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THE HONOR MANSION: A DREAM REALIZED

When Steve and Cathi Fowler relocated their family to Healdsburg, California in the 1990's, they were excited and optimistic about their carefully planned future. With four beautiful children and Steve's successful career as a corporate executive, the Fowlers were well on their way to living the American dream. They soon realized that their dream would become increasingly complicated, yet even more enriching than they had ever imagined.

Steve and Cathi fell in love during high school in California and married in 1973. "People don't believe us when we tell them we're high school sweethearts, but it's true," says Cathi. While Steve's job at Nestlé took them around the country, their family grew at a steady pace. The Fowlers eventually settled in northern California, quite close to where their lives began together. Over many years, Steve and Cathi traveled for business and pleasure. Experiences at numerous hotels shaped their high standards for luxury, service, and privacy. Upon entertaining the idea of opening a lodging property, they resolved to incorporate the very things they appreciated in their stays: a high level of service, luxurious linens, great food and world-class hospitality.

"We told our realtor to keep her ears open for possibilities, and two days later she called us about the mansion." Skeptical that anything would materialize so quickly, the Fowlers went to view the property and immediately fell in love. After purchasing the property, they proceeded with renovations that left them, their contractor, and the local community shaking their heads in disbelief. Everything was taken out and redone. After a whirlwind of 6 months of renovations, the Honor Mansion opened for business. Gradually, the Honor Mansion has expanded from its original 2 rooms that it began with, the Fowlers continuously expanding their dream and making it a reality.

Now, the property boasts thirteen exquisite rooms and suites complete with pristine private baths, feather beds, European linens, Egyptian towels, imported toiletries, fresh flowers, and various other comforts. Amenities offered by the Honor Mansion include afternoon refreshments, twenty-four hour Espresso/Cappuccino services, regulation croquet lawn, PGA designed putting green, tournament bocce ball court, tennis, basketball, inviting common rooms,

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concierge services, personal voicemail, evening sherry, and an endless supply of cookies and tea biscuits. Breakfast, which includes fruit dishes and entrees such as Honor Mansion Breakfast Strata or Honor Mansion Eggs Benedict, is a culinary delight.

There is never a dull moment at the Honor Mansion. Guests enjoy lounging around the refreshing lap pool, strolling through beautifully landscaped walking gardens, playing tennis, croquet, bocce or basketball and visiting several of the one hundred fifty wineries in and around Sonoma County.

Built in 1883, this magnificent Victorian mansion and the surrounding suites and grounds bears the name of its most famous owner, Dr. Herbert Honor, whose family owned the house for over one hundred years. Now an AAA Four Diamond award-winning small luxury resort, the mansion is located in the heart of Sonoma wine country, just eighty miles north of San Francisco. The Fowlers have remodeled the entire building, converting it from a dark and discouraging old relic, into a crisp, elegant and welcoming small luxury resort.

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