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Quantum House celebrates 25 years of hope, comfort and community

For 25 years, Quantum House has been a sanctuary for families whose children are receiving medical treatment at local hospitals in Palm Beach County. What began as an aspirational vision of the Junior League of the Palm Beaches, supported by the Quantum Foundation, Intracoastal Health Foundation and a generous community, Quantum House opened its doors in 2001 with 10 cozy rooms, a single dedicated staff member and an intuitive house manager.

Today, Quantum House has grown into a 30-suite facility serving families from all 50 states and beyond — offering not just lodging, but stability, comfort and a sense of normalcy during some of life’s most challenging moments. From the earliest days, Quantum House focused on creating a nurturing, family-centered environment. Located on the campus of St. Mary’s Medical Center, volunteers and staff welcomed families with warmth, hosted meals and organized community fundraisers that quickly became traditions. These early efforts laid the foundation for an organization defined not only by its accommodations but by the care, connection and hope it provides.

Over time, Quantum House’s reach and impact expanded significantly. By 2014, the House had served 2,500 families, and in 2016, facility expansions tripled its capacity to 30 guest suites. Families traveling from across the country, including those visiting specialized programs like the Paley Advanced Limb Lengthening Institute, found comfort, connection and support. Annual initiatives create cherished memories, while volunteer programs have grown to meet the demand, ensuring families receive care that extends far beyond lodging. “Quantum House is life-changing for families,” said Greg Quattlebaum, CEO of Quantum House. “It’s our mission to be a place where families find respite, joy and community

while their children receive medical treatment. Small daily touches transform the House into more than a place to stay — it becomes a home and a source of hope during difficult times.” Today, Quantum House is a vital resource for approximately 1,500 families each year, providing more than 8,000 nights of stay. Families often stay an average of six weeks, far longer than a typical hospital visit, transforming what could be a temporary stop into a critical period of stability. During this time, families are navigating complex treatment plans, extended hospitalizations and the emotional weight of caring for a child in crisis, often far from home. As the only pediatric facility of its kind between Orlando and Miami, Quantum House ensures families can remain close to their child without the added burdens, allowing them to be present for every appointment, milestone and moment that matters. Supported by more than 3,000 volunteers annually, Quantum House hosts programming and provides small but meaningful comforts, such as hosting therapy dog visits, holiday celebrations, interactive activities and its Chef for a Day program, where volunteers prepare and serve home-cooked meals for families staying at Quantum House. “Quantum House has transformed into a truly global presence, reaching families from all over the world, marking each year with new traditions,” said Phil Engman, Quantum House

board chair. “The spirit of Quantum House has only grown stronger through each chapter, as one family after another finds comfort, laughter and togetherness within its walls. Quantum House anchored itself as a sanctuary where healing and love set the foundation for a legacy of care.” Milestones over the past decade reflect Quantum House’s ongoing commitment to families. Certification as a Healthcare Hospitality House affirmed its national standard of excellence. Facility upgrades include a recently renovated kitchen and dining areas, playrooms, a learning lounge, an exercise gym and a serenity room, which are made possible through donations and partnerships from Dr. David Feldman, the Hand Foundation, Kast Construction, Little Smiles, the Macarthur Family, Mia’s Miracles and the Reutter Family. With a refreshed brand, continued support and a focus on impactful programs and amenities, Quantum House is ready to welcome the next family through its doors. Its story is one of compassion, resilience and community, the powerful result of a vision that has grown into a lifeline for thousands of families in Palm Beach County and beyond. Signature event highlights for the 25th anniversary year include the Quantum House Invitational golf outing that took place on April 10 at The Nest Par 3 at Sandhill Crane in Palm Beach Gardens; the chef-driven Culinary Creations tasting event on June 1 at Wycliffe Golf and Country Club in Wellington; the refreshed Shamrock Classic golf tournament on Oct. 2 at Turtle Creek Golf in Tequesta; and the festive Sugar Plum Dreams Holiday Celebration on Dec. 6 at The Club at Admirals Cove in Jupiter. Visit quantumhouse.org or call 561-494-0515 for more information, to volunteer or to support the mission.



Phil Engman and Greg Quattlebaum



From left: Mateo Beckstrom, Quante Jordan, Kirk Beckstrom



Front row, from left: Brooks Prieto, Harrison Prieto. Back row: Daniel Prieto, Emery Prieto, Lauren Stoops Prieto [CAPEHART]

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