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## HELP US KEEP IN TOUCH

We need your help to keep in touch with you! We're building an e-mail list to keep everyone updated on our news, events and announcements. Please send an e-mail to famhouse@familyhousepeoria.org to be added to the list.

## BOUQUETS

*from Family House guests*

"We had no time to prepare for being gone for such a long time and were happy to learn about Family House. After having first spent several nights sleeping at the hospital, it was great to have somewhere else to stay. The atmosphere at Family House is so warm and homey and was a great escape from the stresses of the day. We will never forget our experience in Peoria and all the wonderful people we met along the way. ► E.W. "

## AMAZING ...

*A young mother's story and her thoughts about Family House.*

When Denise Dial, of Effingham, Illinois, was told at 21 weeks into her pregnancy her child had hypoplastic left heart syndrome, or half a heart, she didn't know what to think.

Hypoplastic left heart syndrome affects four out of 10,000 live births, but the cause of the syndrome is unknown.

Married and already the mother of three-year-old, Garrett, Denise tried to begin to process how her life, and her family's life, would change— though the full extent could not be known until the birth of her daughter. Jayna Lynn Dial was born on October 18, 2012. Jayna had her first of three surgeries when she was eight days old. Then on January 26, 2012, Jayna had to have a GI tube inserted because she was unable to suck on a bottle. 133 days later, Jayna was released from the hospital and awaits another upcoming surgery.

Without Family House, Denise would have either slept on the couch in Jayna's hospital room or had to make the three hour commute, one way, to Effingham every day. Denise was initially connected to Family House by a nurse at OSF St. Francis Medical Center. Given one word to describe Family House, Denise said, "AMAZING." Denise went on to explain, "The staff is so very kind and friendly. It's so nice to come back to Family House and rest my head after a stressful day at the hospital. I will be forever blessed to know the staff at Family House."

*Denise Dial and her daughter, Jayna.*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHRISTOPHER!

Christopher and Missy Hampton came to Family House in February 2011 when their young son, Christopher, was hospitalized. They were still at Family House when we moved to our new house. Recently, when Christopher had his first birthday, his parents asked for donations instead of birthday gifts and then took his picture in the middle of the donations.

*Thank you to the Hampton family for remembering Family House!*



## EVENTS

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

#### May 19, 2012

23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Carolyn Mannlein Memorial Race for Family House at the Clubs at River City.

#### September 7, 2012

Golf Outing at the Country Club of Peoria.

#### November 23, 2012

Christmas Magic at Four Points by Sheraton Downtown Peoria.

Visit the Family House website at [www.familyhousepeoria.org](http://www.familyhousepeoria.org) for more details.

## BOUQUETS

*from Family House guests*

“Just a note to say that the new house is wonderful,” I was here for five days and it was like being in a nice and very clean motel. Family house has come a long way since it began. Everyone involved should be proud.

Everything here is so beautiful. If I need to stay I know that it will be a pleasant visit. Thanks for providing such a pleasant home away from home. ▶M.M. ”



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## Family House Wish List

### HOUSEHOLD

- 2 – Kitchen Tongs
- 2 – Microwave Covers
- 1 – Equipped Knife Block Set
- 2 – Libman Microfiber Mop Heads

### BEDROOM

*(Registry at Bed, Bath, and Beyond)*

- 10-American Textile zippered pillow protectors standard/queen (set of 2)
- Berkshire Original Fleece Blanket
  - 2-White full/queen
  - 2-White twin
- Matelasse Coventry bed sets
  - Twin: 1 sage, 1 slate blue and 1 ivory
  - Full/Queen: 1 sage, 1 slate blue and 1 ivory

### DAY-TO-DAY

- Paper towel rolls
- Indoor, small garbage bags (4 gallon)
- Storage bags, foil, wax paper
- Sugar & non-dairy creamer
- Coffee
- Dishwasher soap-powder/packets
- Air freshener (solid/spray)
- Kitchen hand towels (color to complement sage green décor)
- Fiber filled bed pillows
- Batteries (AA, AAA, C, & 9V)
- Light Bulbs: 3 way, 40 & 60 low watt fluorescent and 65 watt fluorescent floodlights
- Laundry detergent – HE only
- White mattress pads (twin & queen)
- White fitted sheets (twin & queen)
- White wash cloths
- Coffee cups with lids
- Windex
- Fabuloso



Family House, Inc. made it to the finals for the 2012 Great Heart Give \$10,000 Technology Grant sponsored through Heart Technologies, Inc. The winning organization will receive a \$10,000 technology grant that can be used toward internal networking, communications or security infrastructure. Please cast a daily vote to make Family House the 2012 recipient.

- **Voting dates from March 26<sup>th</sup> through May 4<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Voting online at [www.thegreatHEARTgive.com](http://www.thegreatHEARTgive.com).**
- **Votes may be cast one per day per email address.**

Additionally, each community (Decatur, Peoria, and Springfield) will hold an event where attendees may vote from HEART equipment. Votes placed during these events will be worth three votes.

Please contact Jessica Kober at [jessica@familyhousepeoria.org](mailto:jessica@familyhousepeoria.org) for further details or check out our website at [www.familyhousepeoria.org](http://www.familyhousepeoria.org).



### COMMUNITY DAYS AT MONICAL'S PIZZA

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 17TH

Monical's Pizza is pleased to have Family House, Inc. participate in their Community Days program. On Tuesday, April 17, 2012, Monical's Pizza will donate 20% of each bill to Family House. Valid for dine-in only.

Fliers must accompany each guest check and will be available via email or can be picked up at Family House. Please email [jessica@familyhousepeoria.org](mailto:jessica@familyhousepeoria.org) for a copy of the flyer via email.

#### Participating Monical's Pizza locations:

- 4408 N. Knoxville, Peoria
- 4100 W. Willow Knolls, Peoria
- Cherry Tree Center, Washington
- 1067 W. Jackson, Morton

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