

## GUEST ADMITTING POLICIES

### **The Purpose of the Harvest Home**

The Harvest Home was created as temporary housing facility that is safe for spouses, children or other family members to stay when their loved ones are receiving medical care from Dickinson-area medical facilities. Hospitality is the primary goal of the Harvest Home to make families feel comfortable during a stressful time. Harvest Home was founded to meet the needs of individuals who financially cannot afford to stay at one of the local motels in Dickinson.

Harvest Home is not a clinical extension of the Hospital. It is used by the general public beyond individuals directly or indirectly related to the Hospital (examples individuals needed dental care or ophthalmology care). Individuals needing to stay at the Harvest Home are required to be referred by the medical community ... physician, medical clinic, dental practice, nursing staff ...

Harvest Home is not staffed by healthcare or social work professionals. The Harvest Home is not a shelter for those needing temporary housing.

### **Family and Friends of Patients at the Hospital**

- \* To determine if housing is available, referring medical staff should contact the switchboard at St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center ... 456-4000
- \* A minimal donation of \$15 per night is asked for all guests of the Harvest Home; however no one has ever been turned away because of an inability to pay.
- \* No meals are provided, however individuals can use the cooking facilities of Harvest Home and they have access to the donated food.
- \* All guests are expected to clean their room and wash all of the linens used before at the end of their stay at Harvest Home. There are no housekeeping services provided.
- \* Harvest Home has a residential manager that lives onsite and serves as host to the Home's guests ... answering questions about the facility or general services in the Dickinson area. The manager is non-clinical and serves as a support link between the hospital and the Home. She is not responsible for the day-to-day needs of the guests, but will act appropriately if an emergency situation arises.

### **Patient Guidelines (utilized on a restricted basis)**

Due to the lack of clinical support that is not a component of the Harvest Home mission, the onsite manager of the Harvest Home is not allowed to accept guests or patients that have any medical conditions that require supervision or have been or will be treated or are, at the time, being treated for clinical issues involving behavior (alcoholism, mental health, etc.).

Guests are expected to be able to be independent, take care of their personal need, cook, clean and able to maintain a level of responsibility in the house as there may be other guests using the home.

The onsite manager is not responsible for waking, cooking or looking after general needs of the guests. Individuals who cannot feed themselves, require medical observation, or have started a behavioral drug therapeutic program are not eligible to utilize the house.

The director of the Foundation will review patients who are unable to afford regular lodging on a case-by-case basis. Clinical staff is requested to contact the Foundation Office at 456-4772 or 456-4363 to review the availability of the Harvest Home for a Hospital patient.