



THE GARVEYS HELPED TO START THE HEALTHCARE HOSPITALITY MOVEMENT THAT CONTINUES TO DIRECTLY IMPACT GUESTS EACH & EVERY DAY...

Sue & Jeff Badgley returned home to Jamestown after staying with us for 166 days, while their grandson, Caleb underwent a bone marrow transplant at Roswell Park.



SUE SAID,

“Staying at Kevin Guest House was an overwhelming blessing. I don't know where else we would've stayed because we live so far away. I'm grateful that this is here!”

Learn more about our history by purchasing a KGH Book or take our virtual360 experience tour online



Donated by Peter Schiffmacher, a Reality Capture Expert that allows you to click through our campus as you were walking through yourself. View now at KevinGuestHouse.org/virtualtour.



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WINTER / SPRING 2022

HEARTLINE NEWS

A PUBLICATION BY KEVIN GUEST HOUSE – *The Little House With a Big Heart*



CYRIL GARVEY ONCE SAID,

“If you are lucky enough to have just one good idea and work really hard on it, it makes life all worthwhile.”

THE HOUSE AT 782 ELLICOTT STREET, BUFFALO WAS JUST SUCH AN IDEA.



A GOLDEN 50TH ANNIVERSARY RECOGNIZES THE GLOBAL IMPACT OF YOUNG KEVIN'S LEGACY



Kevin Garvey was nicknamed “heart,” given after a family vacation because of his kindhearted nature. His mother Claudia said, “in the eighteen months that Kevin lived with his illness, that finally conquered even his stout heart, he served constantly as a model and an example for all of us.” Kevin was able to see the houses, but sadly passed on January 14, 1972. His parents Cyril & Claudia continued their work to honor Kevin's legacy and opened the house to its first guest on July 26, 1972, with the support from then Roswell Park Memorial Hospital, so that future generations of patients & caregivers could focus on their health and worry less about the financial burdens that accompany life-threatening illnesses away from home.

As brother Denis said, over the last 50 years, “Kevin Guest House has become a beacon of hope providing shelter, comfort, and understanding to those in times of incredible need.” In 2016, we delved into our history writing a book about the house and learned more about Jimmy Murray, one of the founders of Ronald McDonald House Philadelphia, and his visit to Kevin Guest House that inspired his involvement in the Shamrock Shake fundraiser that helped start our sister charity's first house. Now there are more than over 600 similar organizations worldwide and that small idea of the Garvey family has impacted millions along with over 60,000 families

traveling to Buffalo for life-saving care. A treasure in the heart of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus and one of the very best examples of the City of Good Neighbors, the work we do directly provides the dignity, compassion and the “family” our guests need in some of the hardest days.

Reflecting on the past 50 years, much has changed on campus, but the heart of our mission has always remained. As brother Hugh said, “Kevin was only with us here on Earth for 13 short years, but he has left a good and kind and everlasting footprint on our world. May Kevin Guest House continue to serve those, like Kevin, at their most needed time, with a place of comfort, love and life. As sister Mary said, Kevin Guest House “shines through all of you who open his doors to all those in need”.

We hope you will celebrate with us throughout our golden anniversary year and honor all those moments that made a difference for our guests.

YOU ARE THE REASON THAT KEVIN'S LEGACY LIVES ON FOR OUR FAMILIES AND WILL CONTINUE FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS.



1860's House Built



July 26 1972 KGH Opens



Brick Opens 1990's



Salvatore House Opens 2014 - 2018



July 26 2022

Cyril & Claudia Garvey

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Mission

Providing a comfortable and supportive home away from home for patients and their families.

Vision

America's first healthcare hospitality house, setting the standard for compassionate guest care.

The KGH50 CAMPAIGN

During the pandemic, shared common spaces & bathrooms in the aging original properties revealed greater risks to immunocompromised guests, with old HVAC systems and decades old materials being difficult to thoroughly clean. This campaign will allow the KGH to add private bathrooms in the main house, make durable upgrades in structure & safety and materials that are easier to clean and meet healthcare standards now requested to serve the most compromised patients & caregivers. The "KGH50" Campaign is a \$1.5 Million multi-project initiative to bring our three original properties up to the same standard of hospitality achieved by opening our newest building at 766 Ellicott Street for the long-term health, safety & comfort of guests.



1 TRANSPLANT APARTMENTS



UPGRADE BATHROOMS, KITCHENS & COMMON SPACES IN EXISTING FOUR ISOLATED TRANSPLANT RECOVERY APARTMENTS

2 PRIVATE BATHROOMS

ADD PRIVATE BATHROOMS & SUITES TO OUR MAIN HOUSE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OUR HISTORY



Similar materials to Salvatore House

3 IMPROVE AIR QUALITY AND FILTRATION



IMPROVE AIR QUALITY AND FILTRATION BY REPLACING AND ENHANCING DECADES OLD HVAC SYSTEMS TO INTRODUCE REVOLUTIONARY TECHNOLOGY THAT TRAPS MICROORGANISMS, SUCH AS BACTERIA, MOLD & VIRUSES.



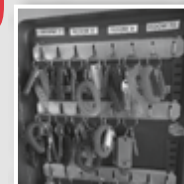
New systems clean air quickly

4 UPGRADE MATERIALS



INSTALL DURABLE, EASY TO DISINFECT, COMMERCIAL GRADE MATERIALS AND FURNITURE IN ALL THREE ORIGINAL PROPERTIES.

5 ENHANCE SECURITY



ENHANCE OUR SECURITY SYSTEMS & TECHNOLOGIES THAT EASE ABILITY TO VACATE OUR BUILDING FOR EMERGENCY NEEDS

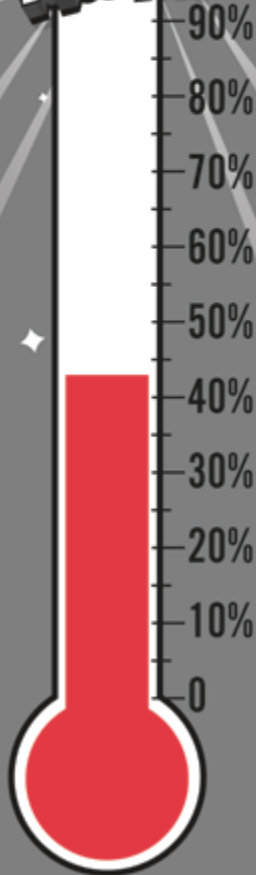
6 EXTERIOR CAMPUS



REFRESH OUR EXTERIOR CAMPUS TO ITS ORIGINAL GLORY INCLUDING PAINTING THE ORIGINAL HOMES.

This campaign is critical now so that we are able to return our occupancy to pre-pandemic levels and serve the most amount of guests by providing the dignity of private spaces critical to help them recover & stay safe.

GOAL!
\$1,500,000



Thank you to these generous donors for kicking off our campaign! Donations pledged or received by March 1, 2022.

Hugh Garvey, brother of our namesake Kevin Garvey, is chair of the KGH50 campaign, and we're grateful to him and wife Nina for kicking off our fundraising with a **\$100,000** donation.

“50 years ago, when others couldn't see through their tears after the tragedy of losing a child to cancer, Mom and Dad envisioned Kevin Guest House.

Please help others by joining Nina and me by donating to our one and only 50th Anniversary Campaign. Your donation will be used for vital upgrades to Kevin's House, bringing it up to 21st century standards and ensuring 50 more years of love, hope and compassion for those less fortunate. Many thanks and God Bless.”



- Hugh & Nina Garvey

\$25,000+

Mother Cabrini Health Foundation
Garman Family Foundation
KeyBank/First Niagara Foundation
Hugh J. III & Nina Garvey
Robert & Wendy Evans
James H. Cummings Foundation

\$5,000 - 24,999

Josephine Goodyear Foundation
Anonymous

\$1,000 - 4,999

Evans-Devereux Memorial Fund
Jamie & Gail Scotland
Karen & Christopher Cummings
Dianne Charsha
Martin & Nancy Krebs
Andrea Tarshus
Jonathan & Wendy Morris
Frank & Linda Evans
Jason & Alexandra Friel
Rodman & Amy Nagy
Rebecca Walsh

\$1 - 999

Mary Garvey Grenier
Gary & Shirley Johnson
Bradley & Lynsey Weaver
Marianne & Seth Potratz
John & Sheila Hartwell
Timothy & Tori Kucinski
Jennifer & Frank Mergl
Nick & Kate Heidinger

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO RESTORE THEIR VISION.

“The house that mom and dad started is in disrepair and this campaign helps to return it to the standard needed today.”

- HUGH GARVEY

Donor SPOTLIGHT



For decades, Buffalo's Kevin Guest House has provided patients and their families with a comfortable and supportive home away from home during what can be a very stressful and challenging time,” said Gary Quenneville, KeyBank Regional Executive and KeyBank/First Niagara Foundation Board Director. “All of us at KeyBank and our KeyBank/First Niagara Foundation are proud to support the work the staff and volunteers at Kevin Guest House do so that families who come to Buffalo for medical care can know they have a safe and welcoming place to stay for years to come.”

KeyBank

In partnership with **FIRST NIAGARA FOUNDATION**



Thank You Members

A pledge or donations of \$500 or more received
October 22, 2021 - March 20, 2022

James & Shannon Bandoblu	Robert & Elaine Marinucci
Corlin Bauhofer	Gerard & Barbara Mazurkiewicz
Jack & Rosanna Berardi	Jay & Kim McKinley
Sue Black & the Delicious Dishes team	Barbara Mellerski-Farkas
David & Sheila Blake	Jonathan & Wendy Morris
Gary M. & Barbara Brignone	Amy & Rodman Nagy
Mary Calandra	Tedd A. & Melissa P. Neff
Dianne S. Charsha	Michelle & Gerald Parrish
Darlene Collins	Marcy Paskowitz
Joe & Marla Coniglio	Beth Patri
James V. Conway	David & Marci Potter
Murray & Mary Elizabeth Covello	Marianne & Seth Potratz
Dr. David Croglio	Leslie & Eileen Quick
Karen & Christopher Cummings	James F. & Jean A. Quigley
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John Frawley	Donald & Diane Roesch
Thomas & Carol Galuhn	Colleen Scharf
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Thomas & Mary Garvey	Richard & Pamela Schott
Jason & Alexandra Garvey Friel	David Schulz
Mary Garvey Grenier	Sieglinde Schwinge
Bob Hocking	Jamie & Gail Scotland
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Philip Hubbell	Andrea Tarshus
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Samuel & Natalie Kinsella-Flatt	Ann Walley
Amanda Kite	Rebecca Walsh
Martin & Nancy Krebs	Bradley & Lynsey Weaver
George Leedom	Debbie Welles
Albert L. III & Lucy M. Lord	Timothy Welsh
Linda L. Mader Engstrom	Peter & Deborah Wilson
Amy Mantrow & Max Mantrow	Dan & Kuy Wong
	John & Carolyn Yurtchuk

A LETTER FROM THE *Agrastos*

When my husband, Andy, was diagnosed with multiple myeloma in 2018, we were blindsided. Once the initial panic settled, we opted to travel from Syracuse to Buffalo for several months of treatment at Roswell. After considering the list of available lodging accommodations, we chose KGH for its affordability, community living, private suites and apartments, and close proximity to RPCCC.

Leaving our home, family, pets and jobs was emotionally and financially difficult – especially with Andy in the hospital and me alone at KGH. But soon, I developed an unexpected support system. Between working remotely, daily visits to the hospital, laundry, and an occasional glass of wine with other guests, friendships were forged as we shared our stories...laughing, encouraging, crying and sometimes sadly consoling. After Andy was discharged, we stayed at the Salvatore House, where we also made several new friends. When it was time to return home, our departure was bittersweet. Numbers and addresses were exchanged, and we still keep in touch with those dear friends.



Annie has never felt alone during her many months here, and the devastation of cancer cannot break the spirit of hope and support that embodies KGH.

When Andy was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia in 2021, our hearts dropped. But as we hurriedly prepared to return to Roswell, the weight of one burden was immediately lifted when we were able to again stay at KGH. This time, we're in the Brick House apartment, which is reserved for transplant patients and caregivers.

Although Andy was able to join me in the apartment for a short while after he was discharged in Dec. 2021, the leukemia relapsed almost immediately and he is currently back at Roswell for a third round of cancer treatment.

Even with mandatory social distancing, masks and safety restrictions due to the Covid pandemic, the KGH staff is truly supportive, and the atmosphere remains warm and welcoming.

With heartfelt gratitude, we thank the staff, volunteers, and fundraisers of KGH for their commitment and dedication that keeps the Garvey Family legacy alive and enables guests to "Enter as Strangers. Leave as Friends."

- Annie and Andy Agrasto



HAVE YOU CONSIDERED LEAVING A LEGACY GIFT TO KGH IN YOUR WILL?

By joining the Cyril & Claudia Garvey Society and leaving a legacy gift in your will to KGH, you can help welcome guests through our doors well beyond your lifetime. There are many gifts that you can leave, from stock or life insurance policies, to real estate or an outright gift of cash.

To learn more, visit KevinGuestHouse.org/Give or contact Marianne,mpotratz@kevinguesthouse.org

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED MAJOR OR LEGACY GIFTS?

Here are some unique ways to support our guests



DID YOU KNOW THAT 1/3 OF AMERICANS OWN INDIVIDUAL STOCKS?

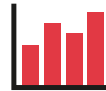
Donors don't pay capital gains tax on gifts of stock. Gifts of stock include publicly traded stocks like Microsoft or Apple, mutual funds, Treasury bills & notes, corporate & municipal bonds and stock in privately held companies.

HOW A DONOR ADVISED FUND WORKS



GIFT

You make a gift at any time and receive an immediate tax benefit.



INVEST

Your gift is invested and grows tax-free.



GRANT

You advise grants to Kevin Guest House.

Donors contribute irrevocable, tax-deductible contributions into a donor advised fund that include cash, stock, real estate & more to a sponsoring organization to allow it to grow and then designate to a charity like KGH. You can partner with the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo or financial service companies such as Vanguard, Schwab or Fidelity.

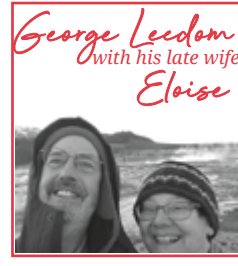
THANK YOU TO OUR TRUST PARTNERS

GRANTS RECEIVED November 1, 2021 – March 1, 2022

AV3 Foundation	Karen Durawa & the Estate of Kevin Durawa
Bonitatibus Family Charity Fund	Kelly Family Foundation
Cynthia Vance & Scott Smith Family Charity Fund	KeyBank / First Niagara Foundation
Dagherty Family Charitable Fund	Kirchner Family Fund
Dr. Lyle F. Renodin Foundation	LanTrax, Inc.
East Hill Foundation	Lorinda McAndrew Voelkle Foundation
Evans-Devereux Memorial Fund	M. G. O'Neil Foundation
Frank & Linda Evans Foundation	Meadowbrook Fund
Frank & Mary Pat Schreck Donor Fund	Monsignor Richard S. Amico Memorial Trust
Gannon Family Foundation	Mother Carhini Health Foundation
Garman Family	Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation
James H. Cummings Foundation	Thomas A. and Doreen M. Wendt Foundation
Jim and Nancy Schade Charitable Fund	Tiedemann Family Fund
Joseph R. Takats Foundation Trust	
Josephine Goodyear Foundation	



Norman and Carol Kirchner were longtime residents of Clarence, NY and both active in many community organizations. In honor of Norm and Carol, their children Pam and Phil established the Kirchner Family Fund as a way of giving back to the greater Buffalo Community. Kevin Guest House spoke to Pam and Phil as an organization filling a critical need for families facing a medical challenge. Warm, friendly, safe, affordable housing is an important part of a successful treatment plan and one that their parents would have been honored to support.



George Leedom, from Saranac Lake, NY is a previous KGH guest, having stayed with us for several weeks in 2019 while his late wife Eloise received a bone marrow transplant. In addition to honoring her memory with a paver in our Healing Garden, he has made donations for KGH logo pavers on the entrance and exit paths in the garden and contributed to our operating funds.

Among the reasons he chooses to support Kevin Guest House is knowing how impactful his contributions are to a small organization. We are grateful to George for being our **first donor to set up a Charitable Gift Annuity** to benefit Kevin Guest House, and he hopes to inspire others to do the same.

"For those donors who are going to leave money to charity when they pass, a CGA is a great way to give the money now, get a steady income now, get a tax break now, and not lose tax any tax break from your estate (which you will if you pass with the money still in your name). It is true that the organization does not get to use the money now, but has it on their books as a future donation."

"Why KGH??? It was a super place for somebody or family to stay when a member has cancer. Under treatment or confined to the hospital, it sure took the burden away of finding what to do with myself for an extended stay."

HELP US REACH 50 INSPIRATIONAL PAVERS IN OUR GARDEN...39 MORE TO OUR GOAL FOR 50 YEARS OF KGH!

CELEBRATE A LOVED ONE'S LIFE

Our Healing Garden is one of the only green spaces on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus and our walkways are often the only critical exercise & fresh air our immune compromised guests get during their stay.



SEND A THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE

If you'd like to purchase a paver, call Marianne Potratz at 716-882-1818 or visit kevinguesthouse.org/give/garden.

PAVER SIZE	COST
4 X 7 INCHES	\$250
8 X 7 INCHES	\$500
8 X 13 INCHES	\$1,000

ORDER YOUR PAVER BY JUNE 17TH TO BE REVEALED AT OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON JULY 26TH!



Thank You

to departing
Board Member
SHIRLEY JOHNSON

Thank you to Shirley Johnson, Senior Vice President and Chief Clinical Operations Officer from Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center who served her last term as she will be moving back to St. Louis, MO to be closer to family. As a 2020 Heart Award recipient, we will forever be thankful for her leadership, collaboration amongst departments and direct involvement in keeping our doors open during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Welcome

to our newest
Board Member
DR. STEPHEN EDGE

Stephen Edge, MD, FACS, FASCO, Surgical Oncologist at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center. Dr. Edge was a past Heart Award recipient, donor to KGH since 2004 and grant advisor from his board term with the Susan G. Komen Foundation of WNY. Dr. Edge is a consistent advocate for KGH including encouraging his family to get involved by making meals and attending events.

FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT BEING A NEW KGH STAFF MEMBER:

Rebecca Nason

Event & Marketing Associate



“Having conversations with guests about their stories motivates me to push myself professionally to new levels. Every day I am learning something new and challenging myself to spread the word about our mission.”

Damon Duncan

Weekend & Relief Coordinator



“Being able to assist others at a critical time is a rewarding and humbling feeling. I am glad to help out whenever I can!”

Kevin Morgenstern

Weekend & Relief Coordinator



“Helping people in time of need is something I have always strived for in a career as I was once in their place as a father of a young boy who passed from heart complications after many months of surgery and hospital stays.”

VOLUNTEER Spotlight

We're fortunate to have hardworking volunteers throughout the pandemic like Arlene Larry, Karen Vasbinder and Fran Thomas. We asked their thoughts on volunteering through the pandemic.



“It was a way to stay connected to people and to help any way I could to help the house continue to stay open.”

Arlene



“I was happy to help in any small way that I could, knowing that all COVID protocols were being followed in a most conscientious manner.”

Karen



“The need for help never stopped, and I always feel fantastic working with the people there.”

Fran

WANT TO VOLUNTEER AND SUPPORT THE STAFF?

- ♥ PREPARE & DROP OFF A MEAL
- ♥ OFFICE SUPPORT
- ♥ MAINTAIN OUR GROUNDS
- ♥ DONOR APPRECIATION PHONE CALLS
- ♥ SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA
- ♥ EVENT SUPPORT
- ♥ JOIN A COMMITTEE

KEVIN'S ADOPT-A-ROOM Challenge

15 ROOMS AVAILABLE

You can adopt a room for a whole year at Kevin Guest House! What does adopting a room mean? It means you commit to outright donating OR raising \$1,500 to adopt a room, \$2,500 to adopt a suite, or \$5,000 to adopt an apartment. The space will be named after you for a year and help support the costs for guests who are not able to make a lodging donation.

Thank you to our current
ADOPT-A-ROOM TEAMS!

\$1,627



TOM BARRETT

\$1,500

TARSHUS T LAW FIRM

(for a company Adopt-A-Room total of \$7,000+ since the program started!)

\$1,500

Ciminelli
REAL ESTATE CORPORATION

\$5,000

GEICO

OTHER WAYS TO PERSONALIZE YOUR GIVING:

- Choose a date to provide dinner for KGH guests
- Host a collection drive for all the essential items for your guest room: linens, bath items, cleaning supplies & toiletries
- Provide a letter of support and encouragement from your team that we will frame in your adopted room



Fifty
FABULOUS WOMEN
Giving Circle

\$3,175

**ALLEGHENY HIGHLANDS COUNCIL
Boy Scouts of America Raffle (\$700)**



**WINCHESTER NITES HOME BUREAU
Holiday Craft Party (\$150)**



**CORNELL UNIVERSITY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Collection Drive (\$50)**



**CHEEKTOWAGA MIDDLE SCHOOL
Jr. Challenge Club Holiday
Fundraiser (\$200)**



**CLARENCE SOCCER BOOSTERS INC.
Pink the Field tournament (\$500)**



**ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT
OF SOCIAL SERVICES
Holiday Fundraiser (\$333.33)**



**HALF BAKED COOKIES
& BUFFALOVEBIRDS
Limited edition cookie sale
& match (\$1,000)**



**LAKE SHORE CENTRAL
TEACHER'S ASSOC.
"Dressing for Donations" in memory of
former guest, Mark Clark (\$150)**



*Thank you to
Thomas Garvey's
six generous
children for
adopting Kevin
Guest House
in January to
celebrate his
70th birthday!*

REMEMBER A LOVED ONE.
HONOR A FRIEND.
CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY,
ANNIVERSARY OR
COMPANY MILESTONE.

Adopt a Day

For \$100, you can Adopt a Day (or several!).
Adopt a Day anonymously, or we will
acknowledge with an Adoption Certificate
and Social Media Post.

A Big Wish List

WHY COLLECTION DRIVES MAKE IT EASIER ON STAFF

Keeping each house stocked with basic home necessities requires a constant amount of donated food and supplies. Hosting a Wish List Drive is a fun activity to involve your workplace, school, club or friend/family group!

Visit kevinguesthouse.org/give/wish-list/ to view our critical needs on our Amazon Wish List or look on social media for our weekly Wish List Wednesday post. Don't forget to shop using AmazonSmile and select KGH as your charity of choice!



THANKS TO RECENT DRIVES:

Thank you to
The Saint Jude Center
congregation and
Master Gorino's Tae
Kwon-Do school for
hosting recent
collection drives.



**SUSIE
MAILMAN**
MEMBER SINCE 2021
CO-CHAIR 2022



Giving Hearts

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN OUR GIVING HEARTS PROGRAM!

JOIN A DYNAMIC GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE COMMITTED FOR ONE YEAR TO:

Learn

about non-profits,
the medical campus
and how to fundraise
for a cause.

Support

the patients and
families who call
KGH their "home
away from home"
with hands-on
volunteering and
fundraising.

Network

with other young
professionals who are
looking to contribute
to a cause, as well as
KGH board members
and other community
supporters.

Share

your knowledge
with friends, family
and co-workers as
we look to increase
awareness of KGH and
grow our network.



AS A YOUNG PROFESSIONAL,
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO GIVE
BACK AND HELP MY COMMUNITY. KGH
GIVES ME THAT OPPORTUNITY AND
I CAN ALSO NETWORK WITH PEOPLE
FROM OTHER COMPANIES THAT I MAY
HAVE NEVER MET OTHERWISE! YOU
NEVER KNOW WHO YOU'RE SITTING
NEXT TO OR MEET WHILE THERE!"

Learn more or sign-up now: kevinguesthouse.org/give/givinghearts



Mother Cabrini
HEALTH FOUNDATION

ONE OF THE LARGEST FOUNDATION GIFTS IN OUR HISTORY

*Keeper of
the House,
Leslie in
her element
with new
fogger*



We are proud as a first ever grantee to be one of the 482 health related programs awarded across New York State. The Mother Cabrini Foundation's goal was to address health-related needs of vulnerable communities that have grown from the compounding crisis of the last few years. As one of 35 organizations chosen in the Buffalo area, this grant request was a direct result of the pandemic and the dramatic increase in need for cleaning supplies and equipment, ways to socially distance and isolate our critically ill guests and increase staffing to provide round the clock disinfecting and support. As costs continued at triple the rate, providing these funds for a one-year period comes at a crucial time as we struggled to cut necessary expenses to operate our four-building campus. Additionally, this grant helped to launch our KGH50 campaign by providing important renovations to two of our aging original transplant recovery apartments. The improvements include installing commercial grade materials and fixtures easier to disinfect, walk in showers and upgraded bathrooms, enhanced safety features and improved air filtration for immune-compromised guests needing to stay for an average of 100 days. We are overwhelmingly grateful to the trustees for recognizing the need for these improvements to keep patients close to their life saving care.



National Fuel

IS A PROUD SPONSOR OF
Affaire of the Heart and Supper in the Street.



HELPING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES PHYSICALLY, ECONOMICALLY, AND
EMOTIONALLY DURING THEIR HEALTH CARE JOURNEY IS SO IMPORTANT.
THE KEVIN GUEST HOUSE REDUCES THE STRESS AND FINANCIAL BURDEN FOR PATIENTS
TRAVELLING TO ACCESS NEEDED MEDICAL CARE. THE NATIONAL FUEL GAS COMPANY
FOUNDATION IS A PROUD SUPPORTER OF THIS HOME AWAY FROM HOME."

-DAVID BAUER, PRESIDENT AND CEO, NATIONAL FUEL

Spring Flower Sale

Benefitting
KEVIN GUEST HOUSE

MISSED THE PRE-ORDER?

Visit our site sales April 12 & 13
for a variety of nine potted flowers:



Order gorgeous hanging baskets (\$25 each) by April 21. Available for pick up at Kevin Guest House May 5 & 6 from 10 am - 5:30 pm. Delivery available for \$200+ orders.

kevinguesthouse.org/events/flowers



Hosted by the Buffalo Bills and Sabres
Foundations benefitting WNY

July 15-16

**GIVE 716 IS OUR
COMMUNITY'S DAY OF
ONLINE GIVING**

28-hour period

Easy and fun way for our
community to unite and
support local nonprofits

We're looking for companies to support this effort with a matching gift or incentive for new donors to chose KGH. If you're looking for a unique way to get your brand noticed, contact us!



**MONDAY
JULY
11**

**Lockport Town
& Country Club**

TEE TIMES

Morning (9 & Wine)

Lunchtime (Celebrity 18-hole)



Join local sports & media
celebrities hosted by Buffalo
Sabres General Manager
Kevyn Adams

- ♥ Money Tree
- ♥ Wine Pull
- ♥ Basket Raffle
- ♥ Lunch
- ♥ Evening Appetizers & Beverage Tastings
- ♥ Split Club
- ♥ On-course Contests
- ♥ Online Auction
- ♥ Tournament Prizes

kevinguesthouse.org/golf



**PLEDGE
TO RUN
OR WALK
FIVE 5KS**

Participate in your
neighborhood,
treadmill or begin
and end at KGH

CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO 15.5 MILES IN SIX WEEKS

Gather your running friends or walk with your family to help us
reach 50 virtual participants in honor of our golden anniversary!

REGISTER NOW: kevinguesthouse.org/virtual-5x5kgh

OUR HYBRID EVENTS ARE BACK - *Save the Dates*

NOVEMBER 2022



PRESENTED BY THE
GIVING HEARTS AMBASSADORS

Join us for Bites from your favorite local restaurants, a variety of Brews, live music and a toast to the 2022 class of Giving Hearts! **Details to follow!**

SEPTEMBER 10



Join us for Supper, on
OUR STREET OR YOURS!

Dinner, desserts & coffee will be served family style at the longest dinner table in Buffalo in the middle of Ellicott Street.

Organize your party in your backyard or book your in-person table before this sells out again: kevinguesthouse.org/events/supper/

TUESDAY
**JULY
26**

on the
Kevin Guest House
CAMPUS

Kevin
Guest House
**GOLDEN 50th
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

1972 - 2022

Join us to pay tribute to 50 years of the Garvey family legacy, recognize our Heart Award honorees and healthcare partners, and toast to the next 50 years of serving patients & families.

**RECOGNIZING THE DURAWA FAMILY AS
OUR KEVIN GARVEY AWARD WINNERS.**



The **29th annual**
Affaire of the heart
Benefiting Kevin Guest House

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-CAROL HORTON, VP KALEIDA HEALTH FOUNDATION

THE IMPACT OF PRESIDENT EMERITUS

Kevin Durawa

KEEPS THE HOUSE GOING...



If you had the privilege to meet Kevin Durawa, you couldn't help but react to his positivity. If he didn't convince you to donate within a few minutes, he would find a way the next day. The kind of person who brought all walks of life to our campus because you couldn't help but have fun with Kevin.

Over nearly two decades, the Durawa family found unique ways to involve their circle of friends. Kevin was nominated as President Emeritus well before his diagnosis of ALS in 2020, an honor presented to him last year before he sadly passed in November 2021. Along with Dean Drew & Neil Farmelo, often attributed with saving the house from closing in the 90s, Kevin can be attributed as one of the single most important influences in our organization's history.

Kevin served 11 years on the Board of Directors, with six as President. The capstone event in Kevin's time with KGH was his leadership of the House's first capital campaign during his time as President. It took a strong leader like Kevin to get constituents from all over the community to pull together to get us over the finish line of this transformational expansion. Kevin was the perfect person for this demanding job and the results laid a solid foundation for KGH to build upon in the decades to come. Even after he left the Board, and as he fought through his illness, he continued to work on moving the house forward by serving on our Buildings and Grounds, and Special Initiatives committees.

Countless community leaders have worked alongside him to raise funds for the house. Kevin founded our Blues & Brews event, competed for most tickets sold with Al Ryer at Oktoberfest, raised the most online during our Fallfest Family Fun Run, chaired our Celebrity Golf Tournament, convinced vendors to donate services ranging from IT Support to building water trenches on campus, he always found a way to connect everyone to KGH. The most significant connection during his career at RealtyUSA was the years of support from Merle Whitehead's family and employees, which continues

today at Howard Hanna. As a past Kevin Garvey Award winner, there isn't one aspect of the house Kevin didn't have an influence on, but he and Karen never wanted recognition, always raising their hand when no one else could.

CURRENT PRESIDENT,
JAMIE SCOTLAND SAID

“For many of us at KGH, Kevin was our leader, mentor, advocate and cheerleader. I was privileged to call him my friend. KGH will miss the man who truly represents the heart and soul of Kevin Guest House.”



Even during his illness, Kevin and Karen considered his legacy to the house and his family, including kids Mari and Michael, how they would continue to support our guests. Over the years, while Kevin stood at the podium, worthy of special recognition, Karen and immediate family often were the quiet influence that brought people back each year. All that he accomplished couldn't have been possible without them. While she doesn't feel worthy of special recognition, Karen Durawa stood by her husband and impacted our successes more than she would ever recognize.



KEVIN'S IMPACT CONTINUES AS HIS FAMILY
RALLIES FRIENDS IN HONOR...



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raised \$3,500 last
December at their
new holiday themed
3K in tribute to
KEVIN DURAWA.

He volunteered annually at their Mueller Mile, our longest standing community event to support Kevin Guest House.



The Garvey siblings have selected the Durawa family as our Kevin Garvey Awardee this year, which will be presented to Karen & her children at our Anniversary Celebration on July 26th, where we will unveil the entryway dedicated to the Durawas that will welcome every guest. We hope you will join us at our upcoming events where we will feature the many ways this incredible family has impacted our guests. For now, as he would want it, let's raise a toast to Kevin.



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