

Guest house on Riverbend campus to welcome patient families

SPRINGFIELD — Soon, out-of-town families will have a tranquil, no-cost place to call home in Springfield should their loved ones need specialized care at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend in Springfield, or University District in Eugene.

The much-anticipated Heartfelt House, a 20-room patient family guest house on the RiverBend campus, opened to guests yesterday, Sept. 10.

“This beautiful, welcoming home will provide a place of comfort and healing for families who are facing trying times — the new parents of a fragile infant in our NICU, the grief-stricken loved ones of a trauma patient and sometimes patients themselves, who need a good night’s rest before an early morning surgery or have traveled here for outpatient treatments unavailable in their community,” said Mary Kingston, chief executive of PeaceHealth Oregon network.

The \$8.4 million home was funded entirely through philanthropy and is a collaboration between PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center, which owns the house, and Ronald McDonald House Charities of Oregon & SW Washington, which will supervise



day-to-day operations. More than 600 donors contributed to the Heartfelt House. Architects Richard Shugar and Kira Malone from 2fORM Architecture designed the unique home and Chambers Construction built the 20,200-square-foot house, which was designed with two wings — each with 10 guest suites — on either side of a shared great room. One wing is for families of pediatric patients and the other is for families of adult patients.

Guests have access to a full kitchen and dining room in each wing, laundry facilities, lounges for quiet relaxation, a library/business center, indoor and outdoor children’s play areas and a covered outdoor patio area.

“The Heartfelt House lets families who may be emotionally and spiritually fragile know that we



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The new 20,200-square-foot, 20-suite guest house (above) on the PeaceHealth Riverbend campus officially opened to guests yesterday, Sept. 10, following a special open house last Thursday.

hold them close to our hearts,” Kingston said. “With its open layout, high ceilings, private rooms, and inviting and comforting indoor and outdoor spaces, it is

a physical reminder of PeaceHealth’s Mission to ease suffering and lovingly care not only for our patients, but also for their family members.”

To thank the hundreds of donors and spread awareness of the home, PeaceHealth hosted an invitation-only open house last Thursday, Sept. 5.

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