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Groundbreaking set for Rotary Respite House

VISALIA – A groundbreaking ceremony for the Rotary Respite House will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the corner of Myrtle and Watson.

The Visalia Rotary Community Foundation, a joint effort of all Visalia Rotary clubs, is building the respite house and will own it, and lease it to Kaweah Delta Health Care District to operate and manage.

The Respite House, known as “Al’s Place” in honor of Rotarian Al Fisher, is two units, one with three bedrooms and two baths and one with two bedrooms and two baths, plus laundry rooms. The house will be fully furnished, including the kitchen, and will be available for use at no charge by people whose loved one is hospitalized.

The house is made possible by contributions to the Visalia Rotary Community Foundation by Rotarians and community members. Donations are still needed and will be recognized on plaques on the house, based on levels of giving. Giving levels range from bronze (up to \$1,000) to platinum (\$10,000 and up).

Rotarians have been searching for just the right house for several years, explained Don Hutton, project manager and member of the Rotary Club of Visalia. The “right” house was found on the corner of Myrtle and Watson – an abandoned house offering close proximity to Kaweah Delta Medical Center.

Fred Scott designed the Respite House, and many businesses and individuals have donated time, funds and services to make the house a possibility, Hutton noted.

The house is expected to open July 1, 2016. For information and to make a contribution contact Hutton at 730-0476.