



B. Thomas Golisano Hope Lodge | Hospitality House



The B. Thomas Golisano Hospitality House and American Cancer Society Hope Lodge opened its doors to patients and caregivers in the early Spring of 2010. It is the only resource of its kind in the Rochester region, and provides free lodging to cancer patients and low-cost lodging to transplant patients and their families receiving lifesaving treatment from hospitals in the Rochester area.

The Hospitality House and Hope Lodge is a partnership that will serve the similar needs of transplant, trauma, cancer patients and their families.

American Cancer Society Hope Lodge facilities are free, temporary residential centers for out-of-town adult cancer patients undergoing treatment and one caregiver per patient. Part of the American Cancer Society's national Cancer Resource Network, Hope Lodge facilities relieve the burdens of financial stress and isolation by providing free lodging in a healing, supportive environment. There are 28 Hope Lodge facilities in existence throughout the nation, and many more are planned.

An urgent need in Rochester and Upstate NY communities

When diagnosed with cancer, the best hope for survival is often specialized treatment or clinical trials simply unavailable near home. Hope Lodge provides free lodging and support to reduce both financial and emotional burdens.

From 2007 to 2008, the aging Hope Lodge Rochester served 761 guests and provided 4,602 overnight stays free of charge. Hotel costs for double occupancy average \$200 per night, making long stays financially prohibitive to both cancer and transplant patients.

The new Hospitality House and Hope Lodge is located on the peaceful campus of the Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School at 1120 South Goodman Street and is near several leading medical treatment centers – the James P. Wilmot Center at the University of Rochester Medical Center, the Lipson Cancer Center, and the Pluta Cancer Center.

The facility contains 30 guest rooms and multiple living areas, including: kitchen, laundry

facilities, a family visit room, library, exercise facility and meditation room. Amenities such as the Colgate chapel and library are also available. The facility has the capacity to serve 100 patients and caregivers every month.

Hospitality House and Hope Lodge exists because of the generosity of private and corporate donors

In partnership with the Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School and the University of Rochester Medical Center, the American Cancer Society has launched a \$10 million campaign to develop the Hospitality House and Hope Lodge.

A lead gift of \$4 million has been received from B. Thomas Golisano and there are many opportunities for individuals, foundations, and corporations to join us in this journey of hope, working together through a shared belief that no person should have to face treatment in a strange city alone.

The American Cancer Society offers patient services to people who live nearby

Hospitality House and Hope Lodge is also home to the American Cancer Society's regional offices that offer patient navigation and support programs to people who live here. Specialists on staff provide guidance to newly diagnosed patients, and maintain a comprehensive database of resources for cancer patients. Support programs include Reach to Recovery for breast cancer patients, Man to Man for prostate cancer patients, and Look Good... Feel Better, a program that addresses cosmetic effects of chemotherapy.

To request a reservation at the Hospitality House and Hope Lodge:

Reservation requests are made through medical treatment providers. To find out more, call the American Cancer Society at 1.800.227.2345 or visit www.cancer.org/hopelodge.