

A Place Like Home

A Place To

PLAY!



2013 Annual Report

The Children's Inn at NIH

Chair of the Board of Directors

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Clinical Center at the National Institutes of Health. This milestone allows us to showcase our doctors and scientists who have developed new medical discoveries that have saved, lengthened and improved countless lives.

The Children's Inn at NIH has been an integral partner in pursuing that biomedical research. Through its core mission, The Inn makes families feel at home during their participation in groundbreaking medical research. More than 12,000 children and their families have stayed at The Inn since it opened in 1990.

The Inn enhanced its own mission statement this year to better reflect the dynamic relationship with the NIH:

The Children's Inn at NIH is a private, nonprofit residence for families and their children who are participating in pediatric research at the National Institutes of Health's Clinical Center. The Inn enhances the opportunities for groundbreaking medical discoveries by providing a free "place like home" that reduces the burdens of illness through a supportive environment including therapeutic, educational and recreational programming.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend our deepest gratitude to all who have made a difference in the lives of our families. You have helped push the bounds of medical research.



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Lee J. Helman, MD
Chair, Board of Directors

Chief Executive Officer

The Inn is proud to provide families with even more than a place to stay, free of charge. We offer a place to heal, a place to be a kid—a place to play. This year, The Inn completed a new Playground and Park, thanks to a major gift from Leidos Health (formerly SAIC), which supports our mission.

More than 1,500 families stayed at The Inn this past year and enjoyed 1,000 therapeutic and diversionary programs, such as AdventureINN field trips to museums and monuments, ExploreINN science experiments with NIH fellows and the HeARTworks caregiver art workshops.

We opened one of two newly renovated kitchens in the original wing of The Inn. The spacious kitchen offers easier access to counters and cabinets, as well as ample open space for families to cook and share meals together. As part of these renovations, we replaced heat pumps and upgraded bathrooms and bedrooms in the original wing, including technology improvements, such as Google TV access and Blue-Ray players.

Our Woodmont House in Bethesda continues to thrive and fulfill a need. Since opening in 2010, more than 100 families have stayed there before transitioning back to their own homes and home countries. On behalf of all the families who find "A Place Like Home" at The Inn, thank you for your continued dedication and generosity. We are most grateful.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy L. Russell".

Kathy L. Russell
Chief Executive Officer

