



## Press Release

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### Keeping Families Close during Medical Treatment Away from Home, IMD Guest House Foundation Celebrates 10 years of Service

CHICAGO, IL, OCTOBER 8, 2015, ***Red and White on Thursday Night***. – The Illinois Medical District (IMD) Guest House Foundation is proud to mark 10 years of service to families at its annual wine tasting, at Carnivale Restaurant, 702 West Fulton Market, Chicago, from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm on October 8th. Among the guests will be the first family who stayed at the Guest House. In 2005, Aris and Jen Cleanthous were expectant parents, who discovered they would need an emergency medical delivery while traveling in the Chicago area. Their son Nathan was born prematurely and they needed temporary, affordable and convenient lodging to be as close to him as possible until he could be released from the hospital. Today, their son Nathan is a happy and healthy 10-year-old.

**\*Special Guest: Cleanthous Family**  
(1<sup>st</sup> Family to stay at the IMD Guest House)

This year's ***Red and White*** event is Co-Chaired by Chuck Gavzer, Sarah Grady and Lisa Saul. Superior Air Ground Ambulance Service, Inc. is the title sponsor. Join IMD Guest House and the Cleanthous Family as the Guest House celebrates 10 years of unique service to families and looks towards the future. All proceeds from the event benefit the Comfort Fund, which ensures no families are turned away for financial reasons. For more about the IMD Guest House Foundation programing, visit [www.imguesthouse.org](http://www.imguesthouse.org).

“No other facility in Chicago services both adult and pediatric patients & outpatients, and has made this kind of commitment to provide comfortable and affordable temporary lodging,” said Michael Mayse, Executive Director. “Outpatients and families of patients receiving treatment away from home face financial and logistical challenges when looking for a place to stay, which add extra stress during a difficult time. For 10 years, we have offered a convenient place to stay at an affordable rate, which has helped relieve that extra stress for thousands of families. We want to celebrate this milestone by giving our supporters the chance to enjoy the occasion.”

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“In addition to providing a place to stay, we also create a sense of community for our guests,” explained Adam Helman, Director of Development. “We’ve grown substantially in the last 10 years, but we still feel like we are just getting started.”

IMD Guest House Foundation looks towards the future in continuing its mission and shaping a culture of generosity in the great city of Chicago!

Members of the media can register for the event by contacting Adam Helman at [adamh@imguesthouse.org](mailto:adamh@imguesthouse.org)

### **About the Illinois Medical District (IMD) Guest House Foundation**

The Illinois Medical District (IMD) Guest House Foundation provides service to families 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Guest House mission is a commitment to offer the comforts of home in a caring community for outpatients and the families of patients who must seek treatment away from home through convenient and affordable temporary lodging. IMD Guest House Foundation asks for a nominal nightly rate for the accommodations, and no family is turned away for their inability to pay.

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