

ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CLARA

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Rotary Club of Santa Clara and JW House Work Together To Support Families in Need

Rotary Members Serve Up Hot Meals to Resident Families Facing Medical Crises

Santa Clara, CA, July 6, 2015 -- The Rotary Club of Santa Clara (www.santaclararotary.org) takes pride in providing comfort and support to families and individuals facing medical crises by serving up a hot meal each month at the JW House (www.jwhouse.org), as part of the “**Dinner is Served**” program. JW House is located on the campus of Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara Medical Center and provides a warm, comfortable “home away from home” for families facing medical crises. Families and individuals from area hospitals are welcomed into the JW House family for rest and self-care during the day or overnight while their loved one is in the hospital.

“Our club has been volunteering for the JW House ‘Dinner is Served’ program since 2014,” said Joe Sweeney, Rotary Club JW House chair. “Members volunteer their time and rotate each month to prepare a hot meal and bring comfort to those families and children during difficult times.”

“The ‘Dinner is Served’ program is one of the most popular volunteer opportunities at JW House. We are grateful for the Rotary Club of Santa Clara’s generosity and for being part of the community helping us serve more than 7,000 dinners a year,” said Larissa Robideaux, Executive Director, JW House.

“After a long day at the hospital, our guests look forward to coming ‘home’ to find that someone has planned and prepared a delicious meal just for them. Groups who participate in the ‘Dinner is Served’ program soon discover that their efforts go far beyond simply providing a dinner. As families gather for dinner, a warm sense of community exists and many volunteer groups choose to return month after month,” she added.

Want to learn more about JW House? Please join us for a 1 hour Welcome Home Tour! [View dates and sign up here.](#)

About the JW House

Located at 3850 Homestead Road, on the Kaiser Permanente campus, JW House began as the idea of Jan Willem (JW) Knapen, a boy who, in the midst of battling cancer, wanted to do something to help other children and families facing similar situations. JW House offers both overnight and day use respite for families who otherwise might be separated or have to sleep on hospital benches while their loved one undergoes treatment. For more information, please visit www.jwhouse.org or call (408) 246-2224.

About the Rotary Club of Santa Clara

The Rotary Club of Santa Clara, established in 1936, is dedicated to serving the local and world community. Composed of business and community leaders, the club designs its many projects to represent the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self."

Santa Clara Rotary supports the community with many projects: Steps for Success, Christmas for Kids, college scholarships, Enterprise Leadership Conference, Interact and Rotaract clubs, speech contests, and special grants awarded to local organizations. The club's biggest fundraiser, The Silicon Valley Barbecue Championships (www.svbbq.com) helps to support the funding for these programs. In addition to making major contributions to improve the local community, Rotarians have strongly supported many international projects such as the Rotary goal of global polio eradication. The Club's biggest fundraiser, the Silicon Valley Barbecue Championships

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