

Become a Friend

We welcome the kind gifts by you and other friends in support of our daily hard work to place patient-families at homes suitable to their lodging needs.

- Make a tax-deductible donation by mail or at our website, www.hostsforhospitals.org.
- Make a recurrent gift, such as \$15/month or more, through our website or a donor advisory fund.
- Arrange for us to submit a grant request to your company, community group or place of worship.
- Reach out via a **Friend-to-Friend Appeal** to your friends, family and colleagues. We can show you how to easily set up your own crowdsourcing campaign to benefit HfH. It's an easy, very effective way to help us raise the funds needed to sustain our hard work!

For details email HfH Director Mike Aichenbaum: mike@hostsforhospitals.org



Who May Be a Guest?

HfH lodging is available to all without restriction to age, race, faith, nationality or family size provided that they:

- Live so far from the hospital that commuting is difficult
- Have a permanent home to return to
- Are a patient, or support person for a patient, receiving medical care at a Greater Philadelphia medical facility
- Are screened to ensure the host family is not at risk

Patients are eligible to be Guests as long as they can be independent either by themselves or with the help of an accompanying support person.

Applying to Be a Guest

Anyone interested in learning about or submitting an application to be a Guest is invited to contact us:

- Phone: **484-380-2999**. Please leave a message if you reach our voicemail. Calls are returned by the next day and usually within a few hours.
- Email: lodging@hostsforhospitals.org
- Online: www.hostsforhospitals.org
Click '**Becoming a Guest**' on the homepage.
Next, click the blue '**Guest Application**' button
It's easy and takes about 10 minutes

(Spanish and Mandarin language versions available)

Once the application is submitted we contact our Hosts to obtain a home that best meets the patient-family's lodging needs. Often the process can be completed the same day.



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HOSTS for HOSPITALS
In-home Hospitality for Patients and Families



OUR MISSION

HOSTS for HOSPITALS (HfH) is a nonprofit agency providing lodging and support at volunteer Host-homes for \$20 per night per patient-family as a caring response to the lodging needs of patients and their loved ones coming to Greater Philadelphia for specialized medical care.

Since July 2000, over 3,300 patient-families have been welcomed into HfH Host-homes.

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Patient-families need Host-homes near Center City and throughout Greater Philadelphia, especially:



Who Are the Hosts?

Hosts are ordinary people from all walks of life. At the same time they are extraordinary in that, without being paid, they welcome patient-families in need into their homes. The homes typically range from ranches, to multiple-story homes, to condos in elevator-equipped buildings.

Before being accepted into the program all Hosts are screened. We conduct a consultation with the prospective Host-family along with a comprehensive inspection of the home.


Hosts are also trained to be sensitive to their Guests' feelings of stress and concern in light of the medical situation. Guest privacy is respected and Guests and Hosts are not expected to socialize unless they mutually wish to do so.

What Do Hosts Provide?

We strive to place Guests at Host-homes within easy access of treatment facilities. Hosts provide a clean and comfortable place to sleep, bathroom access and sheets, pillows, blankets, towels, etc.

Guests are responsible for their food, transportation, and personal toiletries such as toothpaste and shampoo. Guests who need kitchen use are placed at homes where they may bring food in, store it in the fridge and pantry, cook and clean up just as they do back at their own home.


Hosts also help orient Guests regarding directions and resources in the community.

 **With Minimal Stairs or an Elevator**
• For patients or family members unable or not allowed to do stairs



 **At a Snowbird Home / In-law Suite**
• For immune compromised patients who must stay in a private setting



 **Where Someone Speaks Spanish**
• For families evacuating Puerto Rico due to Hurricane Maria

Become a Host

You decide who, when and for how long you wish to have guests

Hosting is flexible to meet the life-circumstances of each Host-family. Some Hosts wish for short-term Guest stays of just a few nights, a week, a month or more. The point is that it's entirely up to you.

We adhere to the Hosts' preference for length of stay as well as criteria such as whether they will accept Guests who smoke, size of the Guest-family, children in their homes, or any other guidelines that Hosts may have requested.

We then only seek to place Guest-families according to these established preferences.

Help Recruit New Hosts

Does your company encourage volunteering in the community?

Contact us for help to open the door *at your place of work* so your co-workers may know how rewarding it is to be a Host. Also, contact us to arrange:

- A presentation *at your place of worship* or to a *community group* with which you are involved
- Having a HfH table *at a community event*

Use Your Social-Media Contacts to Help Particular Patient-Families

Join HfH on Facebook, Twitter and/or have us add your email to our contact list so you may let others know about particular patient-families in need.

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