



## Veterans Guest House celebrates 20 years

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RENO, Nev. (KRNV & MyNews4.com) - For the past month, Pam Flaherty's husband, a veteran, has been in the intensive care unit for infections in multiple organs.

In trying times, she not only found a roof over her head at the Veterans Guest House, but an extended family.

"Thank goodness for the veterans house," says Flaherty. "Because you know, you're scared, you're in shock and these people take you in and they love you, and they build you back up so you can be better for your spouse."

She says it's not only lifted a burden, but has played a role in helping the healing process.

"It's like coming home. [At] the veterans' house, we can all talk about different deals and we can carry each other. And you don't get that anywhere else."

Before it was known as the Veterans Guest House, it was known as the Spouse House. The idea started 20 years ago, when a group of veterans noticed a mother and her children sleeping in their car when her veteran husband was in the ICU.

The concerned veterans vowed, never again.

"So December 14th, 1994, is when this house had its first guest," says Noreen Leary, Veteran Guest House CEO. "And since then we've had nearly 50 thousand guest nights of lodging provided."

The house started with 4 beds and now has seventeen, and Leary says it wouldn't be possible without the community support, including its annual raffle during the navy-army football game on Saturday.

About 470 tickets were sold at \$100 each. The fundraiser will bring in \$37,000 to keep up the home.

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