R-AHEC Thiel Hospitality House and Learning Center

R-AHEC is a 501 c (3) not-for-profit organization with a mission to improve health and health care through education. The Thiel Hospitality House and Learning Center is a two-building complex serving the Wyoming County community.

The Learning Center has two training rooms and is equipped with state-of-the-art technology allowing for remote training sessions. Several conference rooms make it ideal for local community and health-related group meetings.

A special thanks to the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, administrators of the Thiel Trust, for their vision in helping make this dream a reality. Many thanks, also, to all of the community organizations, foundations, and individuals who helped with the cost of furnishings and other donations related to startup and ongoing costs.

For more information, to volunteer or to make a donation, please contact us at 585.786.6275.

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Welcome to the R-AHEC Thiel Hospitality House

Through the generosity of William F. Thiel, a trust was established to address health care needs in Wyoming County. Seed money from the Thiel Trust has evolved into a fourteen-bed Hospitality House for those in need during a health care crisis, and a Learning Center for community use.

The Hospitality House is located above and behind the hospital with phone lines located in the lobby area and library, so loved ones are only moments away from someone in crisis at the hospital. The Hospitality House is handicapped accessible, but does not provide patient care. Ambulatory patients must be accompanied by a caregiver or be able to care for themselves.

Individuals or families facing a health care crisis, on-call or visiting medical professionals and others may stay at the Hospitality House. In addition, half the house is committed for use by health professions and medical students willing to do a rural rotation in our county. It is our hope that their experience will lead some of them to return to Wyoming County or choose other local rural communities as their future home, ensuring that the necessary mix of health professionals is available in those communities.

Who Can Stay

* Students on clinical rotations.
* Family of loved ones in crisis at WCCH or other facility.
* Health professionals providing services at WCCH (on-call, visiting physicians) in need of temporary lodging.

If you would like to stay at the Hospitality House, please ask for a referral from the hospital. **Call R-AHEC staff for rates and room availability**, but families in crisis will not be refused for inability to pay. Community support helps cover costs. Of course, donations are always welcome.

For arrangements, please call R-AHEC staff at 585.786.6275 Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

R-AHEC Thiel Hospitality House provides free or significantly reduced cost lodging to families while there loved one receives care in a local hospital or nursing home.

Unlike a hotel, the R-AHEC Thiel Hospitality House has a shared kitchen with all the cooking amenities, common living areas and private bedrooms just like home.

What is Available

Hospitality House services include:

* Two community suites and two student suites with TV and basic cable. Each suite has two bedrooms, each with two twin size beds, a living area and one bathroom. There is one fully handicapped accessible bathroom.
* A fully-equipped kitchen and dining room allows guests to prepare and enjoy their own meals.
* There are laundry facilities, a small conference/library room, wireless connectivity throughout the house and common areas for gathering.
* An airy outside veranda offers a spectacular view of the valley and is just the place for quiet contemplation on a warm sunny day.