

# Hercules Joins a Community of Caring in Making the Family House a 'Home'

Gift of Life Family House serves as a "Home Away From Home" for transplant patients and their families by providing temporary, affordable lodging, and supportive services to those who travel to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for transplant-related care at one of Philadelphia's eight area transplant centers. Hercules received the following letter from Sara Cohen, Development Manager with the Gift of Life Family House.



We had a very special wish granted...

...we have new laundry machines!

This fall, our friends from Hercules, a laundry room equipment provider from Long Island, NY, generously donated five brand new washer and dryer sets to the Family House!

Imagine having to suddenly relocate to a city you've never been to—you have to find a place to stay, food to eat...the last thing on your mind may be where to wash your clothes. You might not even have detergent, a laundry basket, or quarters to put into machines at the laundromat.

Because our guests can take the stairs or elevator right to our laundry room, they don't have to worry about how to get their personal belongings to and from a laundromat. This convenience helps make the Family House feel like "home" and gives our guests more time to focus on what's most important—taking care of themselves and their loved ones.

"What the Gift of Life Family House provides to its residents and their families, in terms of support and inspiration, is truly heartwarming," Andrew May, President and CEO at Hercules, says.

"After our Hercules Account Manager, Tom Jeppstol, brought to my attention the needs of the Family House with respect to their laundry facility, I didn't hesitate for a minute in determining how we could support such a worthwhile organization. The patients and their families certainly have enough to deal with, waiting for transplants and follow-up appointments. It's my pleasure to be able to help make their stay at Family House as comfortable and stress-free as possible."

The new washers and dryers will allow our guests to do their laundry for free during their stay. They can put their clothes in the wash, head back to their rooms or make a snack in the kitchen, and come right back down when they're ready to be switched.

Thank you so much to Andrew and everyone else at Hercules who made this wonderful gift possible!

Are you from an organization looking to give a charitable gift? At the Family House, we can always use a hand to help serve our transplant families. If you're interested in making a gift, please contact Sara Cohen, Development Manager, by email at [scohen@giftoflifefamilyhouse.org](mailto:scohen@giftoflifefamilyhouse.org) or phone at 267-546-9800.

