



Fire Fighters Home Project

Mission

The mission of the Fire Fighters Home (RFFH) is to provide short-term housing at little or no cost to firefighters and other first-responders while they are undergoing treatment at The Texas Medical Center (TMC).

Goal

To mitigate a large portion of the financial burden associated with short-term housing during the time a patient is being treated TMC.

History

The Fire Fighters Home (RFFH) began as a service project of the Rotary Club of University Area Houston, (RCUA-H). It is still this club's primary service project. Many members of RCUA-H serve on the RFFH Board of Directors and Rotarians from other clubs in District 5890, serve as volunteers, side-by-side with RCUA-H volunteers. Additionally, clubs from all over the district support the project with donations.

Through a collaborative effort of Rotarians in Rotary District 5890, Rotary clubs throughout the United States, the Houston Fire Department, and the firefighting community overall, RFFH is currently leasing near the Texas Medical Center (TMC). These fully furnished, one-bedroom apartments are provided to firefighters at a no cost, other than the one-time cleaning fee (per stay).

Since its inception, RFFH has helped hundreds of firefighters and their immediate families.

Why the Need?

Firefighters face numerous dangers in their role as protectors of our population when dealing with fires and certain other catastrophes. In performing their job, they often receive broken bones, strains, and burns, and exposure to horrendous carcinogens. Because Firefighters have occupational risks from exposure to these toxins and hazardous chemicals, they suffer illnesses, particularly cancers, at a statistically higher rate than the average population.

Specialized treatment for these illnesses often requires an extended stay near TMC. The cost of hotels and short-time housing for patients and their families coming to Houston for such treatment can be crippling and health insurance does not cover lodging expenses.

Who Do We Serve?

RFFH housing is open to professional and volunteer firefighters, first responders and immediate family members, who are undergoing active treatment at TMC. There are no

other restrictions based on gender, age, religion, national origin, financial status, or language. Nor are there any restrictions as to residence.

Rotary Firefighters Home is a 501(c) 3 Non-Profit Charitable Corporation. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by the Internal Revenue Code.

The RFFH motto is "You were there for us; we are here for you." Firefighters protect us 24/7, always responding to 9-1-1 calls. This is our opportunity to help protect them, to answer their 9-1-1 call. They are always there for us: We are there for them.

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