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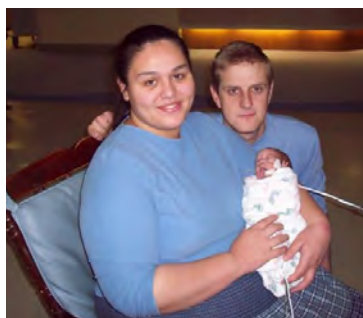
Staying Close to David

Christine & John Swift recall “the friendly faces at Family House.”

First-time moms and dads always want to be close to their new little baby... especially if he’s really, really little!

David Swift weighed less than two pounds when he was born early, at 26 weeks. (His twin did not survive.) “Though David was small, he had only minor complications,” says Christine, the grateful mom. “Still, he would need to be hospitalized for some time.”

“We just didn’t know what we were going to do, since we live in Milan, Illinois, over an hour and a half away,” says John. Fortunately, a social worker at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center/ Children’s Hospital of Illinois mentioned Family House. The parents checked in a few days later, stayed through the holidays and finally journeyed home on February 1.



“With the weather we had this winter, traveling back and forth would simply have been impossible,” says John. “It was so comfortable to be here, especially during the holidays. We even got invited to the staff’s annual Christmas party, which was so much fun.”

When John had to return to work, “the shuttle service was a great help,” adds Christine. “Family House was a true lifesaver for us.”

Looking back, what would the Swifts remember most? “Being able to stay close to our son at all times...and the friendly faces at Family House!”

Family House is on the move!

We’ve raised over \$2 million towards the building of our new home. Groundbreaking is planned for late summer/early fall of 2009, thanks to all our generous donors. (Want to help? Check out our web site: FamilyHousePeoria.org to print a pledge card and make a contribution.)



Ready, Set, Go...for the Gold!

With 357 participants, our twentieth annual Carolyn Mannlein Race at The Clubs at River City was our most successful ever, raising over \$21,000 in funds for Family House.

Thanks once again to The Clubs’ Patty Caudill (race director for two decades!) and deep appreciation to the hard working race committee headed by Andrea Dean.

Committee members were: Peg Murphy, Alison

Staples, Louise Blanchard, Tim Hickey, Zack Weaver, Lori Gudat and Nicole Headington.

Thanks also for the wonderful food supplied by: Nick N Willy’s Take N Bake Pizza, Methodist Medical Center, Apple’s Bakery, and Waugh’s. Thank you to all of our sponsors: the clubs at River City, OSF-St. Francis Medical Center, Wachovia, RLI, Ameren, Illinois Mutual, Tri-County Water Treatment, Dr. Michael Tarantino, The Cleaning Source.





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Save These Dates!

Family House 2009 Events:

- Prime Rib Dinner July 25
- Golf Outing September 11
- Christmas Magic November 27

See you there!

Family House needs YOU! We appreciate any and all help you can give!

- Light maintenance
- Yard work
- Special events
- Invite a speaker to your club or church
- Adopt a room to deep clean or simply spill up
- And of course, cash is always welcome!



Mark your calendars for our Friday, Sept. 11 Golf Outing at the Country Club of Peoria. 18 holes of play, prizes, cart, lunch and more. Fore...fun and funds! Get your foursome now!

Go for the Green(s)

Saturday, July 25, 2009 at 6:30pm
Held at All Saints Greek Orthodox Church
Dinner includes Appetizers, Salad, Prime Rib, Potato, vegetable, dessert and beverages
\$40 Donation

Third Annual Prime Rib Dinner

What's Coming Up at Family House?



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Bouquets from those who stay...

To the Family House,

Thank you, for a “Home away from Home” I don’t know what I would have done without Family House. The staff and everyone was so friendly and made me feel safe and at home. I only had to be there for two weeks while my baby was at OSF but was really glad I was able to be close to my son. May God bless everyone and I wish you well on the new house.

T. N.



Dear Family House,

We would like to say thank you to everyone at Family House. We live 2 hours away and needed a place to stay while our daughter was in the NICU at St. Francis. We don’t know what we would have done without such a warm a caring place to be. Thanks to the Family House and it’s caring staff we have been able to see daughter everyday. God bless you all and Best Wishes!

D.S.

Dear Family House,

Our stay was wonderful, my husband could leave me here and not have to worry about me getting to and from the hospital. I cannot express how wonderful everyone at Family House was to both of us. Thank you so much!

M. R.

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Ivory Towels (Bath, Hand, and Washcloth), Ivory colored sheets and pillow cases (twin and full), Kitchen Linens (any color), Rolled Paper Towels, Dishwashing Liquid, Liquid Hand Soap, Coffee, Paper Plates, Liquid Hand Soap, Light Bulbs (3 way, 40 and 60 Watts), Air Fresheners (Solid and Spray), Liquid Detergent, Salt / Pepper, Sugar, Mattress Pads (Twin and Full), White zippered pillow protectors.

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