



SEPTEMBER 2023

AROUND THE HOUSE




Serving Smiles: Helen Thompson

Helen Thompson has been a volunteer at Rosenbaum Family House since May 2022. Although originally from New Jersey, Helen relocated to Morgantown after retiring in order to be closer to her family. Since joining the Family House, Helen has been an invaluable asset, contributing to the front desk operations and cooking meals for guests.



Helen's dedication to volunteering is truly inspiring. Her warm and friendly demeanor make her a welcoming and calm presence to our guests giving hope to them in their darkest days.

Despite being newer to the area, Helen's eagerness to help others has made her an integral part of the Morgantown community. Her selflessness and generosity have not gone unnoticed. In April 2023, she was awarded by Friends of WVUH for 100 hours of service and in May 2023 was named Volunteer of the Month. It is volunteers like Helen who make all the difference in the world. Their tireless efforts and commitment to helping others truly make the world a better place. We are grateful for the contributions Helen has made to the Rosenbaum Family House, and we hope she continues to inspire others to follow in her footsteps. If you would like to become a volunteer at Rosenbaum Family House, please contact the Volunteer Office at Ruby Memorial at 304-598-4134 or volunteer@wvumedicine.org.

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Volunteers Needed

The Rosenbaum Family House needs volunteers who can lead our guests in a class or a game. The Family House provides housing for patients and families of loved ones at WVU Hospitals who live more than 50 miles away. Some guests stay for more than a month and often need something to occupy their time not spent with their loved ones. Got a special and unique skill? Show it off to our guests!

Examples

- Cookie decorating
- Origami
- Cooking
- Painting
- Music
- Nail art
- Exercise
- Games

Contact Elizabeth Kanosky at 304-598-6094 x71106 or elizabeth.kanosky@wvumedicine.org if you are interested.

Donation Station

David Casto, grandson of former guests Galen and Dottie Cook, decided that this year for his birthday, he wanted wish list items for the Rosenbaum Family House instead of presents. He organized a drive in his community to give back to the Family House that provided so much care for his grandparents in their time of need. Thank you to this caring family!



Thank you also to the WVU Student Academy of Audiology for a wonderful donation of wish list items including bleach, coffee, canned goods, and more!

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 individually packaged snacks, travel-sized conditioner, napkins, fabric softener, and coffee cups with lids. 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.



Coming Up...

On Halloween, we will host a party for our guests. We will provide a spooky dinner, desserts, candy, and some fun games and photo opportunities. If you are interested in helping in any way, whether it's dinner, decorations, or even Halloween props and accessories, please contact Elizabeth Kanosky at 304-598-6094 option 3 or elizabeth.kanosky@wvumedicine.org.

Run Santa Run



We are excited to announce that this year, we will be hosting the fourth annual Santa Run, our fundraiser that supports Rosenbaum Family House, on Sunday, December 10th at 9am. Last year, over 100 runners braved the cold weather and ran the 5K, which raised \$11,000. To sign up for the race, go to 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

Coffee from Mountaineer Roasting Company

Thank you to Mountaineer Roasting Company for providing a coffee bar for our guests on September 26th. Our very own Associate Director of Development, Brandon Cook, and Senior Patient Family Liaison, John Posey starred as baristas and made fresh coffee and lattes for our guests. The weather was perfect for this event, and our guests loved the fall treat.



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

Adopt a Day 2023

September 1

In Memory of Carol

Murphy by her

daughter Debbie

Murphy



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Adopt a Day 2023

September 9

Thank you to Car Mart

Used Cars of

Parkersburg, WV for

adopting today in honor of

WVU Football's' first

home game!



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Adopt a Day 2023

September 10

Happy 1st

Birthday, Lane!

Love, Grandma



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RFH WVU Tailgate



On Friday, September 15th, the Rosenbaum Family House hosted a tailgate party for guests. We served all of the favorite tailgate foods and even had cornhole set up for guests to play. Thank you to our board members for their help with putting this together. Our guests always appreciate distractions from what is happening at the hospital.

Dinner by Guests for Guests

Our guests Connie and Cynthia Broyles have been guests at Rosenbaum Family House since the second week of September, and Cynthia has another month of treatments scheduled. The family has a restaurant in Linside, WV called C&C's Diner where they serve traditional home-cooked food. They decided that while they are at the Family House for Cynthia's treatments they would bring some of their diner to the Family House. They cooked chili, potato soup, cornbread, and a variety of pies, and it was the perfect meal for such a rainy day. We are so grateful when our families give back in big and small ways. If your family or organization is interested in providing a meal for our guests, please click the link below or contact Elizabeth Kanosky at elizabeth.kanosky@wvumedicine.org or 304-598-6094 option 3. We hope to see your group soon!

