



FRATERNITY HOUSE, INC. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. What is Fraternity House, Inc.?**

We are a non-organization who provides 24 hour a day care in a home environment for men and women with HIV/AIDS. We have two houses: Fraternity House, located in Escondido, and Michaele House, located in Vista.
- 2. What is the organization's mission statement?**

The mission of Fraternity House, Inc. is" to provide warm and caring homes where men and women disabled by HIV/AIDS can receive comprehensive care and services in order to rebuild their health and return to independent living, or where they can spend their last days in comfort and dignity."
- 3. Why the name 'Fraternity House'?**

The organization began in the late 1980's in a middle class neighborhood in Oceanside. Neighbors would question the residents and supporters of the organization why there were so many people, mostly men, coming and going from the house, and the founder of the organization told them to tell people that it was a 'fraternity house'. (There was, and continues to be, a stigma surrounding the epidemic so the organization strived to protect the residents and all those associated with it. Today, we embrace the name because it truly is a fraternity or sorority: A group of people coming together for the common good of others).
- 4. When was Fraternity House, Inc. established?**

Fraternity House began operating in the City of Oceanside during mid-1980's when hospitals and skilled nursing facilities were reluctant to accept people with AIDS. On May 31, 1988, Fraternity House was incorporated and became a nonprofit organization and in 1997 Michaele House was established. Today, both houses can serve a capacity of 20 individuals.
- 5. Whom does Fraternity House, Inc. serve?**

The residents we serve represent a wide spectrum of the population. Over the last 20 years we have served over 450 individuals, including individuals from Riverside County, Orange County, and all regions of San Diego County. On average we provide care to 33 people a year.
- 6. What kind of services does Fraternity House, Inc. provide?**

We are the only licensed provider of transitional, long-term and hospice-type care all in one location. We provide our residents with housing, 24-hour comprehensive care, meals and quality of life.
- 7. What is a RCF-CI and how does is it relate to the organization?**

RCF-CI (Residential Care Facility for the Chronically Ill) is s State of California licensing designation that requires us to adhere to strict standards as it relates to the overall operation of the organization and its two homes. Fraternity House, Inc. was one of the first licensed RCF-CIs in California and has always operated the only two RCF-CIs in San Diego County – Fraternity House and Michaele House.
- 8. How is Fraternity House, Inc. funded?**

We are funded in part, by the State of California Office of AIDS, County of San Diego HOPWA, CDBG programs of local cities, United Way of San Diego, AIDS Walk San Diego, private/public foundations, and private/public donations.