



## *Spare Key's Mission*

is to provide precious time for  
Minnesota families with critically  
ill or seriously injured children by making  
housing payments.

"A hundred years from now  
it will not matter what my  
bank account was, the sort  
of house I lived in, or the  
kind of car I drove, but the  
world may be different  
because I was important in  
the life of a child...."

- Forest Witcraft

## *Rewards*

The importance of Spare Key's mission and its  
impact is evident in the words of those we serve.

*"Just hold me Mommy, and I'll feel better."*

- Ryan Holt

*"You gave us hope that things would be okay,  
during a time when we thought things would  
never be okay again."*

- Kim Lovrich

*"When everything in a young child's life is turned  
upside down, a parent can be the one constant  
in their life to hold on to. As a parent, when your  
life is turned upside down because of your child's  
critical illness, you are made aware of the value  
of every day, every minute and Spare Key made  
being there for and with my child possible."*

- Trish Adams

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## *Awards*

### **2004 Nonprofit Mission Award**

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, Award  
for Nonprofit Innovation

### **Oprah's "Use Your Life" Award**

Spare Key's Founders, Patricia and Robert Keech,  
were the recipients of Oprah Winfrey's Angel  
Network "Use your Life" Award in 2000 for the  
founding of Spare Key.

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## What is Spare Key?

Spare Key is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that grants mortgage payments to Minnesota families with critically ill or seriously injured children. Founders Patsy and Robb Keech started the organization in 1997 as a result of their experiences with the serious illness and subsequent loss of their 2-year-old son, Derian.

## How did Spare Key get its name?

While not everyone has had a hospital experience, everyone at one time or another has been locked out of something. Spare Key provides the key that brings much needed relief and hope during the crisis.

## What are Spare Key's criteria?

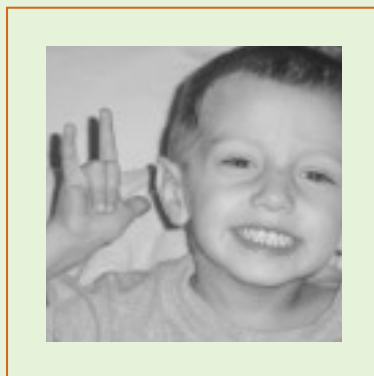
Some of the basic requirements needed to qualify for a grant from Spare Key are: a dependent child must have been hospitalized for 21 days, the applicant must be current on their mortgage, and one parent is taking an unpaid leave from work. For a complete listing of Spare Key's guidelines please visit Spare Key's website at [www.sparekey.org](http://www.sparekey.org).

## How can a family get in touch with Spare Key?

Spare Key works directly with social workers from any hospital in Minnesota. Families can ask their social worker for information, or they can go to Spare Key's website, or they can call the Spare Key office at 651-457-2607.

## How does Spare Key get its funding?

Spare Key relies largely on the generous support of our individual contributors, individuals who designate their United Way pledge to Spare Key, corporate and philanthropic organizations, community organizations, mortgage company partnerships, as well as fundraisers and charitable events.



## What charitable events benefit Spare Key?

**Derian's Dash** is a family 5K-10K Walk/Run held in memory of Derian Keech the first Saturday in August of every year.

**Spare Key Golf Classic** is a great golf tournament with a silent auction for those golf enthusiasts who enjoy playing and supporting our mission.

**Groove** is a funky-formal gala with dancing, great food, a silent auction and a live band intended to bring a little spring into that time of year when winter has held on just a bit too long.

## Other Ways of Giving

- Cash Donations
- Stock
- Planned Gifts
- Charitable Event Participation and Sponsorship
- Volunteerism
- In-Kind Giving
- The Gift of Time Program
- Employee Giving Programs

## How can I help?



Spare Key

### Donation form

Name (Please Print)

Address

City

State

Zip

E-mail Address

Phone

\$

Donation Amount

Check Enclosed

Mastercard

Visa

Discover

Card Number

Expiration Date

Signature

I am interested in volunteering.

I would like to receive future mailings.

By Mail

By E-mail

I would not like to be put on Spare Key's mailing list.

**PLEASE SEND TO:**

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