

Hello _____ ,

Thank you so much for your interest in the American Family Children's Hospital and our Family Meal Program.

The Family Meal Program provides free meals to all families inpatient at AFCH. The meals are served on the first floor of the hospital, so all parents of patients can come down and take part in the meal. We recognize that daily meals can add an additional burden of cost to families already spending so much time here. Meals are donated by community groups, are free and offered on a variety of evenings.

Thanks to community funding, the hospital is able to provide an evening meal three days a week at no cost to patients and family members. These meals are donated by community service groups, local restaurants and grocery stores. Organizations work with us, in the Child Life Department, to provide their donations and then we organize the meals, provided through our hospital catering service or outside catering/ restaurant. This way we are able to plan that all meals are confirmed and accounted for.

Sponsorship of the AFCH Family Meal Program includes:

- Sponsors a meal directly with a donation of funds (\$300) - AFCH Child Life Staff will then order the meal from a pre-approved catering service or restaurant (including: entrée, sides and salad/fruit (beverages optional) that serve 50-60 people.)
- Sponsorship will be posted at the meal and on our 'Child Life Special Events Calendar', located all over the hospital and in every patient room.
Examples: "Sponsored by Business A."
- *Option to have between 4-6 people from group participate in the meal and help to serve the food on the sponsored night. *Six is the maximum number, so that families are not overwhelmed as they try to eat their meal.
- Option to provide additional funding and re-occurring, regularly-scheduled family meal. If you are interested in this option, please inquire for more details.

**At this time, we are only able to support this sponsor and serve model. Due to patient and safety concerns, the public may not serve or deliver meals to our inpatient units or any patient care areas.*

Our Family Meal Program takes place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays of each month. Due to scheduling and availability, we plan all meals, up to six weeks, ahead of time. We can help to determine what would be the best dated/time for you and/or your group to be a sponsor a meal.

If discussing more details or answering questions would be more convenient over the phone, please let me know and we can plan a day and time to connect.

Thank you so much for thinking of the families here at AFCH. We are looking forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

The Child Life Department