

# Butler Personal Concierge

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## Welcome to The Butler House on Grand

We want The Butler House on Grand to be YOUR charming bed-and-breakfast, in the heart of Des Moines. Please come to stay- whether you are looking to relax, romance, explore, have fun, or strategize. All our guests will experience the highest level of customer service, in a lovely environment, while basking in the most relaxing atmosphere imaginable.

Please park behind the house, in the spots that are labeled in yellow, with "Butler House" painted on them. The parking in front, and on the west side of the property, belongs to our neighbors at The Parkview condominiums. Thank you so much!

Check-in time is at 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST). Check-out time is at 12:00 p.m. CST.

We accept American Express, MasterCard and Visa.

Any persons wishing to cancel their reservations must do so no later than 48 hours in advance before their scheduled check-in date. If cancellation after the 48-hour period is unavoidable, there will be no charge in the event we are able to rent the room to another individual. If we are unable to rent the room to someone else, you will be charged, and we will provide a rain check for your next stay, on an alternative date.

Continental breakfast provided daily and breakfast served on some weekends (check in advance on availability).

Private restrooms are provided for each room.

Cable television and a DVD-Blu-ray player are included in each room, along with the ability to use your own personal streaming channel subscriptions though our complimentary Wi-Fi.

No smoking is allowed on the premises, nor in the property.



We look forward to being your hosts during your stay at The Butler House on Grand. Please let us know if we can be of assistance to you, in any regard.

## Sheryl & Jeremiah Moore

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#### The Butlers

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We are still researching more about The Butlers on Ancestry.com. Please be patient with us. In the interim, read the enclosed civil lawsuit between the two aforementioned Butler sons.



## An Incredible Story of Love and Loss: The Moores

Your hosts, the Moores, first met when Sheryl was ll and Jeremiah was lO. It was love at first sight: they immediately became boyfriend and girlfriend. Sheryl's middle-school friends teased her for dating an elementary "baby." However, she thwarted the idea of breaking-up; her love interest had a foot-tall mohawk and rode a skateboard! Plus, he had given her her very first kiss; a real kiss (and at Rice Elementary, on the monkey bars!). She was so confident of their imminent marriage that she took to writing combinations of her future name throughout her school notebooks.

Mrs. Jeremiah Moore
Mrs. Moore
Sheryl Jean Moore
Sheryl J. Moore
SJM
Mrs. Jeremiah P. Moore

She was confident that their love would endure all.

And then, her family moved away. She forgot about Jeremiah Paul Moore. For a while.

Many years later, Sheryl was a single mother of three babies, with no child support comingin. Her oldest child, AJ (short for Alexander, Junior), was born with a congenital birth defect
that required surgeries nearly every year (unilateral cleft lip and cleft palate). Her middle
child, Alexis, was loving, but sassy. Baby Aaliyah was just a year old, and she was a handful
too. Sheryl couldn't imagine being any busier, or any more stressed. She had tried to leave
her police officer husband twice before, but the childcare was too costly. She secretly was
planning to leave her husband (again), the first African American

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officer in his force, once she had enough money saved. Each time she tried, and failed, because she found out she was pregnant again. After baby number three, she opted for a tubal ligation: ensuring that her plans to leave wouldn't be infinitely extended. Every day was unhappy: time slowly passed- until she couldn't wait any longer. She decided that her husband's behavior was unacceptable, regardless of the depravity and life of destitution that stood ahead of her. Divorce could not come soon enough. And when the marriage ended, she wept in relief.

She was 25 and finally single, having fun being "free" for the first time in her life. She was finally free of her controlling mother; free of her military husband. It did not matter that she was caring for three kids, ages five and under, all by herself. She was FREE!

While her ex-husband was taking his very first visitation with her babies, her thoughts frequently wandered to her children. That said, she was also having the time of her life.

During one evening of that week of visitation, the former Mrs. Betts sat across from a middle school friend, at a bar called "Daytona's." Her friend, nicknamed 'Cookie,' said *his* name, while in conversation with someone she didn't know. "Jeremiah."

Wait- did you just say, 'Jeremiah?' As in Jeremiah Moore?"

Cookie responded, "No, girl. He's gone. He left Des Moines a long time ago."

Too bad, she thought. She wondered what he was up to now. Was he married? Did he have children? She said a quick prayer, hoping that he was okay, and continued her evening as usual. A couple of days passed.

And then her life changed. Forever.



Two days later, Sheryl was at the lowa State Fair with her best friend. That is when she saw *him.* The hottest man she had ever seen in his life. She caught his eyes, as he chatted with a buddy. While she didn't recognize the hottest man alive, there was a familiarity to his smile. That smile with the dimple. It had to be <u>the most</u> charming smile she had ever seen! Instantly, she felt her heart beat ten times harder; ten times louder. She was intimidated but knew she would kick herself if she didn't at least <u>try</u> to speak with him. Would he reciprocate? She wasn't sure, but slammed some courage juice, and declared to her best friend- "See that guy, right there?" she pointed across the dance floor. "That is the man that I am going to spend the rest of my life with."

"The one with the red and white checkered shirt?" she asked. Sheryl nodded with a smile.

"Oh, girl. He is <u>so</u> out-of-your-league!" her (supposed) best friend replied.

"Watch me," Sheryl replied, accepting the challenge, and passing her beverage to her former wing woman.

She sauntered confidently across the dance floor, in the most romantic area of the state fairgrounds- The Budweiser (Bud) Tent. She continued to study him, take in his laugh, memorize his smile. And then, she stood less than three feet from him.

She waited patiently for his friend to stop the conversation. The entire time she was waiting for a lull, this gorgeous man continued his charming smile, and locked eyes with her. While it seemed an hour since she had crossed the floor, and stood at his gaze, it was mere seconds. Then, the conversation ended.

She stared deep into hot guy's eyes. "God as my witness, I have never seen a more beautiful man in all of my life! I have to know your name!"



"Jeremiah," he replied with that smile.

In a moment she felt her life flash in her mind's eye. How many guys can there be, in Des Moines, Iowa, about her age, named "Jeremiah?!?"

Without uttering a word, she grabbed him by the back of his head, and gave him a wanting kiss. "You are the first boy I ever kissed," she declared.

"Wait a minute- what is your name?" he asked in disbelief.

"Sheryl," she responded.

"Sheryl Sundberg?!? Where have you been all of my life?!?"

"Well, I moved away, went to college, met a guy, got married, had three kids, got divorced, and now I am standing at the Iowa State Fair, in front of you," she answered.

"You've got three kids?!?" he countered, in skepticism. She looked young, very young, and every bit the ordinary young 20-something single gal.

She thought for a moment. Her own mother had been a single mom with three kids for 24 years at that point. Her mother blamed Sheryl (and her siblings) for being the reason her boyfriends always ran-off. Should she risk disclosing something that would make hot guy disappear before she even had the chance to get to know him again?

"Yes, I do" she replied, fearful of his response.

"I can't wait to meet them!" he responded with a smile.



And while she fully expected that she wouldn't see him again, after that night, she held hope in her heart. After all, why would God bring these two kids back together, after 13 years apart?

Not long after, Jeremiah proposed to Sheryl on Virginia Beach. He had asked her father for her hand, before driving out to visit her family. Almost immediately, they began trying for a child of their own. Having his own kids was important to Jeremiah, and Sheryl was open to having more blessings. The couple began their fertility quest with their doctor's suggestion of in vitro fertilization. It was filled with a grueling regimen of pills and shots for Sheryl, samples for Jeremiah, and tens of thousands of dollars spent out of both of their pockets. But their desire for a child of their own prompted the couple to try, and fail, to have children of their own on three separate rounds of assisted fertility. After many years, and five babies lost, the Moores gave up. They bought an Italian Greyhound puppy; Pepperwinkle would become their baby.

With the in vitro in the rearview mirror, and bluer skies ahead, the Moores focused on life with their three children. Sheryl's ex dropped out of the picture. The kids became involved in band, show choir, sports, and dance as they entered middle school and high school. Both Sheryl and Jeremiah were content with their lives. Sheryl praised God for the hellish childhood she had endured. She had three wonderful kids, who were good human beings! She had the best marriage of anyone she knew. She *loved her job so much* that she didn't even consider it work! And Jeremiah's general contracting business kept him fulfilled, while supporting the demands of Sheryl's young, growing business. They were comfortable with their lives and making plans to build a grand home on a six-acre lot nearby. Their lives and their family were <u>perfect</u>.

And then, IT happened. The terrible, no good, very bad day.



It had been a long summer day. The Moore's son, AJ Betts, had come to surprise Sheryl at work, with his partner-in-crime, his younger sister. Their mother's office was just a mile from home, and Sheryl needed a ride to pick-up her convertible (after being serviced). The day seemed unremarkable. The kids were fighting, but she was *tired*. So tired, that when she got home, she just laid in her bed while recounting the day's events for her husband. Thank goodness the summer is almost over, she thought. "I can't take many more days like this."

Her son entered the room, distraught. He had just returned home from work. Show choir practice earlier had been a drain on his psyche. He had to unload, "The kids from school are telling me that I am going to hell, for being gay." He was the frequent brunt of bullying from the kids at his school. While he was kind, and uber-friendly, the kids would not let him be. He didn't even have a boyfriend; yet the flamboyance drove the bullies on. If he weren't being called "Gay J," or "faggot," they were making fun of his lisp or calling him a "n•gger." His mother gave-up.

"Do you want me to transfer you to another school, AJ? I'll do it in a heartbeat."

"No," he responded, in defeat. I'm pretty sure it isn't okay to be gay anywhere." He hung his head. Sheryl's deeply empathetic heart hurt for him. She wanted to get up, give him a hug, and tell him how very much she loved him- how he was the most important thing in her life. But she was *just so tired*. She couldn't even will herself to get out of bed.

Later in the evening, the Moores decided to get dinner to-go from a new restaurant nearby. They invited all the kids to come along. Yet, AJ declined, and Aaliyah felt sick. The two stayed behind, while Jeremiah, Sheryl, and Alexis left. Little did they know that their family would never be the same again.

Not long after, Sheryl got the call. Aaliyah had found AJ. Dead. He had taken his life, shortly after writing the bible verse, Matthew II: 28-30, on his notebook paper. A nearby note



scribbled-out words that Sheryl could not reconcile with her beloved only son: ugly, hated, stupid, never be loved. The bullies had won. The Moores were told that AJ was the 14<sup>th</sup> suicide in ten years at that high school: a school that had the highest rate of suicide in the nation. How could they not have known?

Despite their hours-long effort to revive AJ, he passed. He had opted to be an organ donor, just six months before, when he applied for his driver's license. The doctors kept him on life support, in an effort to get his organs healthy enough to donate. Sheryl wouldn't leave his side. Besides- she was just so tired. She felt absolutely nauseous: unable to eat or drink. "This must be how it feels to lose a child" she thought. She had no idea.

The week was a blur of grief and trauma. The girls were zombies. Sheryl was in shock. Jeremiah was overcome with their loss. They walked through the motions of the funeral and burial. The bullies showed-up for everything, to express what "good friends" they were with AJ. Sheryl said a little prayer for each them, as they hugged her at the memorial, the funeral, the burial, and the celebration of life. She wanted to slap them in the face, and their parents too: but she kept asking herself, "What would AJ do?" Love them. Forgive them. Pray for them.

So, she did.

And just a few days after the burial, the family travelled to Walt Disney World; on a family vacation that had been planned for months. It was the worst vacation of their lives, and in hindsight, they should have just skipped it. Everyone was miserable and struggling just to function. Food was an afterthought and caring for oneself was almost unimaginable. When Sheryl nearly lost her bladder, in an effort to deboard the flight connecting to Orlando, she shoved past everyone on the plane in reckless abandon. She didn't care. About anything. About anyone. She couldn't focus on anything outside of her loss.



Until she stepped out of the rental and vomited on the pavement in front of their condo management office. She immediately resolved what was happening- she was exhausted, nauseous, vomity.

She was pregnant.

She had not had a cycle of in vitro for years. She had just lost her son. Yet she knew that she was pregnant. A home pregnancy test confirmed her fear- how could she take care of the growing life inside of her, when she could barely take care of herself? She prayed, and asked God to spare the life of the baby. And he did.

She lost her only son, and gave birth to another, in less than eight months. Seventeen years apart. Jackson Alexander came into the world, as a miracle in more ways than one.

But her grief was overwhelming. She could not see outside of the tunnel she was trapped in. She went into menopause: she barely noticed. The side effects all blurred together now. She just was not herself. She did not think she ever would be <a href="herself">herself</a>. She had come to accept her fate when some bizarre menopause symptoms compelled her into an OB-GYN visit. When the nurse placed an ultrasound on her belly, something thumped at it, from within.

"What the h•ll was that???" she asked in disbelief. The nurse turned the ultrasound screen to her face.

"What the h•ll is THAT?!?" she screamed.

'Id say you are about half-way through a pregnancy with another little boy," the nurse responded. And not long after, a second miracle occurred when Xander Paul entered the world.



The new family did their best to carry-on. They abandoned their house plans, and bought a lOO-year old Victorian farmhouse on the outskirts of Waukee. Sheryl threw herself into planning the restoration, and decorating, while Jeremiah contributed the labor. They finished the attic in their beautiful homestead with intricate wood floors and stained-glass windows they imported from around the country. No detail was overlooked! And just as the Moores were re-siding their beloved escape from the world, the City of Waukee offered to purchase the property.

"Not interested" Mrs. Moore responded. "We have \$300,000 into the restoration of this house, much more than the appraised value. This is our forever home, so thank you, but no thank you."

What ensued can only be compared to legalized theft. The city took the Moore's home through eminent domain. Although they, and their attorneys, fought for II months, they ultimately lost. Their beautiful home was not only torn down, but they were given hundreds of thousands less than they had put into it. To add insult to injury, the city had asked them to pay for the abstracting and titling that was required to transfer the house into their ownership, prior to the demolition. These politicians did not care what the family had been through: that this was their new home- untouched and untainted from the "terrible, no good, very bad day."

They carried on. The Moores had dealt with much more than this. At least their daughters were alive; their new sons were healthy too! Jeremiah took care of the boys, while Sheryl kept running her business. Their oldest daughter became a nurse while their youngest daughter went into the military. In her spare time, Moore worked hard to change legislation that discriminated against the gay community; she had to be AJ's voice. And her fight was rewarded when her Senator, Tom Harkin, helped her to pass legislation that allowed gay men to donate blood. They would not allow AJ to donate anything outside of his "lifesaving" organs upon his death (heart, lungs, kidneys, and liver). Now, AJ would be proud of her; she



used her son's death to bring something good and meaningful to the world. She focused her efforts on changing other laws; her son's death would not be in vain! She would ensure that AJ Betts' name was never forgotten. As you read this, she is working with top universities to study cornea donation, and change legislation so that gay men will have the ability to donate their corneas. If they succeed, this will ultimately result in precious cornea donations that will save the sight of people all over the world!

The Moores were no longer whole, but they had their blessings. Their lives had purpose. So, they picked-up, brushed-off their hardships, and did something crazy.

They put their money into purchasing, and restoring, the home that you are staying in now.

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care and attention that the Smith's paid to their guests. We hope to continue that tradition and honor the Smith family.

It is our sincerest hope that you enjoy your stay here. We hope to build a relationship with you throughout the years. We feel so blessed that your shadow has graced our doorstep. Thank you.

And thank you for taking the time to learn about our family. Please make yourselves at home and let us know if we can be helpful to you in <u>any way.</u>

With sincerity,

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah P. Moore Help@ButlerHouseOnGrand.com 1.866.BUTLER.0 1.515.991.1780





Sometimes, you just cannot sleep. Should you be in search of places nearby The Butler House on Grand, which are open 24-7, you only have a few options:

- IHOP (4.5 miles) 6301 Douglas Avenue Urbandale, Iowa 50322 (515) 331-0556 www.Ihop.com/en/menu
- McDonald's (3.6 miles) 601 University Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50314 (515) 243-3848 www.McDonalds.com/menu
- Perkins Restaurant & Bakery (5.2 miles) 2000 SW McKinley Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50315 (515) 285-2970 www.PerkinsRestaurants.com/menu
- Prairie Meadows Casino, Racetrack, & Hotel (14.9 miles)

  1 Prairie Meadows Drive
  Altoona, Iowa 50009
  (515) 967-1000
  www.PrairieMeadows.com
- Walgreens (5.9 miles) 104 E. Euclid Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50313 (515) 243-0601 www.Walgreens.com
- WalMart (3.7 miles)
  1001 73<sup>rd</sup> Street
  Windsor Heights, Iowa 50324
  (515) 274-6224
  www.WalMart.com
  4507 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312
  Phone: 515.991.1780 Toll Free: 866.BUTLER.0



During your stay at The Butler House on Grand, should you have a need for a something to do, the following facilities may be helpful:

## - **Adventureland\*** (14.1 miles) 3200 Adventureland Drive Altoona, Iowa 50009

(515) 266-2121

www.AdventurelandResort.com

#### - **Ashworth Pool** (0.3 miles)

101 SW 45<sup>th</sup> Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50312
(515) 243-3567

www.DSM.city.deartments/parks and recreation-division/ashworth pool.php

## - The Blank Park Zoo (7.7 miles)

7401 SW 9<sup>th</sup> Street Des Moines, Iowa 50315 (515) 285-4722 www.BlankParkZoo.com

## - **Brenton Skating Plaza** (4.7 miles)

520 Robert D. Ray Drive Des Moines, Iowa 50309 (515) 284-1000 www.DSMPartnership.com/brentonplaza

#### - **Des Moines Art Center** (0.3 miles)

4700 Grand Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50312 (515) 277-4405 www.DesMoinesArtCenter.org





#### - The Des Moines Art Festival\* (3.6 miles)

700 Locust Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309
(515) 286-4927
www.DesMoinesArtsFestival.org

#### - The Des Moines Downtown Farmers Market\* (4.7 miles)

1007 E. Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50309
(515) 286-4928
www.DSMPartnership.com/desmoinesfarmersmarket/

#### - The Des Moines Public Library (3.6 miles)

1000 Grand Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50309 (515) 283-4152 www.DMPL.org

## - Gray's Lake Park (3.5 miles)

2101 Fleur Drive Des Moines, Iowa 50321 (515) 237-1386 www.DSM.city/business\_detail\_T6\_R58.php

## - The Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden (5.2 miles)

909 Robert D. Ray Drive Des Moines, Iowa 50309 (515) 323-6290 www.DMBotanicalGarden.com

## - Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden (4.8 miles)

909 Robert D. Ray Drive Des Moines, Iowa 50309 (515) 323-6290 www.DMBotanicalGarden.com



- Greenwood Park, Claire and Mile Mills Rose Garden (0.3 miles)

100 45<sup>th</sup> Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50312
(515) 237-1386
www.DSM.city/business\_detail\_T6\_R60.php

- The Heritage Carousel of Des Moines\* (5.2 miles)

Union Park
Des Moines, Iowa 50316
(515) 362-5958
www.HeritageCarousel.org

- **Hoyt Sherman Place** (2.5 miles)

1501 Woodland Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50309 (515) 244-0507 www.HoytSherman.org

- Iowa Capitol

1007 E. Grand Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50319 (515) 281-5591 www.Legis.Iowa.gov

- **Iowa State Fair\*** (7.2 miles)

3000 E. Grand Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50317 (515) 262-3111 www.IowaStateFair.org

- John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park (2.5 miles)

1330 Grand Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50309 (515) 237-1386 www.DesMoinesArtCenter.org/visit/pappajohn-sculpture-park



- Living History Farms (8.4 miles)

11121 Hickman Road Urbandale, Iowa 50322 (515) 278-5286 www.LivingHistoryFarms.org

- **Prairie Meadows Casino** (14.2 miles)

1 Prairie Meadows Drive Altoona, Iowa 50009 (515) 967-1000 www.PrairieMeadows.com

- The Register's Great Bike Race Across Iowa (RAGBRAI)\*

Iowa

www.RAGBRAI.com

- The Salisbury House & Gardens (0.8 miles)

4025 Tonawanda Drive Des Moines, Iowa 50312 (515) 274-1777 www.SalisburyHouse.org

- Science Center of Iowa & Blank IMAX Dome Theatre (4.5 miles)

401 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway Des Moines, Iowa 50309 (515) 274-6868 www. SCIowa.org

- The State Historical Museum of Iowa (4.6 miles)

600 E. Locust Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50319
(515) 281-5111
www. IowaCulture.gov/history/museum



Terrace Hill (1.6 miles)
2300 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50312
(515) 281-7205
www. TerraceHill.Iowa.gov

You may also be interested in visiting one of Iowa's 97 wineries or 300 commercial vineyards during your stay. (Yes, we have that in Iowa!) For more information, go to www.lowaWineGrowers.org.

And if wine isn't really your style, you can visit one of lowa's more than IOO breweries. In fact, you can visit the lowa Beer Trails, and sample some of the Midwest's finest brewskis. For more information, check out www.lowaBeer.org.

\* Seasonal events; check website for additional details on scheduling





If you are having one heck of a day, you might want to head-out for a drink after settling-down at The Butler House on Grand. Here are a few local options:

## - **Bartender's Handshake** (0.8 miles)

3615 Ingersoll Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50312 (515) 630-3008 www.TheBartendersHandshake.com

#### - **Blazing Saddle** (4.6 miles)

416 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309
(515) 246-1299
www.EastVillageDesMoines.com/listing/blazing-saddle/

## - **Garden Nightclub** (4.9 miles)

112 SE 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Des Moines, Iowa 50309
(515) 243-3965
www.EastVillageDesMoines.com/listing/garden-nightclub/

#### - The Hall (3.0 miles)

111 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street West Des Moines, Iowa 50265 (515) 608-4100 www.TheHallDSM.com

#### - **Juniper Moon** (2.0 miles)

2005 Ingersoll Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50312 (515) 369-7786 www.JuniperMoonDM.com





## - Sakari Sushi Lounge

2605 Ingersoll Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50312 (515) 288-3381 www.SakariSushiLounge.com

- The Station (1.1 miles) 3124 Ingersoll Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50312 (515) 381-0052 www.TheStationDSM.com
- Sully's Irish Pub (1.3 miles) 860 1st Street West Des Moines, Iowa 50265 www.SullysDesMoines.com
- Wellman's Pub (1.3 miles) 2920 Ingersoll Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50312 (515) 245-9737 www.WellmansPub.com
- The Yacht Club (1.5 miles)
  2617 Ingersoll Avenue
  Des Moines, Iowa 50312
  (515) 245-9208
  www.TheAvenuesDSM.com





No one likes to deal with emergencies. They result on anxiety and undue stress. We realize that emergencies happen with travelling though. Should YOU experience an emergency during your stay, the following resources may be helpful:

#### - **Budget Car Rental** (5.6 miles)

\*if your vehicle decides to take a vacation\*
5800 Fleur Drive
Des Moines, Iowa 50321
(515) 287-2612
www.Budget.com/en/locations/us/ia/des-mointes/dsm.com

#### - CarX Tire & Auto (4.6 miles)

\*when your "check engine" light comes on\*
1400 NW 86th Street

Des Moines, Iowa 50325
(515) 222-3100

www.CarXDesMoines.com/CarX-Locations.com

#### - **Des Moines International Airport** (5.6 miles)

\*should you miss your flight, experience a cancellation, or lose your luggage\*
5800 Fleur Drive
Des Moines, Iowa 50321
(515) 256-5050
www.DSMAirport.com

## - **Des Moines Police Department** (4.5 miles)

\*in the event you need the folks in blue\*
25 East 1st Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309
(515) 283-4811
www.DSM.City/Departments/Police-Division/index.php



## - **Emergency Dental Care USA** (2.9 miles)

\*in case you need to ship souvenirs home\*
5706 Hickman Road
Des Moines, Iowa 50310
(515) 318-7248
www.EmergencyDental.com/desmoines/.com

#### - **FedEx** (4.0 miles)

\*in case you need to ship souvenirs home\*
400 Locust Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309
(515) 282-5955
www.FedEx.com

#### - **Huseman Eyecare** (4.2 miles)

\*if you broke your only pair of glasses\*
3800 Merle Hay Road, #407
Des Moines, Iowa 50310
(515) 278-1653
www.HusemanEyeCare.com

#### - Ian's Lock & Key (0.0 miles)

\*let's say you left your car running...with the keys in it\*
Des Moines, Iowa
(515) 210-7282
www.WestDesMoinesLockSmith.com.com

## - Midwest Ambulance Service of Iowa, Inc. (4.2 miles)

\*in the event that you suffer a heart attack in response to Iowa's beauty\*
1229 Ohio Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50314
(515) 222-2222
www.MidwestAmbulance.com



- **Travelers Aid International** (1,024.0 miles)

\*in case you have <u>any</u> type of emergency while travelling\*
110 Maryland Avenue NE, #508
Washington, District of Columbia 20002
(202) 546-1127
www.TravelersAid.org

\* \*UPS Store\* (2.7 miles)

\*for help with a monster pile of copies\*

2643 Beaver Avenue

Des Moines, Iowa 50310

(515) 277-5001

www.TheUPSStore.org

\*\*Check "Medical Care" section for hospital and urgent care resources\*\*



Feel like you want some entertainment outside of The Butler House on Grand? Here are some ideas to get you started:

## - **Brenton Skating Plaza** (4.3 miles)

520 Robert D. Ray Drive Des Moines, Iowa 50309 (515) 284-1000 www.DSMPartnership.com/brentonplaza/

#### - **Des Moines Performing Arts** (4.3 miles)

221 Walnut Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309
(515) 246-2300
www.DesMoinesPerformingArts.org

#### - **Des Moines Symphony** (2.6 miles)

The Temple for Performing Arts 1011 Locust Street, #200 Des Moines, Iowa 50309 (515) 280-4000 www.DMSymphony.org

#### - Gas Lamp (2.2 miles)

1501 Grand Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50309 (515) 280-3778 www.Gas-Lamp.business.site

#### - **Hoyt Sherman Place** (3.1 miles)

1501 Woodland Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50309 (515) 244-0507 www.HoytSherman.org



#### - **Iowa Barnstormers Football** (4.1 miles)

Wells Fargo Arena
730 Third Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309
(515) 633-2255
www.TheIowaBarnstormers.com

#### - **Iowa Wolves Basketball** (4.1 miles)

Wells Fargo Arena
730 Third Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309
(515) 564-8550
www.Iowa.GLeague.NBA.com/contact-us/

#### - **Iowa Wild Hockey** (4.1 miles)

Wells Fargo Arena 730 Third Street Des Moines, Iowa 50309 (515) 564-8700 www.IowaWild.com

## - **Iowa Speedway Racing** (41.2 miles)

3333 Rusty Wallace Drive Newton, Iowa 50208 (641) 791-8000 www.IowaSpeedway.com

#### - Movies

#### o AMC Classic Cobblestone 9 (5.6 miles)

8501 Hickman Road Urbandale, Iowa 50322 (515) 276-2419 www.AMCTheatres.com/movie-theatres/des-moines-ia/amc-classic-cobblestone-9



#### o Century 20 Jordan Creek and XD (9.2 miles)

101 Jordan Creek Parkway, Suite 2000 West Des Moines, Iowa 50266 (515) 267-8981 www.Cinemark.com/theatres/ia-west-des-moines/century-20-jordan-creek-and-xd

#### o Flix Brewhouse (4.2 miles)

3800 Merle Hay Road, Suite 1300
Des Moines, Iowa
(515) 612-9200
www.FlixBrewhouse.com/Des-Moines/cinema-info/

#### - The Playhouse (0.8 miles)

831 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Des Moines, Iowa 50312 (515) 277-6261 www.DMPlayHouse.com

#### - **Principal Park Baseball** (4.8 miles)

1 Line Drive Des Moines, Iowa 50309 (515) 243-6111 www.MILB.com/iowa/ballpark

#### - Wells Fargo Arena Concerts (4.1 miles)

Wells Fargo Arena 730 Third Street Des Moines, Iowa 50309 (515) 564-8000 www.IowaEventsCenter.com



We hope you consider The Butler House on Grand your "home away from home." In that spirit, we want you to make yourself at home in the kitchen. Should there be any groceries that you need in a jiffy, the following grocery outlets can bail you out:

- Fareway (4.0 miles)
  329 Grand Avenue
  Des Moines, Iowa 50265
  (515) 274-9415
  www.Fareway.com
- **Hy-Vee** (1.8 miles) 1990 Grand Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50265 (515) 223-8151 www.Hy-Vee.com
- Whole Foods (1.4 miles)
  4100 University Avenue
  West Des Moines, Iowa 50266
  (515) 343-2600
  www.WholeFoodsMarket.com
- Walgreens (0.9 miles)
  3501 Ingersoll Avenue
  Des Moines, Iowa 50312
  (515) 271-5047
  www.Walgreens.com
- WalMart (3.6 miles) 1001 73<sup>rd</sup> Street Des Moines, Iowa 50324 (515) 274-6224 www.WalMart.com



#### Insurance!

You might not know it, but Des Moines, Iowa is the annuity capital of the world!

I know what you are thinking- "What's an annuity?"

It is a type of insurance that promises you a retirement paycheck for the rest of your life, even if you live to be 150 years old. And Des Moines has the honor of having more insurance companies that offer annuities, domesticated here, than any other place in the world.

The (515) is also the second-largest insurance capital in the United States (behind Hartford, Connecticut).

In fact, it is the third-largest insurance capital in the world (London ranks at the top)!

Sheryl J. Moore, your host, is the nation's top expert on life insurance and annuity products. While she does not endorse any company or product, her market research firm has extensive relationships throughout the insurance industry. As a result, The Butler House on Grand is often blessed with guests from around the world, who happen to be insurance professionals.

That said, if you are gracing our doorstep during the course of your *insurance* business travels, we thought you may be interested in how to get ahold of some of the insurance companies that we call "neighbors."

- Accordia Life and Annuity Company (2.7 miles)

215 10th Street, Suite 1000 West Des Moines, Iowa 50309 (877) 462-8992 www.GlobalAtlantic.com



#### - American Equity Investment Life (9.0 miles)

6000 Westown Parkway West Des Moines, Iowa 50266 (888) 221-1234 www.American-Equity.com

#### - **Athene USA** (10.2 miles)

7700 Mills Civic Parkway West Des Moines, Iowa 50266 (888) 266-8489 www.Athene.com

#### - **CUNA Mutual Life Insurance Company** (135.0 miles)

2000 Heritage Way Waverly, Iowa 50677 (800) 356-2644 www.CUNAMutual.com

## - **Eagle Life Insurance Company** (9.0 miles)

6000 Westown Parkway West Des Moines, Iowa 50266 (888) 221-1234 www.Eagle-LifeCo.com

## - **EMC National Life** (3.9 miles)

717 Mulberry Street Des Moines, Iowa 50309 (800) 447-2295 www.EMCIns.com

## - EquiTrust Life Insurance Company (8.2 miles)

7100 Westown Parkway, #200 West Des Moines, Iowa 50266 (877) 249-3694 www.EquiTrust.com



#### - Farm Bureau Financial Services (8.2 miles)

5400 University Avenue West Des Moines, Iowa 50266 (800) 247-4170 www.FBFS.com

#### - Fidelity & Guaranty Life Insurance Company (3.9 miles)

601 Locust Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309
(888) 697-5433
www.FGLife.com

#### - **Greenfields Life Insurance Company** (8.2 miles)

5400 University Avenue West Des Moines, Iowa 50266 (877) 860-2904 www.GreenfieldsLife.com

## - Midland National Life Insurance Company (5.6 miles)

4350 Westown Parkway West Des Moines, Iowa 50266 (877) 586-0240 www.MidlandNational.com

## - North American Company for Life & Health (5.6 miles)

4350 Westown Parkway West Des Moines, Iowa 50266 (877) 586-0240 www.NorthAmericanCompany.com

## - Principal Life Insurance Company (5.6 miles)

711 High Street Des Moines, Iowa 50392 (800) 986-3343 www.Principal.com



- Symetra Life Insurance Company

4125 Westown Parkway, #102 West Des Moines, Iowa 50266 (800) 706-0700 www.Symetra.com

- Transamerica Life Insurance Company (130.0 miles)

6400 C Street SW Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404 (855) 288-4179 www.Transamerica.com



We certainly hope that you do not find yourself in need of medical care during your stay at The Butler House on Grand. However, should you need medical attention, you have several nearby options:

#### **Hospitals**

UnityPoint Health, Iowa Methodist Medical Center (3.3 miles)
 1200 Pleasant Street
 Des Moines, Iowa 50309
 (515) 241-6212
 www.UnityPoint.org/desmoines/iowa-methodist-medical-center.aspx

- MercyOne, Mercy Medical Center (3.7 miles)

1111 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50314 (515) 247-3121 www.MercyOne.org/desmoines

## **Urgent Care Facilities**

- UnityPoint Urgent Care (1.8 miles)

2103 Ingersoll Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50312
(515) 323-5680
www.UnityPoint.org/desmoines/walk-in-care.aspx

- MercyOne Urgent Care (6.6 miles)

1601 NW 114<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 255 Clive, Iowa 50325 (515) 222-7010 www.MercyOne.org/desmoines/location/mercyone-clive-urgent-care-clinic

- **Doctor's Now Urgent Care** (8.4 miles)

640 S. 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1100 West Des Moines, Iowa 50265 (515) 270-1000 www.DoctorsNow.com/locations-and-hours



During your stay at The Butler House on Grand, you might get hungry for more than breakfast. If unique, local food is what you are looking for, the following are some of our favorites:

#### **American Cuisine**

- **801 Chophouse Des Moines** (2.7 miles)

\*the BEST steak you will ever have in your life\*
801 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50309
(515) 288-6000
www.801Chophouse.com

- **Bauder's and Donut King** (0.7 miles)

\*the BEST ice cream\*
3802 Ingersoll Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50312
(515) 255-1124
www.Facebook.com/pages/Bauder%20Pharmacy/121235987925823

- Felix & Oscar's (4.4 miles)

\*the tastiest sauce-on-top pizza you can get\*
4050 Merle Hay Road
Des Moines, Iowa 50310
(515) 278-8887
www.FelixAndOscars.com

- Firebirds Wood Fired Grill (10.1 miles)

\*great patio and the chicken tortilla soup is unmatched\* 440 S. 68<sup>th</sup> Street
West Des Moines, Iowa 50266
(515) 259-8540
www.West-Des-Moines.FirebirdsRestaurants.com



#### **American Cuisine**

- **Taste of New York** (9.4 miles)

\*Brooklyn style pizza that makes New Yorkers jealous\*
165 S. Jordan Creek Parkway, Suite 160
West Des Moines, Iowa 50266
(515) 223-8669
www.TasteOfNewYorkPizza.com

- The Waveland Café (1.2 miles)

\*you will never eat better hash browns during your existence\*
4708 University Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50311
(515) 279-4341
www.WavelandCafe.com

- **Whalburgers** (9.7 miles)

\*you will want seconds of their chocolate cake shake\*
7105 Mills Civic Parkway, Suite 160
West Des Moines, Iowa 50266
(515) 225-4885
www.Wahlburgers.com/westdesmoines

- **Zombie Burger** (4.5 miles)

\*a MUST for every burger enthusiast\*
300 E. Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50309
(515) 244-9292
www.ZombieBurgerShakeLab.com





#### **Asian Cuisine**

- **Shanghai Chinese Restaurant** (12.8 miles)

\*hot & sour soup and pot stickers that are yummy\*
33 NE Carefree Lane
Waukee, Iowa 50263
(515) 987-3111
www.Shaghaiwk.com

#### **Italian Cuisine**

- **Centro** (2.7 miles)

\*the hand-rolled cavatelli is to die for\*
1003 Locust Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309
(515) 248-1780
www.CentroDesMoines.com

- Noah's Ark (1.6 miles)

\*cannoli cannot get any better than theirs\* 2400 Ingersoll Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50312
(515) 288-2246
www.NoahsArkDesMoines.com

## **Mexican Cuisine**

- **Taco Casa** (4.3 miles)

\*the biggest, yummiest soft shells AND hardshells\*
2506 Euclid Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50310
(515) 279-7785
www.c-we.com/taco.casa/

- Tasty Tacos (5.2 miles)

\*flour taco shells make this staple unforgettable\*
1400 E. Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50316
(515) 266-4242
www.TastyTacos.com
4507 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312

Phone: 515.991.1780 Toll Free: 866.BUTLER.0



And if you are less adventurous, or our favorites do not get your attention, here are some nearby alternatives:

- **Drake Diner** (2.6 miles) 1111 25<sup>th</sup> Street Des Moines, Iowa 50311 (515) 277-1111 www.DrakeDiner.com
- Eatery A (1.2 miles) 2932 Ingersoll Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50312 (515) 282-8085 www.EateryADSM.com
- McDonald's (1.1 miles) 6125 Grand Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50312 (515) 255-2543 www.McDonalds.com
- Palmer's Deli & Market (1.3 miles) 2843 Ingersoll Avenue

Des Moines, Iowa 50312 (515) 274-4004 www.PalmersDeliAndMarket.com

- Panchero's Mexican Grill (1.4 miles)

2708 Ingersoll Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50312 (515) 777-2898 www.Pancheros.com





- Star Bar (1.4 miles) 2811 Ingersoll Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50312 (515) 244-0790 www.StarBarDSM.com
- Taco John's (3.0 miles)
  350 Grand Avenue
  West Des Moines, Iowa 50265
  (515) 255-4485
  www.TacoJohns.com
- Viva Mexican Restaurant (1.1 miles) 6101 Grand Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50312 (515) 255-8238 www.VivaDSM.com
- Wendy's (1.4 miles)
  225 Grand Avenue
  West Des Moines, Iowa 50265
  (515) 277-7472
  www.Wendys.com





Need your shopping fix during your stay at The Butler House on Grand? Here are a few local favorites, along with some staples, to get your shopping game on:

## - Jordan Creek Town Center (9.2 miles)

101 Jordan Creek Parkway West Des Moines, Iowa 50266 (515) 224-5000 www.JordanCreekTownCenter.com

- Ray Gun (4.6 miles) 505 E. Grand Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50309 (515) 288-1323 www.RayGunSite.com

## - The Shops in the Historic East Village (4.6 miles)

East 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Grand Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50309 www.EastVillageDesMoines.com

- Sticks, Inc. (4.6 miles)

400 E. Locust Street Des Moines, Iowa 50309 (515) 282-0844 www.Sticks.com

## - **Tandem Brick Gallery** (1.4 miles)

2722 Ingersoll Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50312 (515) 282-1031 www.TandemBrickGallery.com



- Outlets of Des Moines (14.3 miles)

801 Bass Pro Drive Altoona, Iowa 50009 (515) 380-7400 www.OutletsOfDesMoines.com

- Target (5.5 miles) 1800 Valley West Drive West Des Moines, Iowa 50266 (515) 225-3784 www.Target.com
- Walgreens (0.9 miles) 3501 Ingersoll Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50312 (515) 271-5047 www.Walgreens.com
- **Wal-Mart** (3.7 miles) 1001 73<sup>rd</sup> Street Des Moines, Iowa 50324 (515) 274-6359 www.WalMart.com





Needing some transportation during your stay at The Butler House on Grand? Try these resources:

- **Des Moines B-cycle** (1.9 miles) 2020 Ingersoll Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50312 (515) 288-8022 www.DesMoinesBcycle.com

- **Des Moines International** (5.7 miles)

5800 Fleur Drive Des Moines, Iowa 50321 (515) 256-5050 www.DSMAirport.com

- **Lyft** www.Lyft.com
- **Uber** www.Uber.com
- Yellow Cab (515) 282-8111 www.YellowCab.cab





Need to get your workout on, while staying at The Butler House on Grand? If you want to work-up a sweat, try these nearby options:

## - Anytime Fitness (4.5 miles) 300 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway Des Moines, Iowa 50309 (515) 288-0151 www.AnytimeFitness.com

## - **Bike Trails throughout Des Moines** (0.9 miles)

Ingersoll Avenue - 35<sup>th</sup> to Polk Boulevard
Des Moines, Iowa
https://dmampo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c48776f
60395490eb3029f5b29fc7b88

#### - **Fitness by Design** (0.1 miles)

4715 Grand Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50312 (515) 277-9721 www.FitnessByDesignDM.com

#### - **Power Life Yoga** (2.1 miles)

1717 Ingersoll Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50309 (515) 564-7555 www.PowerLife.com

## - WellMark YMCA (4.1 miles)

501 Grand Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50309 (515) 282-9622 www.DMYMCA.org

