



The Program for Adult Congenital Heart Disease (PACHD)

Charitable Services – “The Parsonage”: Housing away from Home

The Parsonage, an historic, four-bedroom house in Hershey that serves as a home away from home for qualified families of adult patients traveling at least 50 miles to receive specialized care at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. Similar to the Ronald McDonald House, which accommodates families of children being treated at Penn State Hershey Children’s Hospital, The Parsonage is available at no cost to families of adult patients to ease their burden while remaining close to their loved ones.

The Parsonage was constructed next to Spring Creek Church of the Brethren on East Areba Avenue in Hershey in 1935 with funds donated to the church by chocolate magnate and philanthropist Milton Hershey. Used as the pastors’ home until 2003, and as church office space since, the house has been donated to Love in the Name of Christ (Love INC) of Greater Hershey, a network of local churches and service agencies helping people in need. Love INC operates and maintains the facility.

The Parsonage will is reserved for families of patients requiring long hospital stays for complex heart conditions—for example, heart failure patients awaiting or recovering from a heart transplant. However, families with loved ones receiving other transplant procedures—kidney, liver, etc.—will also be considered as space permits.

Because The Parsonage hosts guests referred by Medical Center staff, simply let our Program for Adult Congenital Heart Disease office know that you are in need of this service and we will help you with a referral.

More information about eligibility and availability can be obtained by calling:

The Parsonage (717) 835-0110 or the Penn State Hershey CareLine at 800-243-1455