

Fact sheet: Terry's House

Background

Terry's House is a 17,000-square-foot, two-story home within walking distance of Community Regional Medical Center in downtown Fresno. Construction began on the home in January 2010 and was completed in December. The home opened in January 2011.

Located on the corner of Fresno and R streets, Terry's House provides an affordable, family-centered, supportive residence for families while their loved ones receive critical care at Community Regional. This hospitality home aims to keep families close in their greatest times of need.

Community Regional treats the most critically ill and injured patients from a nine county, 15,000 square-mile region – an area almost as big as Rhode Island, Connecticut and New Jersey combined. The most critically ill and injured are often hospitalized for long periods of time. Frequently, the distance makes it difficult for patients to get the loving family support they need to heal.

Made possible by a lead gift from Tom Richards, CEO of the Penstar Group, Terry's House was named after his brother Terry Richards, who experienced a serious trauma at age 5 when he was severely injured in a car accident. For months, his mother traveled almost 80 miles a day to see her son while he was recovering.

Terry's House rooms and amenities

The home features two stairways, an elevator and caters to varying abilities, with wide corridors and ample windows to offer an open, comforting and healing environment.

Terry's House is entirely dependent upon private gifts and contributions to sustain it for families in need. It is staffed with support from Community Medical Centers, but to help keep operational costs low, volunteers perform many of the daily duties in the home.

Hotel and suite style rooms

- 20 guest rooms available
- Some rooms accommodate up to four individuals
- Adjoining rooms may be combined into a larger suite
- Amenities include private baths and in-room refrigerators
- Balcony with seating area
- One dog-friendly room

Common areas

- Kitchen
- Dining
- Large living room with library
- Large porch with gathering areas
- Family resource center
- Children's play room
- Laundry facility
- Reflection room

Guests of Terry's House

Terry's House provides lodging for families of patients being treated at Community Regional with priority given to families of critically injured, burned or ill patients as well as those with an infant in neonatal intensive care.

Families in need of Terry's House can be identified by any hospital personnel or physician. Then the patient's care coordinator will work with Terry's House personnel to facilitate the family's stay. The home will operate on a first-come, first-served basis and use a waiting list should it be full. No family will be turned away based upon their ability to pay.

Funding

The sustainability of Terry's House is entirely dependent upon private gifts and contributions. More than \$5 million was raised to construct and furnish the home. The project's financing began with generous gifts from Tom Richards and Bank of America. A large number of in-kind contributions consisting of materials and labor from local vendors and contractors also were donated and used throughout construction of the facility.

Ongoing funding will come from nightly room fees and private donations. Fundraising efforts continue year around to help fund the house for families in need.

Leon S. Peters Host Program

The Leon S. Peters Host Family Program helps families in need stay at Terry's House to be close to their critically ill or injured loved one at Community Regional Medical Center. This special program supports families with limited means of paying for their stay.

Terry's House is located:

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COMMUNITY



Terry's House at Fresno and R streets



Guest Suite



Kitchen and Dining Area



Living Room



Second Floor



Reflection Room