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## **JW House Hosts Event at Cafe Stritch for Silicon Valley Gives Day**

### **Food, Music, Networking and Opportunity to Give Back to the Community**

SANTA CLARA, April 21, 2014 - JW House is hosting an evening of music and networking with its Young Professional Advisory Committee (YPAC) on May 6, at Cafe Stritch in downtown San Jose.

Café Stritch, located at 374 South 1st St., is usually closed on Tuesdays, yet will open its doors from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on May 6 for JW House and the public. This event will celebrate Silicon Valley Gives, the regional day of giving hosted by the Silicon Valley Community Foundation with food, music, and opportunities to learn about JW House. Throughout the year, YPAC members host events for JW House and provide personal and professional development opportunities for millennial generation professionals, such as workshops and networking for young.

Last year, JW House, in its fifth year of operation, was home away from home for 742 families: one third of these were overnight guests and two thirds utilized the facilities during the day. Slightly more than half of the guests (52 percent) were pediatric families including neonatal intensive care, while the remainder were families of adults in cardiac, heart transplant, and intensive care units. Hospital social workers refer families to JW House based on their geographical distance from the hospital, financial need, hardship status, and gravity of the injury or illness.

#### **About JW House:**

Located at the site of the Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara Medical Center, JW House provides a warm, comfortable home just steps away from the hospital for families in medical crisis. Both overnight and day use programs are offered to families of patients while their loved one is undergoing treatment. JW House began as the idea of Jan-Willem (JW) Knapen, a boy who, in the midst of battling cancer, wanted to build a residence house to create a place of comfort for other families during long hospital stays. For more information, please visit [www.jwhouse.org](http://www.jwhouse.org) or call [\(408\) 246-2224](tel:4082462224). JW House is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization.