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## **JW House Partners with Courtyard by Marriott and Hilton Garden Inn**

*Donated hotel rooms help keep families together during medical crises*

SANTA CLARA, July 2014 – JW House announced today a new partnership with Courtyard by Marriott in Cupertino, expanding its existing “hoteling” program with Hilton Garden Inn. JW House provides a home away from home to families with a loved one receiving treatment at area hospitals for a life-threatening medical condition.

“Since opening our doors in 2008, the need for temporary overnight housing for families facing medical crises has exceeded our capacity,” explains Executive Director, Tracy Byars. “Courtyard is matching Hilton’s generous donation of two rooms Thursday through Sunday, which immediately expands our ability to serve families who travel to Kaiser Santa Clara and other area hospitals while their loved one is receiving treatment.”

As healthcare becomes more costly and specialized, traveling great distances for expert treatment is becoming more and more common. The high cost of Silicon Valley hotels is prohibitive for many families and, without JW House and its partner hotels, these families would have to sleep in their cars or in hospital waiting rooms.

Hilton Garden Inn in Cupertino was the first hotel to partner with JW House beginning last fall. Since October 2013, the Hilton Garden Inn has donated two rooms per week, Thursday through Sunday, serving nearly 60 individual families with a total of well over 200 donated nights. With the addition of Courtyard’s donation of two rooms Thursday through Sunday, double the number of families will be served.

### **About JW House:**

Located on the Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara campus, the independent, nonprofit JW House provides a warm, comfortable home just steps away from the hospital for families in medical crises. Both overnight and day use programs serve 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 as 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:408-246-2224). JW House is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization.