

A close-up photograph of a young girl with light brown hair, wearing red-rimmed glasses and a bright pink top. She is smiling broadly, showing her teeth. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

I am  one of 10,000



Since opening in 1990, more than 10,000 children from all 50 states and more than 80 countries have stayed at The Children's Inn while participating in groundbreaking medical research at the National Institutes of Health. Many of the treatments received at the NIH are not available at any other medical facility and this often is their last, best hope. Each Inn resident has a story to tell. Each child is one of 10,000.

I am one of 10,000



From the Chair of the Board of Directors

Each of the 10,000 residents who have called The Inn “home” since we opened 21 years ago benefits tremendously from your support. The contributions you provide assure daily programs, a safe, comforting place to rest, and peace of mind for parents who are struggling through one of life’s most difficult challenges—supporting a seriously ill child.

Thanks to your dedication, we were able to enhance and sustain “a place like home” in the following ways this year:

- A longtime, generous donor recently provided a lasting gift: The Children’s Art Gallery. This donation allowed us to transform our second-floor hallway into an exciting display of children’s art, with several interactive art stations.
- Through donations and grants, we hired a full-time certified teacher for our expanding education program. About 1,200 school-aged children visit The Inn each year and our master’s-level educator provided tutoring and planned various learning activities for Inn residents during their stay.
- Since July 2010 when The Inn opened The Woodmont House, this off-campus transitional home has hosted up to five families at a time who no longer needed daily treatment at the NIH, but weren’t yet able to return home.
- The Inn’s new Young Ambassador Council commenced with more than a dozen Inn supporters in their 20s, 30s and 40s pledging to host fundraisers and “friend-raisers.”
- The board of directors completed a comprehensive three-year strategic plan.

These vital programs and services are available because of your commitment to The Children’s Inn. A special thanks to all who attended our two galas and golf tournaments. On behalf of The Inn’s 10,000 “stars,” thank you for allowing them to shine.



Linda K. Berdine, Chair, Board of Directors

From the Chief Executive Officer

The coming year promises to be filled with ambitious development opportunities. After marking our 20th anniversary last year, The Inn is embarking on a kitchen and playground modernization initiative.

The kitchen is the heart of every home, where families cultivate a sense of belonging and community. This certainly also is true at The Inn. A warm, nurturing kitchen is essential to fulfilling our commitment of providing “a place like home” for thousands of children and families.

Now more than 20 years old, The Inn’s two original kitchens need new appliances and improved accessibility. Approximately 14,500 meals are prepared in these kitchens each year. The renovation will provide an even greater open floor plan where families can enjoy meals together and draw strength from common experiences.

Offering a place to play outside is integral to the support we provide for our families as well. The current playground is located on a hill, making it difficult for physically challenged children and older caregivers to access. Improving accessibility and re-grading the area to prevent water runoff will better serve The Inn for years to come. Our new playground will include walking paths and seating for children and families, mazes and labyrinths, a tree house and playhouse, swings and art sculptures, among other creative features.

We are confident that our generous community will help us realize these fundraising goals in the coming year. These new initiatives are critical to our mission of providing a place where kids can be kids.

On behalf of each and every one of the seriously ill children who have stayed at The Inn and for those we will see in the future, I extend our deepest gratitude.



Kathy L. Russell, Chief Executive Officer



Year in Review
2010-2011

Facilities and Resident Services

Resident Services

- Increased number of family programs and activities by 37%
- Increased participation in family programs by 170%
- Increased number of family dinners offered by individuals, organizations and businesses by 152%
- Created new respite program for families called Chill-INN
- Created nutrition programs for families, focusing on healthy habits
- Completed education program needs assessment and three-year strategic plan
- Successful management of first-year Woodmont operations. House is at capacity and three families successfully transitioned to their home countries
- Distributed \$44,200 in grocery gift cards to 146 families in need during their stay
- Hosted three successful family focus groups to collect information for the education program and upcoming playground and kitchen projects

Facilities

- Managed construction and installation of The Children's Art Gallery
- Co-managed improvements to the fire suppression (sprinkler) system
- Constructed the Reflection Garden
- Partnered with the NIH in design phase of drainage repair project
- Developed two-year facilities needs list for budget process

Information Technology

- Upgraded televisions in common spaces and Teen Lounge and installed new AV system in Bistro
- Investigated upgrade of security cameras and upgraded to new server
- Enabled use of live, educational resources through in-house Polycom teleconferencing equipment
- Upgraded/replaced workstation computers and PCs in Business Center
- Worked with community partner, Booz Allen Hamilton, to upgrade residential management software functionality
- Purchased and setup new electronic signature program for more efficient resident check-in
- Built new Xbox 360 Kinect kiosk for residents



Far left: The Children's Art Gallery, funded by The Children's Cancer Foundation, opened in the Spring of 2011. Above left: Inn residents participate in Chill-INN, a new respite program. Above right: The Inn opened a garden adjacent to the Reflection Space in the Fall of 2010.

Human Resources

- Conducted several organizational and supervisory trainings aimed at gaining a better understanding of different generations in the workplace, conflict management, harassment prevention and sensitivity, and communication
- Ensured compliance with healthcare reform act
- Researched tools to measure organizational effectiveness
- Continued to manage risk by implementing policies on employee use of social media and use of email disclaimers
- Increased ability to communicate with our diverse population by having more than one-third of staff speak a foreign language
- Successfully negotiated flat or reduced rates for benefit plans

Volunteer and Community Outreach

- Conducted Volunteer Satisfaction Survey
- Recruited 50 new volunteers
- Volunteers provided 19,453 hours of dedicated service to The Inn, earning The Inn's Volunteer Program its first ever President's Volunteer Service Award
- Hosted National Volunteer Appreciation Week in honor of our 200+ volunteers
- Created three new volunteer positions
- Created "Get Engaged" Suggestion Program for Inn volunteers and staff
- 45 volunteers received the President's Volunteer Service Award
- Partnered with Booz Allen Hamilton to host volunteer recognition event and cocktail reception at the Smithsonian Museum's Norman Rockwell Exhibit
- Community Ambassador Team attended 11 fundraising events
- Hosted nine Community Service Days for local businesses and organizations
- Created community outreach publication to promote financial and in-kind donations of goods and services



Development and Public Relations

Development

- Established Young Ambassadors Council
- Tripled income from external special events
- Increased income from internal events:
 - The 13th Annual “A Night for the Children” Gala, sponsored by the AFCEA Bethesda Chapter, increased the net profit by 20.5%
 - The 4th Annual Children’s INNvitational Golf Tournament increased the net profit by 2%
- Held major donor Thank You Picnic in June
- Established fundraising committees and began raising funds for the kitchen and playground initiatives
- Achieved a 193% increase in workplace giving events attended by staff from previous year
- Increased funding from private foundations by 28%

Public Relations

- Began sending monthly E-News Updates
- Increased traffic to The Inn’s website:
 - 66,801 visits in FY11, up from 58,796 in FY10—13.6% increase
 - 45,938 visitors in FY11, up from 41,262 in FY10—11.3% increase
- Increased use of social media—Doubled the number of Tweets and Facebook postings from 1–2 per week to one per day:
 - Facebook—1,160 ‘likes’ in FY11, up from 639 in FY10—81.5% increase
 - Twitter—1,633 followers in FY11, up from 310 in FY10—426.8% increase



Finance

- Re-evaluated the market price of in-kind goods and services provided by the NIH
- Implemented “Watchdog Interaction” policy and procedures
- Completed budget manager training for on-line access to accounting system
- Added new internal control policies and procedures and new cash flow and reserves management tools
- Added new reports to budgeting documents, increasing ability to predict future functional expense breakdown for both audit and form 990 reporting

Opposite page, left: The 13th Annual AFCEA Gala raised more than \$600,000 for The Inn in April. Middle: NIH interns participate in a chili cook-off to celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Week at The Inn. Right: Inn volunteers enjoy a recognition reception at the Smithsonian Museum’s Norman Rockwell Exhibit. This page, left: Inn volunteers and donors Mary and Peter Clute attended the Major Donor Picnic held at The Inn in June. Right: Inn Board Member Dr. Lauren Wood congratulates the winning foursome at the 4th Annual Children’s Golf INNvitational in June.

Financial Overview

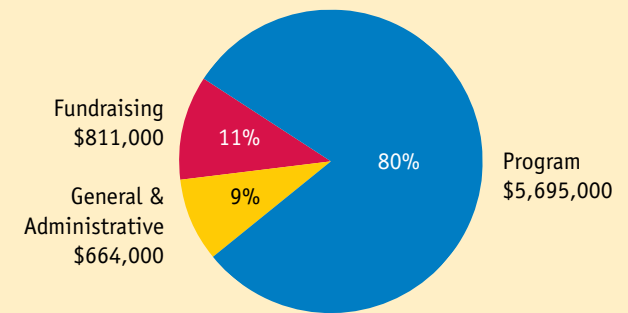
The Children’s Inn at NIH is a haven of hope for up to 59 families daily, from across the country and around the world, seeking help for their children’s medical conditions and hope for a cure. More than 10,000 children and their families, from 50 states and more than 80 countries, have stayed at The Children’s Inn since it opened in 1990. All children participate in research studies at the National Institutes of Health—the nation’s premier biomedical research center. The Inn continues to enhance programs and services for residents that fulfill our mission of keeping the family together during a child’s illness and providing a healing environment through mutual support.

Source: Audited financial statements as of June 30, 2011; Available upon request.

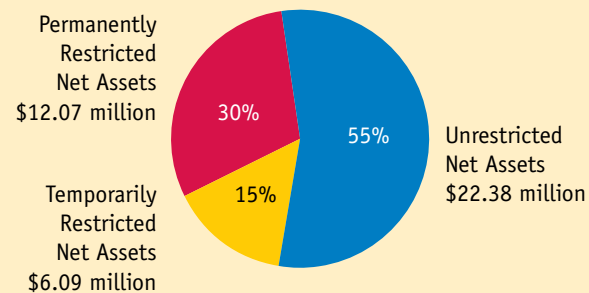
The Children’s Inn holds the Better Business Bureau seal of approval and is recognized by Charity Navigator as a Four Star Charity, indicating that we fulfill our mission in a fiscally responsible way. These exceptional designations demonstrate to supporters that we are worthy of their trust.



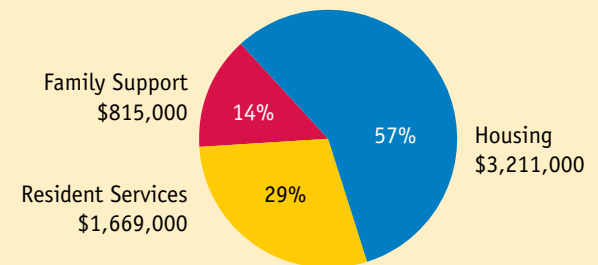
Total FY2011 Operating Expense: \$7.17 million



Net Assets as of June 30, 2011: \$40.53 million



Programming Expense Breakdown: \$5.695 million



Our Mission & Values

The Children's Inn at NIH is a private, nonprofit, family-centered residence for pediatric patients at the National Institutes of Health and their families. Its purposes are to keep children together with their families during serious illness, reduce their stress, and facilitate their healing through mutual support.

At The Children's Inn at NIH, the following core values guide our daily actions as we strive to create an optimal healing environment.

Integrity

We are honest and trustworthy and take personal responsibility for our actions.

Open Communication

We listen and encourage others to share their ideas and knowledge in a cooperative manner.

Community

We share a passion to create "a place like home," where all feel a sense of belonging, safety, support and care.

Helping Others

We respond to the needs of others as we individually and collectively care for and work with each other.

Respect

We honor the unique qualities of each individual, treat others with kindness, and value the strength that comes from our diversity.





I am one of 10,000

When Leslie Collier was three-months pregnant, doctors discovered something wrong with her unborn child's heart. They warned Leslie her daughter would probably be stillborn or brain damaged. But Leslie thought otherwise. "I knew she would be born alive," she says, "I dreamt her."

Leslie's dream came true. Aryanna Collier was born June 29, 2003, diagnosed with hypoplastic left heart syndrome, which occurs when the left side of the heart is under-developed. At just one-week old, Aryanna had heart surgery, and although her health improved, doctors kept a close eye on her unusual situation. Through medical conferences, doctors referred Aryanna to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to determine if Aryanna might have a rare metabolic disorder called Smith-Lemli-Opitz Syndrome (SLOS). The family (Leslie, Grandma Ozella and Aryanna) made their first trip from their home in Paragould, Arkansas to Bethesda when Aryanna was only 18-months-old.

"The first time we came to The Inn, I was just relieved that we didn't have to worry about paying for a place to stay," Leslie says. "I knew that otherwise, we probably couldn't come."

"Then we walked in and I thought, 'this is paradise.'" The supportive environment was helpful to the family, particularly when doctors at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development diagnosed Aryanna with SLOS. People who have SLOS are unable to make enough cholesterol to support normal growth and development. Aryanna has had a total of three heart surgeries. Her mother and doctors joke that she's a walking contradiction, as she's a heart patient who takes cholesterol to help treat her disorder.

Aryanna is now a spunky eight-year-old, and the Colliers have made many visits to The Inn over the years. A serious animal lover, she enjoys spending time with Vi, The Inn's therapy dog, and also took a trip to the National Zoo during one visit. She can easily be spotted running through The Inn's hallways wearing her trademark light-up sneakers and is a regular fixture in the Playroom. When the family needs to relax, they read together. "We love the baskets of children's books in each room," Leslie says. "Aryanna asked her grandmother to read every single one—even the ones in Spanish!" And while there is lots of fun to be had at The Inn, Leslie says the true value for her family is much deeper: "The Inn means a chance to make Aryanna's life better."

Aryanna



"The Inn means a chance to make Aryanna's life better."—Leslie Collier (mom)



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When 11-year-old Michael “Mikey” Parsons was just five, he and his two sisters lost their mother to cancer. Soon after, Susan and Rick Parsons and their two children from Peoria, Illinois adopted Mikey and his two sisters. In 2009, Susan discovered a lump on Michael’s neck, which was initially shrugged off by his doctors as an enlarged lymph node.

Two months later when the lump was still there, Susan took Michael back to his doctor where he was diagnosed with Medullary Thyroid Carcinoma, a specific thyroid cancer caused by a genetic mutation and sadly, the same cancer he had lost his biological mother to just four years earlier. Michael had surgery at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. There was a new drug available; however, Michael's tumors were too small to use the medication.

In 2010, two teenage boys whom the Parsons met through a church community program became homeless. The couple embraced and adopted these two boys as well. The Parsons' home was now full of life and joy with five teenagers and a nine and 11-year-old.

Michael's medical journey next took them to The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, which had what his family prayed would be a miracle drug. The Parsons family was devastated to learn that Michael's tumors were growing at a significantly fast rate. Doctors immediately referred them to the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health. On May 16, 2011, Susan, Michael, and his youngest sister Cassie, 9, made their first trip to The Children's Inn. Michael and Cassie spent hours in the Playroom and on the playground with other children with whom they became instant friends during their stay.

"In such a difficult time and with a cancer so aggressive, I felt so discouraged," Susan says about that first trip. "But the doctors [at NIH] worked together and gave us so much hope." Michael met someone with the same condition, which gave Susan a greater understanding about his cancer. "The setup of The Inn allows us to be social. I can sit in the kitchen with another parent who is just making coffee and we speak to each other like we are lifelong friends," says Susan. For the Parsons family, The Inn eased their fears and they found comfort in the unique support system that comes from speaking with other families who share similar hardships.

The Parsons have a sense of normalcy at The Inn. They often have "family movie night" in the Teen Lounge or play in the Game Room together, alive with laughter and no thought of cancer. To Susan and her family, The Inn is a blessing. "You don't need to worry about everything all the time at The Inn." Michael agrees, "There is a sense of family and it is just so fun here."

Michael



"We believe that hope comes from our faith in God, and He has used NIH and The Children's Inn as a tool in our lives."—Susan Parsons (mom)



I am one of 10,000

For the nearly 10 years Karly Koch, 17, has been coming to The Children's Inn, her older sister, Kelsey, often accompanied her. The two shared the same rare immune deficiency disorder and supported one another through the toughest times. "Kelsey was my inspiration," Karly says. "On my sick days, she was the one that filled me with hope."

Family is paramount to Karly, who won an art contest at The Inn themed “What Makes Me Happy.” In addition to Kelsey, she has two younger sisters and two older brothers. In her art, she illustrated her large family of eight from Indiana and their strong bond—a bond that has helped them heal through the darkest days.

On Feb. 2, 2011, the Koch family lost Kelsey, 22, to the disease after complications from a bone marrow transplant. The two sisters have been part of a research study with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which recently discovered their DOCK8 gene deficiency. The vexing disorder, found in people with inherited immunodeficiency, is characterized by relentless health problems, including persistent bacterial and viral skin infections, severe eczema, acute allergies and asthma, and cancer.

Kelsey and Karly had all of those ailments. Karly battled lymphoma and endured chemotherapy before her sister prepared for her bone marrow transplant. Kelsey was the first identified DOCK8 patient to receive the bone marrow transplant, according to Dr. Steven M. Holland, Chief of the Laboratory of Clinical Infectious Diseases.

“Kelsey wanted to pave the way not just for her sister, but for many, many others,” says her mother Tammy. “She wanted to be a pioneer. That was Kelsey.” Indeed, she was, says Dr. Holland. “Kelsey’s contributions were significant,” he says. “She and her family really have contributed extensively to our knowledge about the disease.”

Karly is preparing for her upcoming treatments and relies on The Inn to help her family stay together. “The Inn makes you feel at home when you can’t be home,” she says. She carries her sister’s strong faith in God. “When I lost Kelsey, I lost a great companion and the best sister, but I did not lose the things she taught me.”

After nearly 20 years of not knowing what disease the girls had, Tammy and husband Tracy say it has been a huge relief to finally find a diagnosis at the NIH.


“You’ve got to have hope,” says Tracy. “Finding a place like the NIH where doctors are working so diligently and not just on the symptoms, well, that gives you hope.”

Karly



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—Tracy Koch (dad)



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Blonde, bubbly, young Jordan Isenberg made a quick friend with The Inn's therapy dog, Vi, on a recent visit. Jordan, seven, loves petting Vi and his furry friend is more than happy to oblige by rolling over and giving Jordan her full belly.

When he's not with Vi, the eager, outgoing Jordan is playing in The Inn's Game Room or waiting to hear his number announced at BINGO on Tuesday nights. He's happiest playing with other kids at The Inn and makes friends easily with his chatty, outgoing demeanor. "The Inn is fun stuff," says Jordan, quick to reveal a double-dimpled smile. "This is your vacation spot," agrees his mom, Krissi Healy.

Indeed life for Jordan and his single mom improved dramatically after they started coming to The Inn in September 2007 from their home in California. It was here at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), where Jordan finally was diagnosed with a rare, inherited auto-inflammatory disease. He suffers from CAPS, Cryopyrin Associated Periodic Syndromes, which is marked by excessively high fevers, extreme joint pain and body rashes. His treatments have been successfully curbing his symptoms and, now, episodes of high fevers are rare, lasting less than 72 hours, says Krissi.

Since he was 15-months-old, his mom knew something was gravely wrong with her son's health. After two emergency room trips, more than a half-dozen hospital stays and several misdiagnoses, Krissi found an online support group and a research study being conducted at the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases.

"Jordan was progressively getting worse," Krissi says. "He wasn't growing. He had fevers of 104 for weeks. It was at a crisis level." When they arrived at the NIH, Jordan began aggressive treatments. Krissi still remembers the first visit to the NIH and The Inn.

"It's hard to see strangers poking and prodding at your child who's crying and not feeling well," says Krissi, a massage therapist. After leaving treatments for the day, mom and son returned to The Inn. "The anxiety melted away," Krissi says. "He was ready to play. This place is magical."

Mom could relax knowing that Jordan was having fun, the memory of treatments, although occurring just a short time earlier, had been pushed aside. "The Children's Inn is worth its weight in gold," Krissi says. "They get it. They give him a chance to be a kid."

Jordan was equally excited about his visit: "I love The Inn to infinity and beyond!"

Jordan



"The Children's Inn is worth its weight in gold."
—Krissi Healy (mom)



I am one of 10,000

Angelica Arias is the daughter of child psychologist, Dulce María Arias, and firefighter, Angel Arias. She has a five-year-old sister and two-year-old brother. However, for over two years, seven-year-old Angelica and her mother Dulce have been separated from their family and everything else that defines home.

When they first arrived in the United States in January 2009, extreme fear and confusion enveloped Angelica and her mother. Coming from their home in the Dominican Republic, adapting to the climate, language, and culture of Washington D.C. was difficult. In addition, Angelica was extremely fatigued and Dulce was battling the thought of losing her first child to Aplastic Anemia.

Dulce recalls attempting to wake Angelica for preschool and meeting her moans of being too tired to get out of bed. This was unusual for the previously energetic and school-loving little girl. Concern only deepened when bruises began appearing all over Angelica's four-year-old shins and thighs. Within weeks, Angelica was diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia; a rare blood disorder characterized by a body's inability to produce enough new blood cells. This disease causes fatigue and places those affected at higher risk of infection and uncontrolled bleeding.

Through a fellow patient in Santo Domingo they learned about a pediatric Aplastic Anemia study at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute at the NIH and embarked on a long and anxiety-ridden flight to the United States and their new home: The Children's Inn at NIH. "When we got to The Children's Inn, it was so welcoming. I was fascinated. It was more than I could have ever wished for," says Dulce.

While staying at The Inn, Angelica spent most of her time in the Playroom playing dress up with another Aplastic Anemia patient from the Dominican Republic. They listened to reggae music and danced in their princess outfits. Dulce says that she and Angelica found a strong sense of community at The Inn.

After two very long years of being away from home and the rest of their family, Angelica stabilized and received a bone marrow transplant in August. Angel came to the U.S., as he had the important task of donating his bone marrow to Angelica. "By seeing [Angel], our energy returned and we were ready to fight once again," says Dulce. Angel had to return home to work and care for their other two children, and now Angelica and Dulce reside at The Inn's Woodmont House during her post-transplant phase. "Angelica and I feel protected and comfortable at The Woodmont House, like we are part of a caring community," says Dulce. "Angelica especially looks forward to Monday afternoons, when volunteer Emma McNamara comes to read with her."

Angelica



"We spent a lot of time with other Spanish-speaking residents—crying, laughing, and lifting each other higher."—Dulce Maria Arias (mom)

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Sapient Government Services is a constant and core supporter of The Inn. Sapient has been a leading contributor to The Inn's largest annual gala, "A Night for the Children," sponsored by the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association-Bethesda Chapter (AFCEA-Bethesda). This past year, Teresa Bozzelli, Vice President & Managing Director, Sapient Government Services, served as the gala co-chair. Under Teresa's leadership, the 2011 gala was a record-setting fundraiser, bringing in more than \$630,000 for The Inn.



A smiling Sapient team organizes the Playroom, one of their many volunteer projects.

"With our long-standing relationship with The Inn, we are inspired to be able to help The Inn's families at such a difficult time in their lives," Teresa says. "We view the giving of our time and resources not as something we have to do, but something we need to do as our part in enabling human potential."

Teresa involved Sapient throughout the year promoting the gala with an exceptional video entitled, "I am one of 10,000" that features Inn families. The Sapient team continues to work with The Inn staff on developing social media strategies to reach target audiences and connect families. In addition, Sapient completed several team projects at The Inn, including organizing the arts and crafts room, sorting toys, helping touch up paint on playground equipment, and holding numerous concerts for the children and their families, featuring Sapient's own Jam Band. Sapient has hosted family dinners and continues to consult with staff on various projects.

"We are very grateful to Sapient for helping improve the communities in which they work and live," says Laura King, The Inn's Director of Volunteers and Community Outreach. "The Children's Inn has benefitted tremendously from their extraordinary acts of dedication and kindness. They have made our families' lives a little brighter."

Elaine Dauphin
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“The Marriott Foundation has a long tradition of supporting organizations like The Children’s Inn that are working daily to help children and families in need. With its mission of keeping families together during serious illness, reducing stress, and facilitating healing through mutual support, The Inn is providing a valuable service to families who are struggling and need “a place like home” at a very difficult time in their lives,” says Anne L. Gunsteens, Executive Director of The J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Foundation. “The Marriott Foundation is pleased and honored to support the programs that help these courageous children and families.”

Grants from the Marriott Foundation have provided valuable resources for The Inn’s education program, bereavement and spiritual wellness programs, art and music therapy, the teen program and a myriad of other diversionary activities. These include trips to DC monuments, the National Zoo, professional sports games, and other cultural events. “We could not provide these quality programs and activities for our families if it were not for the generous support, over many years, of The Marriott Foundation,” says Kathy L. Russell, The Inn’s Chief Executive Officer. “The Marriott Foundation has had a huge impact at The Inn and in our community, and we are so very appreciative.”

Under the current direction of J.W. Marriott, Jr. and Richard E. Marriott, The J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Foundation, established in 1965, is dedicated to helping youth secure a promising future, especially through education at the secondary and higher education levels, mentoring and youth leadership programs.



Inn residents enjoy many programs and activities, like the magic show above, thanks to The J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Foundation.

Thomas G. Cody

Tom Cody is a man of many interests and varied talents: Marine artillery forward observer in Korea, management consultant for more than 50 years, analyst of the healthcare and biotechnology industries, presidential appointee in two administrations, author and loyal Children's Inn supporter. He's done it all, and shows little sign of slowing down. His most recent project, five years in the research and writing, is a book about The National Institutes of Health, titled "*Inside the NIH*."



"It's sort of an ode to NIH," Tom says. "Most people do not know how many accomplishments and breakthroughs on behalf of human health result directly from the work done by the amazing people at NIH. This book is an attempt to tell their stories in their own words."

His interest in the NIH began when his late wife was treated at the Clinical Center through the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS). "I was so impressed by the compassion of the physicians and staff and with the resources available to me as a caregiver," he says. During his time at the Clinical Center, Tom learned of The Children's Inn and its mission.

"It's a very special place," he says. Tom decided to make a provision for The Inn in his estate plans. "I need to take care of my family first, but this is a way I can also help The Inn in a meaningful way." Donors who make estate commitments to The Inn become members of *The Innkeeper's Society*.

Originally from Western Massachusetts, Tom is a graduate of Holy Cross in Worcester, MA, and received a graduate degree from Boston College. After returning from the Korean War, he attended Harvard Business School and began his consulting career soon after receiving his MBA. He spent many years with the consulting firms, Fry Consultants and Knight & Associates, before starting his own firm, The Washington Group, in Bethesda, Maryland.

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Peter and Denise Glassman

Dr. Peter Glassman is not your typical health-care provider. While he does see many sick patients each day and is often on-call, his patients are truly a different breed—the furry, four-legged kind. Peter is a veterinarian and Director of Friendship Hospital for Animals in Washington, DC.



Peter and his wife, Denise, are also generous annual supporters of The Children’s Inn at NIH. They first learned about The Inn from a long-time volunteer, Cherie Blumenthal. “She was so enthusiastic about The Inn’s work. It was contagious,” Peter says.

“We feel a strong commitment to the work [The Inn] does. We have three sons and understand the importance of families, especially during times of stress,” Peter says. “Denise and I feel very fortunate to be able to support The Children’s Inn, as well as other nonprofits that are important to us.”

Peter has spent more than 30 years at Friendship Hospital for Animals. “It’s the only veterinary job I’ve ever had,” he says. He bought the practice in Tenleytown, Washington, DC, from another veterinarian in 1982, and has loved working there every since. Peter is a third-generation Washingtonian, and a graduate of Sidwell Friends School and The College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University. The Glassman’s oldest son, Mat, a board certified veterinary surgeon, recently joined the practice at Friendship Hospital.

Sandy Davis

When it comes to fundraising for The Children's Inn, Sandy Davis, volunteer extraordinaire, is an ardent advocate.

Colleagues at Booz Allen Hamilton know when they see Sandy's name in their inbox, her message supports The Inn's mission. Whether she's encouraging area businesses to support and sponsor The Inn or organizing food drives, family dinners, auctions, collecting museum tickets or school supplies, Sandy usually is the persistent one behind the scenes, relentlessly promoting The Inn.



In addition to her key role on the planning committee for The Inn's annual Golf INNvitational, and her efforts with numerous other Inn events, Sandy volunteers at The Inn's Welcome Desk twice a month. She is the first person families meet when they walk into The Inn.

"If you can put a smile on a face, you're doing a good thing," Sandy says. "That's how I feel."

Through her position at Booz Allen, Sandy also helps lift the burden for the whole family by bringing Booz Allen crews to serve dinners at The Inn. "If I can tell a mom that she doesn't have to cook because there is a group coming to prepare dinner..." Sandy says, her efforts are well spent. "What these families face is so insurmountable, sometimes. It's the little things that make a big difference."

Sandy began volunteering at The Inn in 2004. This past year, she completed more than 100 hours of service to The Inn, earning a Presidential Service Award.

Born in the Bronx, Sandy earned a teaching degree from the University of Maryland and completed two master's degrees in special education and administration management. After a teaching career, she switched to the technology field and has been working within health and human services for nearly 20 years.

Sandy quotes the late British Prime Minister Winston Churchill as her reason for volunteer service: "We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."

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