

## A new look for the House!

Thanks to a generous \$20,000 donation from an anonymous donor, Hill House was able to give itself a facelift. The patient rooms received fresh coats of paint. The doors to the patients' rooms have been widened for easier access with wheelchairs. Patient comfort and staff safety were improved.

"Getting that phone call was amazing," said Nurse Manager Terrilynne Young of the donation, which was specifically earmarked for capital improvements. "Then I took it upon myself to turn those dimes into dollars. And because we love the house, staff came in on weekends off to paint the house to save money on paying painters.

"We needed a facelift and we're so grateful for it," added Terrilynne. "It's actually been a great team-building exercise for us during a really troubling time." Staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly to get everything done. Terrilynne said we've

Hill House Staff and Volunteers worked together to add a fresh coat of paint to the bedrooms.



been at the house many times working until 11 p.m. with dedicated staff and volunteers.

We had two volunteers – Bruce and Jacquie – who earned themselves a special shout-out. "We would not have been able to get it done without their help," Terrilynne said. "We would have had to pay people. All the scutwork, painting and assembly of furniture, other work they've done, and just helping out, they have really been there for us."

The donation was also used to purchase desks, chairs and shelves and long-overdue replacements for the patient and medical fridges. A Murphy bed is also planned for downstairs as part of the basement update.

The renovations started in September and are expected to be completed by the New Year. And thank-you again to our anonymous donor for their generous gift!

