadership and Legacy**
  - $1,000,000+
- **Trustee of Compassion**
  - $500,000+
- **Sponsor of Strength**
  - $200,000+
- **Ambassador of Generosity**
  - $100,000+
- **Partner of Care**
  - $50,000+
- **Benefactor of Trust**
  - $25,000+
- **Patron of Kindness**
  - $10,000+

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**2015 Founders’ Circle Members**

With deep gratitude, we proudly recognize our 2015 Founders’ Circle Members who have given major gifts to support the Family House.

**SPONSOR OF STRENGTH**

- The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia ($200,000+)
- Sam and Jean Jones
- Penney Girls Foundation (Pantry and Dining Room furnishings)
- TD Charitable Foundation

**AMBASSADOR OF GENEROSITY**

- $100,000+
- The Beneficial Foundation (Legacy Garden Tree)
- Beth and Robert* Horen (Gateway to Legacy Garden)

**PARTNER OF CARE**

- $50,000+
- The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (Family and Dining Room Furnishings)
- Temple University Health System

**BENEFACTOR OF TRUST**

- $25,000+
- Betsy and Robert* Horen (Gateway to Legacy Garden)

**PATRON OF KINDNESS**

- $10,000+
- The Beneficial Foundation (Legacy Garden Tree)

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When you have a successful transplant you realize how important it is to give back. Our goal is to do as much as we can to support the Family House.”

—Jeff Morgan, Founders’ Circle and Family Circle Member
The Family Circle is made up of the following giving levels:

- $5,000+ in Platinum
- $2,500+ in Gold
- $1,000+ in Silver
- $500+ in Bronze
- $250+ in Comfort in Copper

### 2015 Family Circle Members

Recognizing the year’s generous partners who helped us to sustain Family House operations and programs in 2015. The Family Circle is an annual giving program made up of philanthropic contributors who give $250 or more in a calendar year to support the Family House annual fund.

#### HONOR in Platinum

- Robert V. Nicoletti
- Robert and Lori Oxenford
- Andrew and Nancy Wender
- Richard Hasz
- William L. Firestone
- James and MaryAnn Coleman
- Edward and Wendy Eaton
- Thomas Druckenmiller
- Mr. Jim Foster
- Mark and Karen Hite
- Herbert and Lolita Hess
- Dr. Bala Carver
- Pasha andFitzpatrick's Crest Tavern
- Cadaret, Grant & Co., Inc.
- Victoria Burns
- Donna Campbell
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burgee
- Mrs. Joy Bannett
- A. Frank Cramer
- John and Christine Fugo
- John and Cornelia Fruncillo
- Margaret McGoldrick
- Connie and Jack McGinty
- John McCumber
- Patricia Mahoney
- Robert and Linda McCreary
- Catrina McFarland
- Mark and Kathleen Mathews
- Melissa Regan and Edward Regan
- Melissa and Brian Szabo
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Barns out of the realization that most transplant families don’t have the time or money to grocery shop and prepare a healthy meal after a long day in the hospital. Home Cook Hero programs is an essential means of healthy support for our guests. In addition to a fullystocked pantry, this program offers transplant families a home-cooked meal every evening, along with brunch on the weekends, to provide our guests the opportunity to decompress and share their experiences. Both the other families going through the transplant journey. It also provides a temporary opportunity for community guests to come to the hospital to be with their loved ones.

Navigating unfamiliar streets and city traffic, especially in bad weather, are a real challenge and the round-the-clock parking can put a strain on their already heavy financial burdens. To help our families cope, we offer free and secure on-site parking at the Family House and a complimentary daily shuttle service to and from the hospital supported by volunteer drivers.

Having the shuttle service available at the Family House alleviated my stress and fears of getting lost in the city. Each day, the volunteer driver safely dropped me off at the hospital and then brought me back to the House at the end of the day. There are no words to describe how grateful we are for the services provided.” — Diane Hems

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Caregiver Lifeline Program

The transplant journey is never easy. Long periods of diagnosis, treatment, and waiting can be emotionally and financially overwhelming. The Caregiver Lifeline Program was formed to provide meaningful, long-term need-related education and support as they undergo the transplant process. In addition to a full-time social worker on-site available for individual counseling, this program also offers an online informational library and community outreach programs—all of which help transplant families experience financial assistance, gain emotional support, and reconnect with clients.

In 2015, through generous contributions, the program supplemented $1,101,296 in patient expenses. The program also offers phone support group, hosting 24 phone sessions for 14 individuals and the support groups in person.

Adopt-A-Family Program

Gift of Life Family House provides home-like accommodations and a supportive community for transplant families, all for just $40 a night. Unfortunately, one in five families cannot afford even this modest nightly fee. Therefore, the Adopt-A-Family Program was formed—to ensure that no family is turned away due to their inability to pay. Thanks to generous contributions from our supporters of the Adopt-A-Family Program, the Family House can keep this nightly fee low, so that all eligible families are able to receive the loving care that the Family House provides.

In 2015 alone, through generous contributions, the Family House supplemented $1,101,296 worth of programs and services to bridge the gap between the modest revenues paid by families and the actual cost to care for these families.

When I first arrived at the Family House, I sat in her office for over an hour and just cried my eyes out. I was so overwhelmed with everything going on with my husband,” says Sara Trapper about meeting our Caregiver Lifeline Program’s social worker for the first time. “After meeting with her, I felt at ease knowing I wasn’t alone and would be supported throughout this difficult journey ahead of me.”

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11% of admissions pay fees for their lodging and never turn away a family for the first time.
Carrie, transplant caregiver

“It’s been a great help staying here at the Family House and a good relief. It’s comforting to know that my son and I have a roof over our heads. And the fact that we have a shuttle back and forth from the hospital and a hot meal served to us every night reduces my stress. I don’t even have to think about those things! Thank you for supporting our ‘home away from home.’”

Marcus, age 14 and his mother, Carrie, from Manchester, NJ. Marcus received a life-saving heart transplant in September of 2015 and stayed at the Family House for his recovery and follow-up appointments.