



Robert and Karen Turner have been generous supporters of The Children's Inn at NIH for more than a decade, providing valuable contributions to The Inn's Annual Fund.

It is through their generous gifts that The Children's Inn is able to offer many programs, activities and services to children and families. Karen Turner began working at the National Institutes of Health in 1992 as an administrative officer for the National Institute on Aging, and, later at the National Cancer Institute. While working at the NIH Clinical Center, she became aware of the many children and families participating in clinical trials for the most severe, life-threatening medical conditions.

"I kept seeing these amazing children in the cafeteria or in the lobby," Karen says. She wanted to do something to help and had read about The Children's Inn, which recently had opened on the NIH campus. "So I began to make an annual contribution, and my husband got involved as well." Robert Turner did his part by hosting two golf tournaments in the early 1990's with his company, Hitachi Data Systems. All the proceeds from the tournaments were donated to The Children's Inn, providing valuable support for The Inn's burgeoning programs and activities.

The couple is now retired and lives in Clarksville, Maryland, but The Inn is close to their hearts. "The Children's Inn is deeply grateful to Karen and Robert," says Fern J. Stone, The Inn's Director of Development. "We are grateful for their continued support and for all that they do to make "a place like home" possible for more than 1,400 families each year."