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CITATION

There are many greatly valued “centers of community” in Philadelphia that provide needed services to the residents of our “city of neighborhoods.” Access to primary healthcare and social services for our citizens is one of the most important components in achieving the quality of life that we strive for in our communities.

Gift of Life Family House serves as a link between the members of the community that donate their life-saving organs and tissues, and those that receive them. It is a home away from home for organ transplant patients, living donors, and families of those undergoing the transplant process. It provides affordable private rooms, free transportation, meals and amenities, and emotional and practical support from full-time social workers, volunteer corps, and other families undergoing similar experiences.

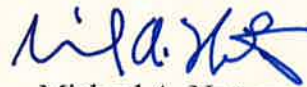
Founded in 2011 by the Gift of Life Donor Program, the region’s federally-designated non-profit Organ Procurement Organization, the Family House is a 30-room facility located a convenient distance away from the region’s eight transplant centers. It is the first transplant family house in the country to serve multiple transplant centers, making it available to all eligible families undergoing transplantation in the Philadelphia area. The Family House has served over 900 families, and provided more than 24,000 lodging nights of care since its opening.

Gift of Life Family House will be recognized during National Hospital Hospitality Week, which takes place July 19 through July 25, 2015.

It is fitting and appropriate, therefore, that the City of Philadelphia officially recognize with this Citation

GIFT OF LIFE FAMILY HOUSE

for its continued efforts to serve all families undergoing transplantation in the Philadelphia area, and help them re-establish control and normalcy in their lives.



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