



# Off Site Volunteer Projects

Volunteers help make this house a home for the guests who stay at Family House, and in many ways!

To volunteer on-site at Family House, volunteers must be **18 or older**.

Families with children or youth under the age of 18 are encouraged to participate in some of our creative off-site volunteer opportunities. Please arrange drop-offs ahead of time and know that your group is responsible for providing all materials. All questions can be sent to **Georgie Clemens** at [georgie@secufamilyhouse.org](mailto:georgie@secufamilyhouse.org)

## ***Organize a Fundraiser***

Whether it is a lemonade stand, bake sale, garage sale or Facebook fund-raiser – a community fundraiser not only brings in funding to support our guests, but also spreads the word about Family House. With substantial medical bills and travel costs, a \$45 nightly room fee can be difficult for some families to manage. Your group's fundraiser will help underwrite the cost of their stay, enabling us to serve all families, regardless of their financial situation.

## ***Host a Wish List Drive***

It takes a lot of supplies to keep our 75-room house filled with all the necessary items to run the house. Anything you use at your home we use at ours. Help us stock our home with toiletries, plastic utensils paper products, and food items used daily. Travel size toiletries are very much in need as well.

<https://www.secufamilyhouse.org/support/wish-list>

## ***Stock the Freezer***

Make family-sized soups or casseroles that can be stored in the community freezer for Family House guests to cook/reheat on nights when there is not a meal scheduled. These are very much appreciated by all our guests.

## ***Cookies & Cards***

Bake homemade desserts and decorate heartwarming greeting cards for our guests. There is nothing like coming back to Family House and seeing a platter of yummy desserts after a long day at the hospital. A note expressing kindness and compassion is greatly appreciated as well. Sign up to bake treats on our sign-up genius: <http://bakedgoods.secufamilyhouse.volunteerhub.com/>

## ***Goodie bags***

Our guests are usually on the go whether to the hospital or out in the community to gather supplies for their long stay. Volunteers are invited to put together fun treats (such as lotions, puzzle books, personal

care items, or other loving items) and assemble in care bags to give to guests at check-in. Volunteers can also assemble grab and go bags which include items like a water bottle, snack or piece of fruit. This enables our guests to avoid buying food items at the hospital which can be pricey.

**Utensil Packets:** We need utensil packets that include a plastic spoon, fork, knife, and napkin. Due to Covid restrictions, we cannot use real utensils at this time. Utensil packets are needed in both our kitchens so that our guests can eat safely. It is a fun project for a group of teens or younger groups.

**Gardening and lawn work:** Just like your house, Family House needs a few brave volunteers to help with our on-site garden, lawn projects and plants. This provides a peaceful place for our guests to wander, heal and enjoy.