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AROUND THE HOUSE



Welcome New Director, Dana Schutte

Dana Schutte began as new Director of the Rosenbaum Family House on July 17th. From Bethel Park, PA, Dana previously worked as the Executive Director of the Spina Bifida Association in Wexford, PA for 3 years. Overall, Dana has over 30 years of experience in non-profit management.



"It is my pleasure to join Rosenbaum Family House in their mission to provide a home away from home to patients and their families who are receiving care at WVU Hospitals. As the new Director I was welcomed by Teri Ford, my predecessor and Pam Shriver, house supervisor. My experience and education in nonprofit management equipped me with the skills for the position, but Teri and Pam, along with Dr. Pellegrino have generously

shared their experience and insights to help me navigate the subtler aspects of stepping into this leadership role. I learn more everyday about the critical part Rosenbaum Family House plays in the continuum of care for patients. My goal is to work with this very talented team to assure the worth of our mission is recognized and supported so we can continue with Hilda Rosenbaum's vision of supporting patients and families so they can focus on healing while far from home."

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Sleep Well, Heal Well; New Beds For Comfortable Healing

Rosenbaum Family House welcomes over 1,700 families each year, providing a peaceful refuge from the pressures they face while dealing with medical issues. We are full every night of the year, with many guests staying with us for over a week. This causes a lot of wear and tear on our facilities, affecting our ability to provide a restful environment that promotes healing.

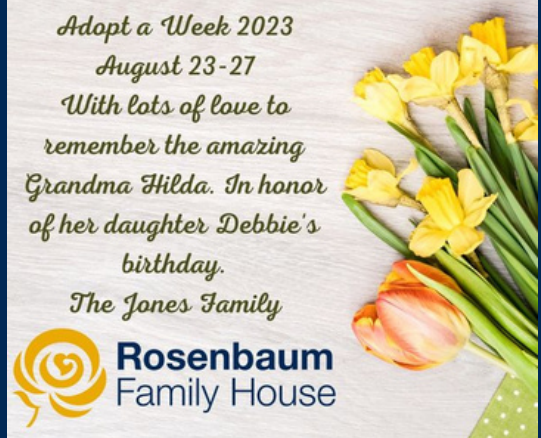
Through the "Sleep Well, Heal Well" initiative, we aim to replace all of our existing beds with new beds that are both more comfortable and more durable for long-term use. The cost per bed is \$2,000. Your gift to sponsor a bed will ensure that we offer our guests maximum comfort, so they find respite from the challenges associated with their care.

Contact Brandon Cook Associate Director of Development, Rosenbaum Family House WVU Foundation 304-554-0240 bcook@wvuf.org, make a gift by visiting give.wvu.edu/familyhouse, or scan the QR Code below.



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



Wish List

Check for our #WishlistWednesday posts on Facebook to see our weekly needs and start a supply drive in your own community!



Your Donations Make a Difference

Your donations help families like the Dorothy and Galen Cook who were guests from June until August. "The Rosenbaum Family House is like a second home. Everyone has been so kind. It has been so nice to be so close to the hospital when we needed it most. We have everything we need here. We really don't know what we would have done without this place."



Donation Station

The WVU College of Law created hygiene bags and activity packs for our guests. These items are always needed and appreciated.

The Spruce Grove Community Church in Mt. Nebo, WV provided another donation this month. One of their parishioners was a guest in the original Family House years ago, and they still think of us every month. Their small group of 28 church members always makes sure we are fully stocked.



Our Founding Donor's Birthday

We celebrated Hilda Rosenbaum's birthday on August 29th. Because of Hilda's generous contribution in 1999, the Rosenbaum Family House has provided lodging to over 26,000 families from 48 states and 14 countries and served over 150,000 meals. While Hilda's dream was to provide affordable housing for families going through the most difficult times in their lives, she could have never imagined how much more the Family House has offered them. Our mission to help as many people as we possibly can, not only by offering them a safe and comfortable place to stay, but also a compassionate ear to listen to whatever they are going through. Hilda is truly an inspiration to all of us. Happy Birthday!



DeFelice Family Dinners

The DeFelice Family has been cooking once a month since we reopened our doors to the public and for several years prior to COVID. They use it as family-bonding time while giving back to their community. If your family or organization is interested in providing a meal for the Rosenbaum Family House guests, please contact Elizabeth Kanosky at elizabeth.kanosky@wvumedicine.org or 304-598-6094 option 3.

Board Game Night

On August 21st, we hosted a game night for our guests complete with lots of treats, snacks, and fun games. There was even a very intense game of Jenga. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible, especially our board members! Our guests always appreciate distractions from what is happening at the hospital.

