

Bannister Family House A Haven of Hope and Comfort



Who We Are

The Bannister Family House's mission is to provide affordable lodging and supportive services for out of town families of patients who are in critical care or long-term care at UC San Diego Health due to serious injury or illness. Situated close to the Medical Center in Hillcrest, the Bannister Family House provides a haven of hope and comfort for families who share similar experiences and concerns in a friendly, homelike environment. The non-medical atmosphere serves as a retreat from the stress of constant bedside vigil at the hospital. If the walls of the Bannister Family House could talk, they would share the stories of thousands of guests who have laughed, cried, prayed, rejoiced or grieved during their stay.

Who Can Stay at the Bannister Family House?

Family members must live 65 miles or more from our hospitals and are required to stay at least three nights. The Care Coordination Department will work with interested families and fill out a referral form for the House. There are no medical services provided on-site. In some cases, a patient who has been discharged but still needs to be near the hospital for daily medical appointments may move into the House if space permits. The House is open 365 days a year. Families are asked to contribute a nominal fee per night to help defray costs for upkeep and operation. Private support is also needed.

How Is the Bannister Family House Supported?

In 1994, the late Ralph Bannister's generous donation enabled UC San Diego Health to construct the Bannister Family House. The House is named in memory of his late wife, Stella, and his late daughter, Joann. While the Bannister Family House is affiliated with UC San Diego Health, it is not funded by the revenue generated from clinical services. The Bannister Family House is a non-profit 501(c)3 and relies heavily on the private support of individuals, corporations and foundations to operate on a daily basis. The major fund-raising event for the Bannister Family House is the Annual Golf Tournament that raises a portion of the funds needed for ongoing operational costs. These funds enable us to continue to provide a haven of hope and comfort for families facing severe medical crises.

To learn more or to donate:

619-543-7977 | health.ucsd.edu/bannister

Bannister Family House Wish List

Second Residence

Bannister Family House #2 \$ 15,000,000

Annual Services Costs

Weekly laundry service (\$550/month) \$ 6,600
Bi-monthly group meals prepared by volunteers (\$250/month)..... \$ 3,000
Window washing (\$1000/twice a year) \$ 2,000
Pest control services (\$150/month)..... \$ 1,800
Replenishing community pantry (\$125/month) \$ 1,500
Printing and mailing (brochures, newsletters, stationery) \$ 4,000
Coffee service (\$100/month) \$ 1,200
Yearly newspaper subscription \$ 350

Replacement and Enhancement Items

Living room renovation \$ 10,000
Stained exterior wood trim \$ 6,000
Outdoor furniture \$ 4,000
Six air conditioning units \$ 3,000
12 floor lamps and bulbs \$ 600
Kitchen items (knife set, pots, pans, etc.) \$ 300
Vacuum cleaner \$ 300

Recurring Incidental Items

Laundry and dish soap, foil, plastic food storage containers, Ziploc bags, grocery store gift cards, taxi vouchers, DVDs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss

Adopt-A-Family (\$40/night)

One week (\$280), two weeks (\$560), three weeks (\$840), one month (\$1,200)

Host-A-Meal Program

Prepare a meal for families at Bannister Family House (20 to 25 adults).