



THE Kevin Guest House STORY

We are fortunate to have state of the art health care right in our backyard. Imagine if you had to travel many miles and stay away from home for days, weeks or even months to receive critical care for either yourself or a loved one. Where would you stay? How would you afford it? That is the reality for the families that stay at Kevin Guest House.

It was January 1972 when 13-year-old Kevin Garvey passed away. He had spent the last 18 months fighting leukemia, spending much of that time at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Care. While at the hospital, Kevin's parents, Claudia and Cyril, witnessed the hardships of other families, who slept in their cars and waiting rooms because they were unable to afford lodging.

The Garvey's wanted to help those families, so they purchased the property at 782 Ellicott Street and opened their doors in July 1972, welcoming people to Kevin Guest House. More than 60,000 guests, coming from Western New York, 49 states, Canada and 11 other countries, have stayed with us since then.

Located on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, Kevin Guest House was the first healthcare hospitality house in the United States. We provide a comfortable home away from home for patients and their families who are seeking critical medical treatment at Buffalo-area hospitals and medical centers.

In August 2018, our campus grew to four properties as we opened the Russell J. Salvatore Hospitality House on the Kevin Guest House Campus, making us fully accessible for the first time and allowing us to serve more families. Our two main houses combine to offer 10 guest rooms, four family suites, common living and dining areas along with amenities from free laundry service and breakfast to our beautiful garden. The Russell J. Salvatore Hospitality House also includes two apartments, giving our campus a total of eight units which allow bone marrow and other transplant patients an environmentally safe place to recover within the required distance to their medical facility.

Please visit us kevinguesthouse.org to learn more and learn how you can help.

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Nancy Biernat, Donna Doran, Betty Horrigan, Wendy Naylon, Margie Pawloski, Kathy Fassl, and Diane Smith.

The spectacular gardens on the Kevin Guest House campus are a labor of love for these dedicated volunteers. Their work makes our campus bright, cheery and welcoming. The Healing Garden is a sanctuary for patients and caregivers needing a safe, relaxing place nearby to enjoy some fresh air. With the pandemic, our non-essential budget items were cut, and without these women our garden would not have flourished. Thank you for creating a muchneeded retreat for guests, who often had to isolate amongst themselves.

Larry Gramlich

Larry has committed years of service to Kevin Guest House, lending his expertise in electrical contracting to lead projects critical to the infrastructure of our campus. Larry led the electrical work for our expansion at the Russell J. Salvatore Hospitality House and is a critical member of our Building & Grounds committee. Since retiring from Ferguson Electric, he remained dedicated to service throughout the pandemic by helping our Building & Grounds manager, Jeff, with improvement projects such as carpet replacement and renovation of our water-damaged garden apartment. You can often see Larry attending our events with former colleagues, friends and his wife Eileen.



Carl Thomas

Chief Organizational & Community Liaison Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

Carl has made connections in the community that enhanced the safety, security and operations at Kevin Guest House. As one of our first and longest-standing volunteers, he has supported our guests for more than 40 years.



As Chief of Public Safety at Roswell Park, Carl created the agreement to shuttle our guests to and from the hospital, which is critical in our harsh Buffalo winters. He recently facilitated a partnership by introducing CIO, Tom Furlani, to KGH. Tom connected us with Dell Computers and CDW who donated new critical technology throughout our campus. Carl is helping to develop our new Emergency & Safety plan by recruiting a team of Roswell experts to give their time and evaluate our future needs. This past year, he developed an agreement with Roswell Park's facilities team to improve our security with a new master key lock system. These are only a handful of connections Carl facilitated for our organization.



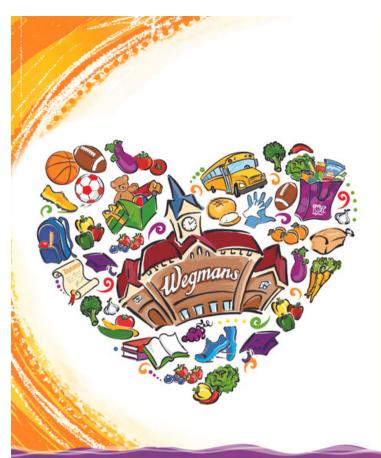


Kevin Durawa President Emeritus

"At this 49th anniversary celebration we honor another Kevin. Together with dear wife Karen, Kevin Durawa performed 11 years of board service, including Board President for 6 years (now President Emeritus). Kevin cooked and served guest meals, lead our capital campaign, managed our IT support, plus hundreds of daily deeds on behalf of our guests.

Kevin, your inspiration and work has secured our mission for another 50 years at Kevin Guest House ... America's first hospital hospitality house!"

- Tom Garvey, founding family member



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Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center is proud to honor Carl Thomas for his outstanding contributions to the Western New York Community.

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We've reached our goal! Thank you for investing in the future of Kevin Guest House and helping maintain our historic properties.

WITHOUT THE

Russell J. Salvatore Hospitality House, these guests would have been turned away.

AMOUNT RAISED THROUGH MARCH, 2021

\$3,007,878.50

\$500,000 Pussell Palvatore

AVERAGE GIFT SIZE:

\$3,626.37

Garman Family Foundation FIRST GIFT TO REIGNITE THE

LARGEST COLLECTIVE GIFT: \$1 Million⁺ from **Garvey Family** and Friends





Giving Hearts is engaging young, entrepreneurial and philanthropic individuals who are on the rise in the Buffalo-Niagara community.

Together we will ensure that every patient and family member traveling to Buffalo for medical care will be welcomed through our doors, regardless of their ability to pay for their stay.





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Wednesday, October 27th

The Lakeward Spirits Event Center at the Barrel Factory

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Julia's Story

Eleven-year-old Julia was a guest for several weeks while her father, Ryan, was undergoing treatment at Roswell Park earlier this year. Unfortunately, Ryan passed away last June.

To honor her father and raise money for Kevin Guest House, Julia sold orange ribbons for \$.50 with the goal of purchasing a paver in memory of her dad. The whole family got involved in the fundraising efforts, including Ryan's fiancé, Gabrielle, and his sister and bone marrow donor, Helen, who were also guests during his treatment. It didn't take long for Julia to reach her goal of raising \$500.

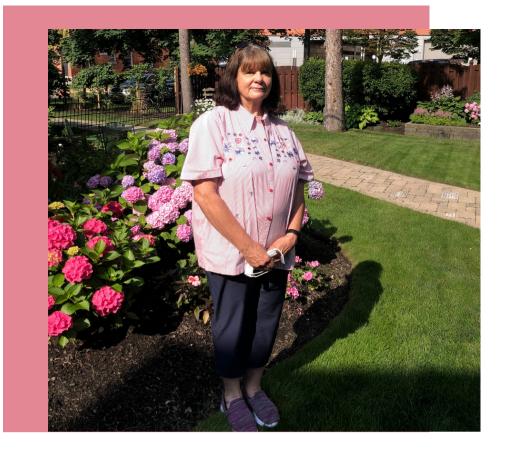
We look forward to seeing Julia and her family when the weather gets warmer so they can see their "LOVE YOU, RYAN" paver.



Help create tranquility in our healing garden by purchasing a personalized paver. Together we can create a beautiful and peaceful space for the patients and their families during the time they call Kevin Guest House their home away from home.

To purchase a paver, visit KevinGuestHouse.com/Give/Garden

If you have questions or would like more information, please call us at 716-882-1818.



Ann & William, July 2021

Ann stayed with us while her husband received treatment at Roswell Park a few weeks ago. The couple are high school sweethearts coming up on their 48th wedding anniversary in August. It means a lot to Ann to not only have Roswell Park, but especially Kevin Guest House to allow her to stay close to her husband while he's in the hospital. "We come from a really small town, I mean really small. They did some tests on William and couldn't initially figure out what's wrong. It took us 13 weeks to get here."

Originally William and Ann planned to come to Buffalo on and off while William received chemotherapy for a few days and return home after. However, William's first round of chemotherapy left him feeling really sick, landing him back in the hospital before his next treatment.

"We're taking it day by day, but I have my little piece of heaven here. I have breakfast and go to St. Jude's for mass and make my way over to visit my husband. I count my blessings every day that I'm able to be close by and see him."

Shawn Bradley

Shawn has been staying with us since April after he received a bone marrow transplant from his brother. He's required to stay close to Roswell for 100 days post transplant.

While Shawn has been here and when he feels up to it, he and his caregiver, Richard, try different restaurants around Buffalo. Shawn's favorite is Mulberry's. He also loves cars and usually spends his day building car models or painting by numbers. He's completed two model cars and one painting so far. He tries to go to different car shows during the week to get out of the apartment.

Being away from home for so long has been one of the most challenging aspects of treatment. "It's nice to have the apartment to make it feel like home and have our own space, but I miss my grandkids."



OUR HEALTHCARE PARTNERS













Kevin Guest House works closely with our local sister charities, Ronald McDonald House and Grace House, to serve our mission and as many patients and caregivers as we can. Kevin Guest House is unique in that we accept guests of all ages, disease, or treatment and have the only facility in Upstate NY with specific apartments and private suites for long-term stays. More specifically, transplant and cellular therapy patients who need isolated spaces close to their doctor. Deemed an essential service to our healthcare partners in March 2020, our doors have remained open during the entire pandemic.



Introducing the *KGH50* Campaign

Become a Hospitality Hero by helping Kevin Guest House celebrate our golden 50th anniversary of serving patients & families needing to stay close to their critical medical care. Your support will help us prepare for the next half century of quests that enter our doors building our future and upgrading our Victorian era original homes by setting the standard for compassionate guest care. I'm following the look similar to the page we had in the Affaire of the Heart program book here below.

Our Goal is to raise \$1.5 million to bring our aging properties originally purchased in 1972 to the level of care of our newer expansion at 766 Ellicott.



Your gift today will:

- Improve air quality and filtration by replacing and enhancing decades old HVAC systems
- Introduce revolutionary technology that traps microorganisms, such as bacteria, mold & viruses that immune compromised guests can be most susceptible to infection
- Install durable, easy to disinfect, commercial grade materials & furniture
- Add private bathrooms & suites to our Main House for the first time in our history
- Upgrade bathrooms, kitchens & common spaces in existing transplant recovery apartments
- Enhance our security systems & technologies that provide our guests the opportunity to feel the most secure and the ease to vacate our building for emergency needs
- · Refresh our exterior campus to its original glory including painting the original homes

No gift is too small.

Become a Hospitality Hero with just \$5 TODAY.

You'll be one of our first donors to help us kick off our next capital endeavor that will make this the safest, cleanest environments for our patients & caregivers.

Thank you for making our 49th anniversary a celebration to remember!

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