



CAPTAIN JOSEPH HOUSE FOUNDATION

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CAPTAIN JOSEPH HOUSE RESPITE VISIT

FAQs

- 1) **Where will we sleep?** Three family sleeping rooms with private attached bathrooms have been designed to accommodate 5-9 guests. These include a combination of queen, double bunk, twin beds, toddler bed and cribs. The House can accommodate a total of 16 individuals each week.
- 2) **Who will prepare our meals?** Staff will be on hand to assist with meal preparation, but the Family members, of all ages, are encouraged to join in the kitchen to share in meal preparation.
- 3) **What will there be to eat?** Weekly menus have been planned for your visit with a variety of hearty, healthy, user-friendly meals to satisfy everyone's appetite.
- 4) **What if I have a food allergy?** By completing the Reservation Information prior to your visit, any food allergies or other dietary restrictions will be accommodated.
- 5) **How many meals will we eat?** Three meals a day have been planned. If Families would like to go on an outing, lunch picnics are available. Ordering food outside of the meals planned for each day will be at the cost of the individual(s).
- 6) **Where do we eat?** A large dining table with additional highchairs and boosters will accommodate all of our Family Members at one time in the dining room.
- 7) **Is there laundry service?** Each family sleeping room will be ready and waiting with clean linens on the beds and towels in the bathrooms. A cleaning company provides our Linen Service. Should a bed need to be changed (accidents), staff will assist with clean bedding. We have a

laundry facility on site with 2 washers and 2 dryers so guests are free to do a personal load of laundry as needed during their stay.

- 8) **How will we get to and from the Joseph House?** Staff will pick up and return Families to Seatac airport. We have several vans, but due to the number of Family members being picked up at the airport, please limit your luggage to carry-on baggage whenever possible. Transportation for Families living in the greater Seattle area will be arranged with our van drivers as well.
- 9) **Can we go site seeing on our own?** The vans with staff drivers will be available to transport Families on any outings they choose to go on as well as being your tour guides while you visit the beautiful North Olympic Peninsula. We discourage using your own vehicles...Captain Joseph House is not a bed and breakfast nor a hotel and is not registered as a vacation property. The program is designed for Gold Star Families to spend time together with a variety of activities that promotes relationship building for all ages. The bonds created during a Family's retreat/respice week with other Gold Star Families will last beyond the days at Captain Joseph House.
- 10) **Is there internet connection?** Yes. A computer and printer are available for Families use.
- 11) **What kinds of clothes should we bring?** A list will be mailed out with the Family confirmation letter indicating needs; based on season and activities available during the week of attendance.
- 12) **Are their places to shop for souvenirs, clothing?** Yes, a variety of stores in Port Angeles have souvenirs, shoes, clothes, as well as on day trips. The National Park Service has a number of information kiosks where books, snacks, t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. are available for purchase. Families are encouraged to bring spending money for these extras!