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AROUND THE HOUSE



A Letter from a former guest, Jack Williams

When I was first diagnosed with cancer, I was overwhelmed with fear and anxiety as to what would happen. I needed help and answers and thankfully, they started to come. As my care team was able to understand the nature and extent of my cancer diagnosis, it became clear my best options were to receive radiation and chemotherapy at J.W. Ruby Memorial in addition to surgery. I was not sure how or if I could make that drive each day, and I knew I would not be able to work, which made things so much worse.

It was at that time I was informed by one of my doctors of the Rosenbaum Family House. They let me know there was a place I could stay close to the hospital that was not only affordable, but also very helpful to people in my circumstance. I thought if I could only arrange to live there, I could get my treatments and look for options to perform my work. With the assistance of my care team, arrangements were made for my stay at the Family House. Upon my arrival, I quickly learned this would not just be a place to “stay”, but a place where I would feel welcomed, wanted, special, and loved. Every staff member, meal volunteer, and fellow resident I have met have been so loving and caring, that this became a home away from home for me.

The most amazing blessing has been with the staff that work for and manage this home away from home. They have all shown tremendous concern, support, patience, and understanding and love for me and for all others.

Thank you, Rosenbaum Family House for allowing your facility and staff to be a part of the blessings God has for me. I am thankful for the Rosenbaum Family House.

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Run Santa Run

We are overwhelmed by the amount of support we received from the Run Santa Run 5K. Over 300 runners signed up and braved the rain for this event, all while smiling and dressed in their festive best outfits! Thank you to all the runners, volunteers, and sponsors for making this fun run possible. Sponsors donated more than \$14,000, which will help so many of our families. It was heartwarming to see so many runners come together to spread joy and cheer, despite the less-than-ideal weather conditions. We can't wait to see you all again next year!



Wreath Auction

We would like to thank all those who took part in this year's Wreath Auction and Decorating Contest by donating a decorated wreath. The event was a success, with numerous beautiful and creative submissions. However, only three wreaths were selected by our Board of Directors as the winners. Ginny Moxley's moose wreath was awarded "Most Whimsical," Logan Sanders' cardinal wreath was named "Most Original," and Margie Robey's snowman wreath was chosen as "Best Overall." We are also proud to share that we raised a total of \$1,196 for the Rosenbaum Family House - an accomplishment that would not have been possible without the generosity of our community. The funds raised from the auction will go a long way in providing comfort and support for our families during their difficult times.



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 travel-sized body wash. 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 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 with \$10 of every sale going directly to Rosenbaum Family House. These make excellent stocking stuffers for the holidays. Stop by to pick yours up and support Family House while you save.

Christmas Trivia Night

On December 18th, we held a festive Christmas Trivia Night for our guests. Providing dinner for the night was the WVU Department of Anesthesiology serving delicious tailgate food. Our game show host for the night was our PR Specialist/House Coordinator Elizabeth Kanosky. Guests were treated to fun holiday music in between rounds of tough questions like, "According to Hallmark, approximately how many Christmas cards are sent annually?" Answer: 1.3 billion! Guests enjoy events like these that put them in the holiday spirit and take their minds off of why they are here. The top three teams received gift cards and of course, bragging rights. We are grateful to have such a wonderful community of guests and staff who make events like these possible.



Share the Table



Our "Share the Table" campaign is our latest effort to promote community engagement. We encourage groups to participate by tagging other departments or businesses on social media asking them to "share the table" by providing a meal for us. If you would like us to tag a business in our posts, please let us know. Join the movement and help us spread the word!



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
December 3
In Memory of Rob Paboucek - Greatly missed on his birthday and every day. Love his wife, children, and grandchildren.*



*Adopt a Week 2023
December 14-18
With lots of love to remember the amazing Grandma Hilda. In honor of her favorite son-in-law, Joe Jones, and his birthday this week. The Jones Family*



Find us on 

Be sure to follow us on Facebook at Rosenbaum Family House to stay up to date on all of our events and announcements!

MLK Jr. Day of Service

MLK Jr. Day of Service is on Monday, January 15th. Celebrate by volunteering with Rosenbaum Family House. Sign your organization up to provide dinner, start a wish list drive in your community, or provide an activity for our guests. For more information, contact Elizabeth Kanosky at 304-598-6094 option 3 or elizabeth.kanosky@wvumedicine.org.



Rosenbaum Family House
MLK JR. DAY OF SERVICE

JANUARY 15TH

SERVE DINNER **DO AN ACTIVITY** **START A WISH LIST DRIVE**

CONTACT ELIZABETH KANOSKY FOR MORE INFORMATION 304-598-6094 OPTION 3 OR ELIZABETH.KANOSKY@WVUMEDICINE.ORG.

Thank You Donors

We are thrilled that this year has been an incredible success for donations. With the help of over 80 volunteer groups providing dinner, over 200 wish list donations, 27 Adopt-A-Days/Weeks, guests paying it forward by covering fellow guests' room charges, and many individual donations, we were able to make a significant impact. Your donations have helped our over 2,000 guests this year stay at the Rosenbaum Family House comfortably. We hope that everyone has a very happy and safe holiday season and a fantastic New Year!

