

HEARTFELT GUESTHOUSE



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The vision for the Heartfelt Guesthouse was to create a safe and welcoming home away from home for the families of patients at Sacred Heart Medical Center, RiverBend.

A collaboration between PeaceHealth Medical Center and Ronald McDonald House Charities, the Heartfelt Guesthouse offers inviting accommodations for out-of-town families to support loved ones at the hospital. Expected to host approximately 1,500 families per year, the new guesthouse nearly quintuples the capacity of the former PeaceHealth University District guesthouse. By enabling families to stay close to their hospitalized relatives at no cost, the Heartfelt Guesthouse eases the burden during difficult times.

Caring for a sick or injured family member is stressful, so the guesthouse was envisioned as a place of refuge, relaxation, and rejuvenation. 2FORM developed an indoor/outdoor sanctuary that allows guests to rest and decompress after spending long days at the hospital. A courtyard scheme was conceived to maximize natural light and strengthen connections with nature. With the main entry facing east to address the hospital, the 20 guest rooms are divided into two played wings that are connected by a central common area. The Great Space serves as the beating heart of the building, providing communal functions in a grand setting around a blazing hearth. Smaller, more intimate rooms are carved out of the larger space, providing inspired niches for children to play and for guests to relax.

Additional amenities include a shared kitchen for each wing, laundry facilities, and a semi-private lounge for each wing. The hallways leading to the suites were conceived as special rooms and not just circulation paths. Nearly 18 feet high at the tallest point, the hallways elicit an almost cathedral quality, providing a unique experience for the users. Wood trellises over the guest suite doors announce entry and provide a human scale. Niches at each guest suite entry emulate a "front porch," where staff and other guests can leave messages on the chalk board walls. At 413 square feet, each guest suite features vaulted ceilings, oversized windows, and a custom entertainment center that serves as a divider between the sleeping and living zones.

Not wanting the guest house to feel like a hospital or a hotel, 2FORM established a language of "home" through thoughtful material selection and spatial arrangement. Elements with a classically residential vocabulary like window seats, dormer windows, and trellises are re-imagined into the project with a contemporary twist. Slat walls, combined with large expanses of glass and whimsical pendants, create a striking interplay of light and shadow, bringing an unexpected playfulness to the spaces. Funded entirely through philanthropy, the Heartfelt Guesthouse embodies our community's spirit while providing a home away from home for those in need.

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