Helping Patients in Times of Greatest Need

Lodging is a particular concern for patients and families who travel great distances to receive care at Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center, especially those whose treatment protocol requires long-term daily therapy or hospitalization.

These patients and their supportive caregivers must stay near the Cancer Center for lengthy periods of time—often at great personal expense. To help ease this burden for patients and families, the Banner Health Foundation has established a **Patient Housing Assistance Endowment**. Supported by charitable gifts, this permanent fund provides lodging assistance to qualified patients and families who travel to Banner MD Anderson for care, and lack local housing options.

Because of the level of expertise in our Hematology Oncology area, blood and immune cancer patients now represent the second-largest volume of patients at Banner MD Anderson, next to the breast cancer population. For these patients, stem-cell transplantation and clinical trial participation are common, both requiring close proximity to the Cancer Center for periods of two weeks to up to six months. Leukemia patients require immediate, lengthy hospitalization upon diagnosis, requiring family members to quickly find local lodging.

Across all types of cancer, patients receiving daily radiation therapy, those recovering from surgery, and participants in clinical trials, require nearby lodging to accommodate their frequent visits.

**GIVE TODAY**

You can play a direct role in easing a significant burden for patients and families—providing a home away from home, a bit of comfort and relief, during the fight of their lives. 100% of donations are used for patient support, with eligibility determination and disbursements managed by the Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center Finance Office.