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To date, the Foundation has secured \$1.7 million in pledges and donations for the *Extending Home* capital campaign. An estimated \$2 million is needed to construct and furnish the Hospitality House. An additional \$1 million is needed for establishment of an endowment to ensure ongoing operation.

You Can Help

To learn more about the Hospitality House and how you can support the *Extending Home Capital Campaign*, contact Commonwealth Health Foundation at (270) 796-5543 or info@chfbg.org. Donor recognition and naming opportunities are available.

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Capital Campaign Announced for Construction of Hospitality House



On January 13, Commonwealth Health Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Commonwealth Health Corporation (CHC), announced the *Extending Home* capital campaign for construction of a Hospitality House. Funds raised through the *Extending Home* campaign will help build, furnish and staff the 13,564 square foot “home away from home” to be situated on The Medical Center campus at the corner of High and Fifth streets. The 12 private guestroom, private bath facility will serve the family members and caregivers of seriously ill patients receiving treatment at The Medical Center and Commonwealth Regional Specialty Hospital.

The need for a Hospitality House has greatly increased as patients are traveling from all across the region to receive care at The Medical Center for various services including cardiac, cancer, orthopaedic and neonatology services.

“Nearly half of our patients reside outside of Warren County,” said Connie Smith, Chief Operating Officer of CHC and Chief Executive Officer of The Medical Center. “On average, those patients spend nearly five days in the hospital. And, while we try to make family members and caregivers as comfortable as possible, there’s nothing quite like having the comforts of home in such close proximity.”

In 2007 and 2008, an average of 8,600 patients from outside Warren County stayed at The Medical Center. Additionally, Commonwealth Regional Specialty Hospital – a long term acute care hospital located within The Medical Center – treats patients who require specialized, continuing medical care for chronic or complex medical conditions. The average length of stay for these patients is 25 days or more.

In addition to the 12 private guestrooms and baths, the Hospitality House will feature a large kitchen and dining room to accommodate multiple families, a prayer room, a community room with comfortable furnishings, and a business center with computers and internet access. The Hospitality House will also be available for patients receiving outpatient radiation therapy. It is not uncommon for some of these cancer patients to drive 50 miles one way for treatment. There will not be a charge to stay at the Hospitality House, however, guests who are able to make a donation for each night they stay will be encouraged to do so.

“Bowling Green is a hub for healthcare, and the Hospitality House will be a welcomed addition to our community,” said Mike Murphy of Scott, Murphy and Daniel who serves as Chairman of the capital campaign committee. “In the midst of a medical emergency or lengthy hospitalization, families need the assurance that they will have a warm, safe and inviting place to stay during those trying times. The need for the Hospitality House is clear, and we can’t wait to see it come to fruition.”