

# Family House



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## Mission

Family House provides affordable, home-like accommodations for families of patients or individuals receiving healthcare services in the Peoria area.

## Vision

Establish a culture of compassionate service that leads to a comforting guest experience.

## How to Help

The Family House staff appreciates our wonderful volunteers! There are many ways to get involved to provide caring and compassionate hospitality services for our guests. Volunteers can actively engage with our guests by serving at our reception desk or help care for the house by providing light maintenance and housekeeping duties. Groups are also welcome for special projects.

Participating in our Meal Program is a great volunteer opportunity for families, friends, and church and business groups. Our families always appreciate a warm, nutritious meal after spending the day at the hospital caring for their loved one.

Donations are also gratefully accepted. To donate online or provide needed items from our wish list, visit [familyhousepeoria.org](http://familyhousepeoria.org). To learn more about how you can support Family House, call (309) 685-5300.



"My wife and I want to thank you so much for being so kind to us. The entire staff of Family House welcomed us and made us comfortable over the days we stayed with you. We appreciated the warm atmosphere and convenient and comfortable accommodations. Thank you, Family House, for your mission to provide a caring, comfortable and convenient home away from home for families who need to be close to loved ones. We appreciate you."  
—Robert, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

Family House is the only healthcare hospitality house in central Illinois. Our doors are open to families of individuals receiving healthcare services from all four Peoria hospitals and other healthcare-related organizations, such as St. Jude and Illinois CancerCare. We serve families from throughout the United States and across international borders, many who come to Peoria in the midst of a medical crisis. Some families stay for one night, some for several weeks, and others many months.

Staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by a caring and compassionate staff, Family House is an affordable home away from home during a difficult time. Our house has 20 guest rooms, a fully-equipped kitchen, large dining room, laundry facilities, complimentary Wi-Fi, three lounges and peaceful outside sitting areas. The house is handicap-accessible, including an elevator, and has ample on-site parking. We strive to keep our room rates low, helping to relieve the financial burden that comes with a loved one receiving medical care.

OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, UnityPoint Health – Methodist and Kindred Hospital all provide a complimentary shuttle service between Family House and the hospital—a service for which all are grateful. Individuals who choose to stay bedside at the hospital are welcome to use our day services, which include shower and laundry facilities, at no charge.

Since opening its doors in 1985, Family House has been "A Place to Call Home" for all families, children and adults. Families like Robert's come to us for a time of rest and rejuvenation so they can better participate in the care of their loved one. Above all, they come to Family House so they can be close to their newborn, spouse, child, parent, grandparent – even a close friend – during their greatest time of need.

Gifts to Family House help provide affordable, home-like accommodations for families who are in the midst of a medical crisis. More than that, gifts to Family House allow us to provide the most precious gift of all: *time together for families in their time of need.*

## Upcoming Events

### 12th Annual Golf Outing

June 28, 2017

WeaverRidge Golf Club

### House Party Hilarity Charity 2

September 14, 2017

Featuring Comedian Taylor Mason  
Par-A-Dice Hotel

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