



ILLINOIS MEDICAL DISTRICT Guest House News

Barb and Dean: Finding a “Godsend” in IMD Guest House

Barb Bebee’s Type-I diabetes had progressed to an almost hourly struggle to monitor her blood sugar. With the hope of improving this situation, Barb’s endocrinologist in Wisconsin thought that it would be beneficial for her to participate in Dr. Jose Oberholzer’s study of pancreatic islet transplantation at the University of Illinois Hospital.

In the fall of 2013, Barb received her first transplant as part of this important research. Although the procedure has a minimal hospitalization, she needed almost daily monitoring by the transplant team. With this reality, Barb and her husband, Dean, began to worry about the costs and logistics of the situation and remember thinking “How are we going to afford a multi-week stay in a downtown hotel and how are we going to travel between the room and the hospital for frequent appointments?”

A clinical assistant recommended the IMD Guest House as a possible solution. Dean spoke to a staff person at the Guest House and “she made everything easy and was able to get us a room that same day. Once we arrived at the room we were very surprised to see it was actually an apartment.”

Although they looked at other options, Dean and Barb felt most comfortable with the Guest House because



of its affordability as well as its proximity to the hospital. “It’s great, I don’t have to drive and we can walk to the hospital,” commented Barb. Dean and Barb also expressed appreciation for the home-like setting the Guest House offered as a place to relax between hospital visits and believe this was something that would likely not be found at a hotel.

The Beebes were able to return home to Wisconsin as Barb’s condition improved and only required intermittent visits to Chicago to monitor the transplant. She recently returned after seven months for a second transplant, and Dean made sure to make a reservation at the Guest House.

“The Guest House is a godsend; safe, affordable, and close. . . the staff have taken all the worry and tension out of staying in a big city, made it affordable and comfortable, which has allowed us to focus on the care and recovery of my wife. We appreciate it very much. . . it makes a difference in people’s lives during very difficult times. We can’t thank you enough.” •



Thanks Volunteers!

We would like to highlight the following groups for their volunteer service and contributions to IMD Guest House. With your help, the Guest House feels more like "home" to our patients and caregivers. The following is our 2013-2014 "Honor Roll":

ACO Commercial
Culinary Care with Boston Blackies Restaurant and Municipal Bar + Dining Co.
Girl Scout Troop #20164
Girl Scout Troop #20744
Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza
Jackie Carey & Daddy Saturday's
MB Financial Bank
Mulligan Meal Makers
Mutual of America
Notre Dame de Chicago Parish
UIC Alpha Phi Omega Sigma Sigma
UIC Alternative Spring Break service group
UIC American Medical Student Association Community and Environmental Health Committee
UIC Association of Pre-Medical Students
UIC IGNITE Leadership Experience service group
UIC Office of International Services Trade Winds
UIC Society of Future Physicians
US Cellular
Wells Fargo
Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart •

Giving Back One Meal at a Time



"We went through some tough times when my mom was ill, before she passed two years ago. We were in the hospital 24 hours a day," explained Jackie Carey when asked about why she is volunteering at the Guest House. "I really

understand what people are going through when they have a loved one in the hospital. We needed help then and now I want to give back."

Jackie, owner of Chicago's Daddy Saturday's Restaurant & Catering, has provided a warm, home-cooked meal to our guests every month since January 2014 after seeing a notice in Volunteer Match. Her baked chicken and mac & cheese have quickly become a guest favorite.

"I enjoy seeing the smiles on people's faces, bringing the best out in people especially while they're going through such hard times. I like to see the food I make, bring them some joy, help them feel better for just a little while," added Jackie. "My family and staff truly enjoy volunteering at the IMD Guest House. I really enjoy working with Jan and making the people staying there happy."

We appreciate Jackie and all our Meal Makers who have provided comfort food for our guests each month.

*Interested in becoming a meal volunteer?
Please contact Jan, Volunteer Coordinator,
at jank@imdguesthouse.org •*



New Staff Join IMD Guest House

We want to welcome and introduce the most recent additions to the staff of the IMD Guest House.

Chiquita Edwards – Guest Relations

Chiquita originally joined the staff in 2013 as a part-time University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) student worker. She is now part of our Guest Relations Department helping guests with reservations and room check-in as well as hosting “Movie Nights” in the Community Room.



Cecelia Blue – Finance Manager



Cecelia joins the Guest House as the Finance Manager with several key responsibilities including Human Resources, vendor relations and accounts payables/receivable. An alumnus of UIC with both a BS and MBA, she also earned a JD from DePaul University.

Derek Birkner – Booth Fellow

As an intern and University of Chicago Booth Business School Fellow, Derek is a part-time member of the Guest House Staff and a full-time MBA graduate student. His work will involve projects focusing on social media and a Junior Board for the IMD Guest House. •



Board of Directors Annual Meeting

The IMD Guest House Foundation’s Annual Business meeting was held on April 3, 2014. The meeting involved several actions related to our Board of Directors.

During the meeting, the following officers were elected:

- Ammie McAsey, McKesson – Chair
- Lisa Saul, Lisa J. Saul Esq. – Secretary
- Paul Smith, Crowe and Horwath – Treasurer

We also welcomed several new Board Members:

- Jerry Anderson, Gift of Hope and Booth School of Business Alumni
- Avi Lev, Assurance
- Scott LaCrosse, MB Financial

Likewise, the event offered the chance to express our appreciation to departing Board Members:

- Brian Baginski, US Bank
- Steve Washington, Ice Miller

Congratulations to our new officers and Board Members and thank you again to all for your service to the IMD Guest House. •

Introducing

You may have noticed in this newsletter or on other materials that we have updated our logo! The revised design is more reflective of our commitment to compassionately treating each guest with care and respect. It is also a more illustrative demonstration of the support of a caring, dedicated staff and volunteers as well as a community of other patients and caregivers who share similar experiences. •



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Continuing Our Growth and Impact

Several key statistics continue to demonstrate IMD Guest House's growth and positive impact for patients and caregivers. For the first quarter of 2014, the Guest House experienced an 89% increase in nights available and a 65% increase in nights of service provided. With the expansion of the Financial Assistance program, Guest House stays at reduced rates have more than doubled in the first quarter from 687 (2013) to 1381 (2014). During the same period, 130 unique families have benefited from approximately 140 stays at IMD Guest House. •

First quarter
Guest House
stays at a
reduced rate:



Giving Comfort

We're excited to announce that IMD Guest House is now a Chicago distribution partner for Giving Comfort Kits! Giving Comfort is a program of the McKesson Foundation, focused on providing patients undergoing cancer treatment with comfort items such as a soft blanket, warm socks, soothing tea and more during a time when they need them the most. Comfort Kits are filled by McKesson volunteers with items that are collected throughout the year. Each kit also includes a personal note of encouragement. Please contact Robin Chan at robinchan@imdguesthouse.org to learn more or visit www.givingcomfort.org to send a kit to a loved one. •



Four More Rooms for Cancer Patients

Editha House Foundation has graciously agreed to sponsor four more rooms for cancer patients and their caregivers. This new addition brings the number of IMD Guest House rooms for this purpose to 16. Room sponsorship is vital to helping us expand the availability of accommodations to those in need and we are very appreciative of the generosity of the Editha House Foundation. •



With Sympathy on Your Loss . . .

The Board and staff of IMD Guest House wish to express heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of . . .

- Michael Baucom
- Jay Brooks
- Baby Franklin
- Jonathan Herath
- Scott Inman
- Manjit Rochlani
- Nancy Roraback



The Mid-America Club hosts...
ILLINOIS MEDICAL DISTRICT GUEST HOUSE
for
Cocktails for a Cause



WEDNESDAY
JUNE 25
6:00pm - 8:00pm
**Cocktails
Hors d'Oeuvres**
\$25 Advance [by June 20]
\$30 Door



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Cocktails for a Cause

Cocktails for a Cause will be held at the Mid-America Club located at 200 E. Randolph Drive in Chicago on the 80th Floor of the Aon Center on June 25th from 6 to 8pm. The Mid-America Club is a private social club with over 500 members and we are proud to present our first combined networking event. Purchase of tickets includes drink tickets and appetizers. Tickets are \$25 before June 20th or \$30 at the door. Tickets are available online at www.imdguesthouse.org. •

Enter the
IMD Guest House's Annual Golf Outing
**Helicopter Golf Ball
Drop Contest**

to be held Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Cog Hill

GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

12294 Archer Avenue, Lemont, IL 60439

Winner receives \$1,000 cash prize!

50 Balls at \$400 | 10 Balls at \$85
5 Balls at \$45 | 1 Ball at \$10

For more information or to register, please visit:
<http://tinyurl.com/imdhelicopterdrop2014>

For more information please contact
Lizzy Sternberg at lizzy@givingtreeassociates.com.



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Upcoming Events for Our Guests in June

Grab 'n Go Breakfast

Wednesday, June 4th

Cookie Baking

Tuesday, June 10th

Dinner at the Guest House

Wednesday, June 11th

Cookie Baking with Wells Fargo

Wednesday, June 18th

Dinner at the Guest House with Wells Fargo

Wednesday, June 18th

Grab 'n Go Breakfast & Goody Bags with Wells Fargo

Thursday, June 19th

Chair Massages from Greet the Day

Thursday, June 19th

Dinner at the Guest House with Culinary Care

Wednesday, June 25th

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Help Welcome Our Guests: Join the Guest Greeter Team!

We are looking for conscientious, friendly individuals to join the Guest Greeter team to welcome our guests during check in. Our volunteer greeters will meet guests



at the Front Desk, show them to their room as well as point out amenities of the facility and IMD Guest House standards with a brief tour.

Guest Greeters will be stationed in the Community Room and will also assist with light office work and prep before guests arrive after 4 p.m.



The suggested commitment for this important volunteer role is one time per week or month for a two to three hour shift be-

tween the hours of 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. If interested in becoming part of our effort to create a sense of home and comfort as patients and caregivers settle in for a stay with us, please contact Jan, Volunteer Coordinator, at jank@imdguesthouse.org •