

Friends of Patients at the NIH

(Formerly known as The Friends of the Clinical Center)

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“If clinical trials are to be successful, it is critical that more people get involved. We need to spread the word about the value of participating in clinical trials. Signing up for a clinical trial may indeed benefit medical research and help future generations. But it is not strictly an altruistic endeavor. In many instances, trial participants do gain personal advantages, such as improved disease outcomes or better health. “And we should not be shy about telling that story.”

Dr. Francis Collins - Director NIH

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**“Home is the place where, when
you have to go there, they have to
take you in.” — Robert Frost**

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About Friends at NIH

- **Founded in 1984 by NIH employees**
- **Headquartered in the NIH Clinical Center**
- **Originally known as the Friends of the Clinical Center**
- **One of three official NIH Charities (The Children's Inn, Special Love)**
- **Heidi Grolig – Executive Director**
- **Focused on supporting Patients enrolled in Clinical Trials at the NIH – and keeping them in those trials!**
- **Support consideration is open to anyone participating in an NIH Clinical Trial**
- **In collaboration with NIH Clinical Center Social Work Department**
- **Providing a variety of support services focused on the Patient**

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Patient Focused Services

- **Emergency Financial Needs**
 - Mortgage or Rent
 - Automobile
 - Insurance
 - Telephone
 - Medical
 - Travel
- **Long-Term Housing**
 - Monterey Apartment(s)
- **Meals / Activities**
 - Edmond J. Safra Lodge
- **Other**
 - NIH Clinical Center Waiting Rooms

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Patient Support Ecosystem

NIH



Clinics and
Labs



Social
Workers



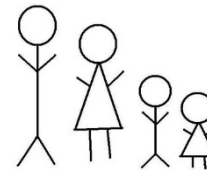
Patient



Researchers



Home



Family



Family Lodging

Friends



Meals

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The Friends of Patients at the NIH provides emotional, financial, and logistical support to patients while they are receiving groundbreaking and life-saving treatments at the NIH Clinical Center.

We are **Champions of NIH Patients, helping to cover their essential needs so they can focus on recovery, healing, and fulfilling their crucial role in contributing to the discoveries and breakthroughs at the NIH – and, ultimately, new hope to benefit future generations.**

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Please join us for our 30th Anniversary Celebration!!!

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