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# AROUND THE HOUSE



## A Message from our House Supervisor, Pam Shriver

I have had the pleasure of being a part of the Rosenbaum Family House for over 11 years. Through that time, there have been both blessings and challenges, celebrations and heartbreak. Thinking over those years, I am looking at a beautiful wreath, made by a former guest that says "Thankful." This wreath exemplifies the way we want our guests, volunteers, and staff to feel on a daily basis.



We are thankful for the dream Hilda Rosenbaum had twenty-four years ago to make the House a reality. We are thankful for the families who have allowed us to be a part of their WVU Medicine health journey. We are thankful for a staff that is dedicated to the House and all those we serve. We are also thankful for the many supporters we have that help us provide quality care to our guests and provide a diversion from the situations they are dealing with at the hospital.

With that in mind, we are excited to be working on upcoming events including the Run Santa Run 5K to be held on December 10th, the Annual Wreath Decorating and Auction to be held on December 14th, and decking the halls for the holidays. We are also selling Enjoy Coupon Books again this year with \$10 of each purchase going back into programs at the House. Be sure to check us out on Facebook or reach out to Elizabeth Kanosky at [Elizabeth.kanosky@wvumedicine.org](mailto:Elizabeth.kanosky@wvumedicine.org) for more information. As we start the holiday season, we are THANKFUL for YOU and the difference you make in our guests and staff's lives. We truly couldn't do it without you!

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# HRCC Gandhi Walkathon and 5K

The Hindu Religious and Cultural Center of Morgantown held its annual Gandhi Day Walkathon and 5K Run on September 30th. The event is dedicated to promoting the message of unity, peace, and non-violence that was embodied by Mahatma Gandhi. This year, the community came together to raise \$4000, which was donated to the Rosenbaum Family House. Attendees enjoyed delicious North and South Indian cuisine, yoga, and a sense of community. We are grateful to the wonderful group of people who organized this event and warmly welcomed our staff!



## Fall Fun

Thank you to the WVU Biochemistry Club for pumpkin carving with our guests! Our guests love activities like this to help them destress and have a little fun. Club member Hayley Bockius said of the event, "The experience I had with the guests was truly incredible. The laughs and smiling faces of each participant warmed my heart and reminded me of how much joy can be found in fun activities and fellowship no matter what circumstance you're under.

You could see how each guest felt free to be themselves and enjoy every little moment. It was overwhelmingly rewarding to watch each guest walk away with a smile on their face. I am greatly looking forward to the next event my club can host!"

Do you have a special skill? Show it off to our guests! Contact Elizabeth Kanosky at 304-598-6094 option 3 or [elizabeth.kanosky@wvumedicine.org](mailto:elizabeth.kanosky@wvumedicine.org) if you are interested.



# Wish List

Check for our [#WishlistWednesday](#) posts on Facebook to see our weekly needs and start a supply drive in your own community! We are currently in immediate need of coffee cups with lids, creamer, napkins, plastic food storage containers, fabric softener, bleach, and disinfecting wipes. Use the Amazon link on Facebook to order and ship directly to the House; drop off items any day of the week between 7:30 am and 7:30 pm; or ship donations to 30 Family House Drive, Morgantown, WV 26506. We appreciate your support of our families! Donations truly make a difference.



## Enjoy Coupon Books

Enjoy Coupon Books are here at Rosenbaum Family House! Get tons of savings for various businesses around the area for only \$40 per book. These make excellent stocking stuffers for the holidays. Stop by to pick yours up and support Family House while you save.

# Run Santa Run



The fourth annual Santa Run, our fundraiser that supports Rosenbaum Family House, will be on Sunday, December 10th at 9am. There will be a food truck, hot chocolate, and plenty of festive photo opportunities. Walk, run, or just come out to support us and the participants! To sign up for the race, go to [www.runsanta5k.com/westvirginia](http://www.runsanta5k.com/westvirginia). If you would like to become a sponsor or volunteer, please contact Brandon Cook at 304-554-0240 or [bcook@wvuf.org](mailto:bcook@wvuf.org)

## Wreath Decorating Competition and Auction

Our annual Wreath Decorating Competition and Auction will begin soon! If you would like to participate in the decorating competition, please pick up your wreath from Rosenbaum Family House between November 9th and 24th. Return your decorated wreath before November 27th. The wreaths will be judged on December 8th and our auction will be held on Thursday, December 14th 10am-2pm.

Follow us on Facebook for more updates! Thank you to former guest Ginny Moxley for getting a head start and providing us with these beautiful wreaths.



# Adopt A Day/Week

Our Adopt A Day/Week program provides financial resources to help the guests who are unable to afford the nightly cost of staying at the House during their medical journey at WVU Medicine. The donation to Adopt a Day is \$250, and the donation to Adopt A Week is \$1,000. For more information on supporting Rosenbaum Family House, contact: Brandon Cook Associate Director of Development, Rosenbaum Family House WVU Foundation 304-554-0240 [bcook@wvuf.org](mailto:bcook@wvuf.org)



## Coming Up...

In the spirit of the Thanksgiving holiday, we are inviting our guests to get creative with a "Gratitude Crafternoon" where guests can make cards for loved ones or a gratitude vision board full of photos of things they are grateful for. We are currently accepting donations of various craft supplies like scrapbook materials, markers, scissors, and glue. If you would like to donate, please reach out to Elizabeth Kanosky at 304-598-6094 option 3 or [elizabeth.kanosky@wvumedicine.org](mailto:elizabeth.kanosky@wvumedicine.org).

# HHN Conference in Baltimore



At the beginning of October, our Senior Patient Family Liaison John Posey and our PR Specialist/House Coordinator Elizabeth Kanosky attended the Healthcare Hospitality Network (HHN) Conference in Baltimore. Rosenbaum Family House is one of 137 hospitality houses in the network, so this was a fantastic opportunity for our staff to network and learn from these other wonderful houses. John and Elizabeth came back with renewed excitement for the future of the Family House!

# Pawfect Companions

Our guests were in for a treat on October 24th when Gus (with owner Andrew Sulistio) and Keppra (with owner Kayla Baxendell) paid a visit. These furry friends are volunteers for Healing Hounds at WVU Hospitals, bringing smiles and comfort to both patients and staff. We were delighted to have them visit our own staff and guests. We hope to have them and many other therapy dogs visit us in the near future to provide much-needed cuddles.

