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.
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 Elicott 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

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.

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.
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

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.”
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.

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

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

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.
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.

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.

**THANK YOU TO OUR TRUST PARTNERS**

**GRANTS RECEIVED** November 1, 2021 – March 1, 2022

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

**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.

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. He is 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!**

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.

**PAVER SIZE**  
**COST**

4 X 7 INCHES  
$250

8 X 7 INCHES  
$500

8 X 13 INCHES  
$1,000

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

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**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.”

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**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.

“Arlene

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

Karen

“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.”

Fran

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

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**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**

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

- **$1,627**
  - **TOM BARRETT**
  - (for a company Adopt-A-Room total of $7,000+ since the program started!)

- **$1,500**
  - **TARSHUS LAW FIRM**

- **$1,500**
  - **Ciminelli Real Estate Corporation**

- **$5,000**
  - **GEICO**

**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.

**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

**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.

**Community Giving**

- **ALLEGHENY HIGHLANDS COUNCIL Boy Scouts of America Raffle ($700)**
- **WINCHESTER NITES HOME BUREAU Holiday Craft Party ($150)**
- **CORNELL UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Collection Drive ($50)**
- **CHEYKOWAGA 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)**

**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.
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!”

SUSIE MAILMAN
MEMBER SINCE 2021
CO-CHAIR 2022

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.

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

ONE OF THE LARGEST FOUNDATION GIFTS IN OUR HISTORY

Mother Cabrini
HEALTH FOUNDATION

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.

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

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

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

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**SAVE THE DATES**

**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

Hosted by the Buffalo Bills and Sabres Foundations benefiting WNY

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

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**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

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**MISSED THE PRE-ORDER?**

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

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**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

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**the 26th annual**

**GIVE 716**

Kevin Guest House Celebrity Classic

and

**GIVE 716**

Lockport Town & Country Club

**MONDAY JULY 11**

**TEE TIMES**

Morning (9 & Wine)

Lunchtime (Celebrity 18-hole)

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**Virtual 5x5KGH**

Benefiting Kevin Guest House

2nd annual

**Virtual 5x5KGH**

benefiting Kevin Guest House

**begin June 5th**

**ends July 26th**

Kevin’s Birthday

Kevin’s Birthday

Our Anniversary

June 5th

July 26th

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**Lunch**

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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.

**KEVIN GUEST HOUSE CAMPUS**

**TUESDAY**
**JULY 26**

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

Join us in-person OR enjoy a gourmet dinner, wine and online bidding from your home. Pick-up & delivery are also available.

- Live music
- Basket raffle
- Wine wall
- Mystery hearts
- Short program
- Online auction
- Raffle giveaways

kevinguesthouse.org/events/aoh

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW**

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

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

**The Kaleida Health Foundation is proud to support the Kevin Guest House as we consider them a vital partner in the recovery and well-being of a specific patient population. Knowing that loved ones are close by when someone is receiving treatment can have a very positive impact on outcomes. It eliminates at least some anxiety at a very stressful time.**

- Carol Horton, VP Kaleida Health Foundation

**THE KALEIDA HEALTH FOUNDATION IS PROUD TO SUPPORT THE KEVIN GUEST HOUSE AS WE CONSIDER THEM A VITAL PARTNER IN THE RECOVERY AND WELL-BEING OF A SPECIFIC PATIENT POPULATION. KNOWING THAT LOVED ONES ARE CLOSE BY WHEN SOMEONE IS RECEIVING TREATMENT CAN HAVE A VERY POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUTCOMES. IT ELIMINATES AT LEAST SOME ANXIETY AT A VERY STRESSFUL TIME.**

- Carol Horton, VP Kaleida Health Foundation

**Thank you to our 2022 PLATINUM SPONSORS**

- Kaleida Health
- M&T Bank
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.

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.

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CHECKERS AC 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.
Upcoming Events

2022

CELEBRITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
Monday, July 11

GIVE716
July 15-16

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Tuesday, July 26

ORDER NOW THROUGH APRIL 21ST

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NEW GUINEA IMPATIENS
MAKE THE PERFECT GIFT FOR
Mother’s Day
Hanging Baskets $25

FRIDAY, MAY 20

Affaire of the heart
Benefiting Kevin Guest House

IN-PERSON
6 pm .................... VIP Reception
6:30 to 10 pm .......... General Admission

CAN’T ATTEND BUT WANT TO HELP?

• PARTICIPATE FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME.
  Contactless meal pick up on May 20 from 4 - 5:30 PM at The Buffalo Club.

• The online auction will be open May 1 - 22.
  Event tickets are not required to bid.

We’re looking for items for our basket raffle, online auction, wine wall, gift cards ($20+), program ads and baskets to build packages.

PICK UP AT KGH
May 5th & 6th

We're looking for items for our basket raffle, online auction, wine wall, gift cards ($20+), program ads and baskets to build packages.