# IMD Guest House apartments expected to open this summer

# CDA's Medical Center Apts. offering up to eight units

A few years ago, the dream of a home away from home for families of loved ones receiving care in the Illinois Medical District (IMD) was just that...a dream.

The vision is one step closer to reality. The IMD Guest House Foundation is negotiating with the Chicago Dwelling Assoc. to lease up to eight units at its Medical Center Apartments, 1926 W. Harrison St.

"Our goal is to have our own home in the District," said Marianne Floriano, IMD Guest House executive director. "This is a great opportunity and we're excited about serving families immediately."

Floriano hopes that the Foundation can be up and

"We're thrilled to provide this longoverdue service."

--Marianne Floriano IMD Guest House Executive Director running with occupied apartments by the end of summer. The greatest challenge facing the Foundation now is transforming the units into a warm welcoming environment for the families staying at the Guest House.

Furnishings and other amenities are being sought by the Foundation. Local businesses have stepped up to help including **Serta International**.

The building is used by doctors, residents, interns and students from one of the four healthcare institutions serving the District. Each hospital is no further than three city blocks from the apartment building.

Every unit has a kitchen, large closet, air conditioning and is equipped with a cable TV hook up.

Families staying in the apartments will be asked to pay a small stipend to help cover the cost of their stay. At most, they will be asked to pay \$40 per day and that's only if they are financially capable.

For now, apartments will be reserved by hospital referrals to the IMD Guest House Foundation.

"Each hospital has been supportive and cooperative in devising a system to serve patient needs and address the issue of temporary housing in District. We're thrilled to provide this long-overdue service," Floriano said.







By the end of summer, the IMD Guest House Foundation expects to lease up to eight units in the CDA's Medical Center Apartments (above right), located at 1926 W. Harrison St. The building offers many amenities including 24-hour security, kitchenettes, laundry facilities (see insets at left).

### New board announced

The IMD Guest House Foundation board of directors voted unanimously in May to reconstitute the board to a seven-member board, down from 20.

Appointments to the new, more streamlined board will be made by each of the Foundation's supporting hospitals and the

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Warm up the

Guest House online at

www.crateandbarrel.com or

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# IMD Guest House Foundation Warm up the Guest House with a Donation

House warming, the tradition of presenting gifts for new homes, goes back centuries.

For the IMD Guest House, the age-old tradition may help provide the furnishings and other accessories for the Foundation's temporary home at the Medical Center Apartments.

"We have mattresses from Serta and Marriott (at Ashland and Harrison) has

> pledged furniture," said Marianne Floriano, IMD Guest House Foundation executive director. "But we also need many things a first-time homeowner may need, such as plates, utensils, cookware, sheets and small appliances, to name a few."

Items can be purchased from gift registries setup at Crate & Barrel and Bed, Bath & Beyond, from each store and via the Internet.

"The gift registries will be updated periodically to take advantage of sale and closeout items," Floriano said.

To warm up the Guest House on-line, go to their websites www.crateandbarrel.com or www.bedbathandbeyond.com.

For both registries, the first name is "IMD Guest House" and the last name is "Foundation." Items will automatically be delivered to the office at 600 South Hoyne. Please note that gift cards for these stores as well as Jewel, Target and Kohl's are also welcome. No item or gift is too small.

If you or someone you know would like to help, the official IMD Guest House Foundation "wish list" can be found on page 3 (at right) of this newsletter. If you would like to volunteer,

donate or obtain more information, please complete and mail the coupon on page 4.

"The bottom line is that we want to make our guests as comfortable as possible while their loved one is being cared for in the District," Floriano said.

In addition to the gift registries, you also may donate your time, cash or gift cards from any store that supplies the needed amenities, accessories and appliances. Please clip and send the coupon on page 4 with your donation or to obtain more information about the IMD Guest House.

Your donations are tax deductible since the IMD Guest House Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable foundation. Be sure to check with your accountant for more information.

#### One-of-a-Kind in Chicago

When open, the IMD Guest House will be the first of its kind in the Chicago area that serves families of all patients, both young and old.

With 4 million annual patient visits, the Illinois Medical District is the world's largest concentration of healthcare institutions. The quality of the IMD's tertiary care attracts patients from all over the world.

"The Illinois Medical District has world-class facilities and people come from all over the U.S. for specialized and emergency care," said John Janicik, IMD Guest House Foundation chairman of the board and partner with the Chicago law firm of Mayer, Brown Rowe & Maw. "Rather than having the families fend for themselves in a foreign city, we believe it is our responsibility to help ease the worry by providing a roof over their heads and a bed to sleep in within walking distance of the four district hospitals."

The District's four healthcare institutions (and average patient stays) are: Cook County Health Services; Rush University Medical Center; University of Illinois at Chicago Medical Center; VA Chicago Health Care Systems West Side.

# IMD Commission donates space for Guest House office

Can an office be a home? Just ask IMD Guest House Executive Director Marianne Floriano.

"We'll soon have a temporary home of patients and now we have a permanent home for the Foundation," Floriano said.

The IMD Commission has donated office space in its headquarters for the Foundation.

The commission's offices are located at 600 S. Hoyne, Chicago, Ill. 60612.

Any correspondence and donations may now be sent there.

If you need to reach Marianne, please call the office at (312) 942-1253 or Marianne's home office at (847) 430-8055. Her e-mail is mfloriano@IMDGuestHouse.org.



#### IMD Guest House Foundation "Wish List" Needs for Temporary Facility Minimum # Items Location Category Description Needed Dinner Plates Salad/Sandwich Plate Bowls (sm. for soup/salad Dinnerware Silverware 48 place settings Coffee Cups Glasses (10 ounces & tumblers) 48 of each 1.5 qt. saucepan 12 3 qt. saucepan Cookware 8" frying pan 12 Cookie sheet 12 12 Toaster Tea Kettle 12 Coffemaker (small) Mixing bowls Colander Accessories Potholders Kitchen Towels 30 12 Throw Rug Trash can w/lid 12 Pitcher Can opener Twin Sheet Sets **Queen Sheet Sets** 30 Standard white pillow cases 80 24 of each Blankets (twin & queen) Bed Comforters (twin & queen) 24 of each Waste can 12 Pillows 50 Queen Size Mattress Pads 24 Twin Size Mattress Pads 24 Shower curtains/liners 12 Towels (bath, hand and washclothe 40 of each size Throw rug 24 Bath 24 Spray rug Soap dish 12 12 Waste can 12 Small laundry hamper w/liner Coasters 12 Other Household Items 12 Broom/Dust pan 12 Carpet Sweeper Small microwave 10 **Appliances** Clock radio 12 TV/VCR combo 10 20 chairs or 10 love seats 2 Lounge Chairs or Small love sea One end table 10 Two nightstands 20 One small chest (use as TV stand) 10 Apartment Furnishings 10 One large chest of drawers 10 One small dining table w/4 chairs) Table lamps 20 10 One floor lamp 10 One Queen Size mattress set w/be 10 One roll-away bed

# Care to donate?

If you choose to donate one or more items listed at the left or if you choose to give money, gift certificates and gift cards, please send your donations to the IMD Guest House offices.

The address is:
IMD Guest House
600 S. Hoyne
Chicago, Ill. 60612
If you have questions or
would like more information, please call the IMD
Guest House office at (312)
942-1253 or e-mail Executive Director Marianne
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mfloriano@IMDGuestHouse.org.

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#### **Board**

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Illinois Medical District Commission. Each hospital has one board appointment and the district commission receives four appointments to the board of directors.

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The reconstitution plan also creates an advisory board for the Foundation comprised of all former directors and others invited by the Foundation to serve in an advisory capacity.

To make way for the reconstituted board, each director voluntarily stepped down and was invited to serve on the new advisory board and other Foundation committees.

Two directors chose to remain on the new board.

The new board is comprised of (board officer title): John A. Janicik (Chairman), Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw, L.L.P.; James V. Due (Treasurer), Northern Trust Company; Martha Gottlieb (Secretary), Cook County Bureau of Health Services; Brian A. Bernardoni, Chicago Assoc. of Realtors; Michele D. Flanagin, Rush University Medical Center; Robert S. D. Higgins, MD, Rush University Medical Center; Kristen F. Hugueley, Cardiva Medical Inc.; Thomas F. Meagher, Jr., Grosvenor Capital Management, L.P.; & Alfred S. Pate, University of Illinois Medical Center.

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