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Wegmans



Free parking is available at the Buffalo Medical Group lot, located at 85 High Street, and street parking is also available throughout the Medical Campus.

Please arrive wearing a mask to protect the immunocompromised guests served on the Kevin Guest House Campus.

5: 00 PM: Welcome to Kevin Guest House. Check in at the KGH tent.

5:30 PM: Presentation of Heart Award honorees, the Kevin Garvey Award in front of the Main House.

6:00 PM: Enjoy refreshments under the tent and entertainment in the Healing Garden.

Tables reserved for Honorees, Sponsors, Board of Directors, and Giving Hearts located under the tent.

Seating & hightop tables for all friends of Kevin Guest House located throughout the Healing Garden & tent areas





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 Garveys 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 61,000 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. In 2022, the KGH50 Campaign began to bring the oldest three buildings on the Kevin Guest House campus to the same standard as this newest building, in order to maximize capacity and serve our guests in the best environment for healing.

Please visit us kevinguesthouse.org to find out more & learn how you can help.

Thank you foll joining 48 to celebrate our 50th

anniversary year of opening our doors at Kevin Guest House at our Golden

Anniversary Celebration & Open House hosted by Wegmans and special recognition from the Buffalo News. Our chairperson, Kathy Fassl along with her committee has put together an intimate garden reception to commemorate this milestone in our history. We are grateful Kevin's siblings and their extended family have travelled from across the country to celebrate with all of us. We reflect on the incredible movement their parents Cyril and Claudia Garyey began in 1972 that has effected millions around the world and remember Kevin, their little brother with a heart of gold, that like many children before and after him showed incredible bravery during his short life and struggle with cancer.

50th Anniversary - The garreys helped to start the healthcare hospitality movement that continues to directly impact guests today.



Next to the Garvey family, in our 50-year history, there are not many families who continue to make an impact for Kevin Guest House as much as the Durawa family. We are honored that Karen Durawa accepted our 2022 Kevin Garvey Award and will be accompanied by her and Kevin's children Mari and Michael, along with countless family and friends that have kept the house going by supporting the plethora of fundraisers and events that Kevin and Karen made some of the best experiences for our supporters.

Additionally, we honor our 2022 Heart Award winners. First, the individual awardees of Arlene Larry and Karen Vasbinder who diligently support our team every week, including through most of the pandemic, coming to the house and assisting with whatever is needed and volunteering at almost every event. New volunteers to KGH in 2019, the Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center Information Technology network team were encouraged by their CIO leader Tom Furlani, to give their time and talent to bring our equipment and every day operating procedures into the 21st century. The overall project continues to be spearheaded by Scott Gould and the expertise in different areas made it come together with Ryan McGovern, Jeff Neureuther and Islam "Izzy" Sallaj.

Our namesake Kevin Garvey was nicknamed "heart" by his family, which inspired our logo and that of hundreds of homes across the world. Before Kevin sadly succumbed to his illness, he was able to see the houses that would be named after him, but 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". 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.

In 2016, we delved into our history writing a book about the house and you can learn more about our history by purchasing a KGH Book or view a fascinating virtual itours360 online experience 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.



A wonderful way to contribute our work to support families needing to be close to their care is if you would consider honoring our 50th anniversary to our Pay It Forward Campaign in honor of extended Durawa families' contributions or giving in honor of our Heart award winners today, Arlene, Karen, Scott, Izzy, Ryan and Jeff. Your gift can literally help pay it forward for a guest who otherwise couldn't afford a place to stay during one of the most difficult times in their lives. We hope you enjoy today's festivities and 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. Cheens!

Lynsey Zimdahl Weaver, Executive Director



Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center is proud to honor these valued members of the Roswell Park family for their outstanding contributions to the Center and the Western New York Community.



RoswellPark.org

The Heart Award

Presented at 5:30 on the Main House front porch

The Heart Award is given in honor of Kevin "Heart" Garvey in recognition of our outstanding volunteers who have opened their hearts to our guests.

Individual Volunteer Honorees: Arlene Larry & Karen Vasbinder

Karen & Arlene are weekly volunteers at the House, and also step up to help with our special events & flower fundraisers. Arlene is often answering the phone and helping with office work like mailings, data entry & filing. Karen is a cleaning machine who leaves our kitchen spotless and transformed our basement with her organizational skills.





Healthcare Partner Heart Award honorees: Roswell Park IT network team: Scott Gould. Ryan McGovern. Jeff Neureuther & Islam "Izzy" Sallaj

This team volunteered over the last few years to upgrade our network & computer equipment, migrate & map data, create a cloud base server, convert online communication to Microsoft 365 platform, providing training and IT assistance to the KGH team and make vendor introductions to accomplish this transition that replaced decades old equipment and procedures hosted locally that limited daily functions.

KEVIN GARVEY AWARD



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." 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".

As the inspiration for the Kevin Guest House, he was known of his open heart and loving spirit. In that tradition, the Kevin Garvey Award is given to a unique individual or organization that opens their heart to our home, showing their support and devotion to our guests and to the mission of Kevin Guest House. Kevin's siblings and family are asked to consider some of the most influential supporters of the house in recent history to honor with such an award. This year, they couldn't think of any one more deserving to represent their brother than to honor the Durawa family, the late Kevin Durawa, his loving wife Karen, children Mari & Michael and immediate family for their unwavering support over the last two decades.

Tribute to Kevin Durawa

"I'm Exceptional! Just Hanging Out Acting Cool"

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's served 11 years on the Board of Directors, with 6 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, 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.

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 & soul of Kevin Guest House."

The impact of the Dyrawa family & extending friendships

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, 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. Collectively, we can proudly say that with the help of Kevin & Karen's network, that our doors remained open during some of the most financial trying periods for KGH. All the "FUN" draisers they helped to organize and most especially, realizing the dream of over 20 years of expanding for the first time to serve double the number of guests. If you look around the room at our events, their influence is ever present, and we are certain many of you would raise your hand that you were first introduced in some way to our mission from their network of family.

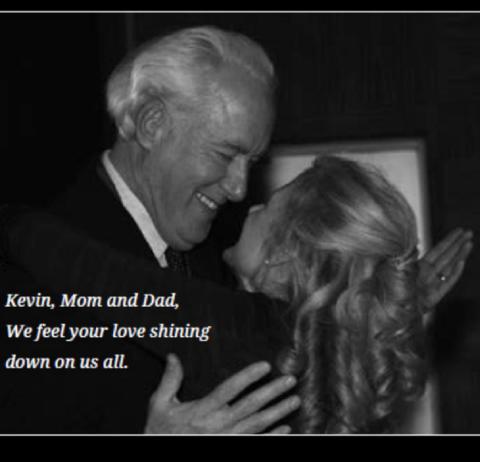
While she doesn't feel worthy, Karen Durawa stood by her husband and impacted our successes more than she would ever recognize. While she prefers to stay out of the limelight, doing good deeds for our guests in the background, often the one out bidding you in our auctions, Karen continues to support the house and encourages her children Michael and Mari to continue to volunteer. Even A group of Checkers Club runners organized a run in Kevin's memory, where the family showed up in droves on a chilly December to show support. Yet most significantly, Kevin and Karen are the first to leave a legacy gift to our guests in Kevin's memory, an important gift to both to always have their family connected to the house.

The Garvey siblings have selected the Durawa family as our Kevin Garvey Awardee this year and will the entryway dedicated to the Durawa family that will welcome every guest to our Main House. We thank you for joining us in celebrating the many ways this incredible family has impacted our guests.

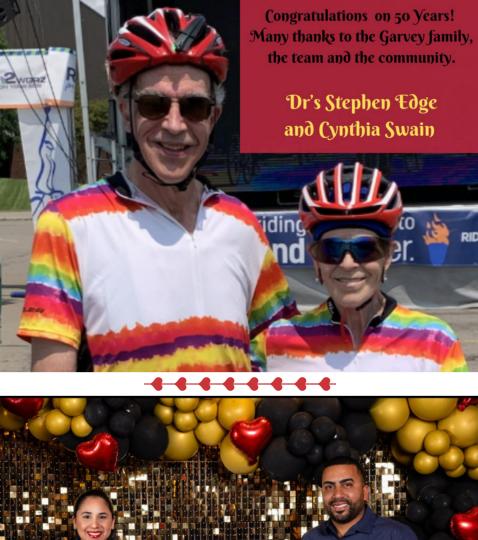
for now. as he would want it let's raise a toast to Yevin & Yaren and their extended family.

U)e Celebrate 50 YEARS

of providing a home away from home for thousands of families

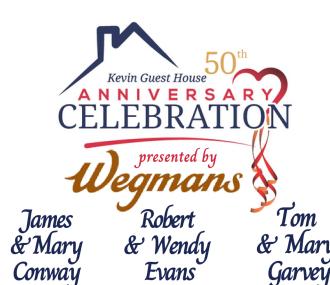


Love,
Tom & Mary Garvey





Pose at our Photo Wall at the event, courtesy of Splendid





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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 meet healthcare standards now re-quested to serve the most compromised patients & caregivers. The goal is to upgrade the original 3 buildings to the standard of the 2018 expansion for long-term health, safety & comfort of guests.

TRANSPLANT APARTMENTS

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

PRIVATE BATHROOMS

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



3 IMPROVE AIR QUALITY



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.





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 & serve the most amount of guests by providing the dignity of private spaces critical to help them recover & stay safe.



Hugh J. Garvey III,

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 Gust 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."



WE NEED YOUR HELP TO RESTORE THEIR VISION.



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

Hugh Sarva

FOR SUPPORTING THE KGH50 CAMPAIGN \$100,000+

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Your support keeps Kevin Guest House going!

Use QR code, web link, or envelope at your table to support Kevin Guest House



Donate in honor of our <u>50th</u>

<u>Anniversary, to support the</u>

<u>operations of KGH & families</u> who cannot afford to make a payment towards their stay:

kevinguesthouse.org/events/anniversary





Donate to our KGH50 Capital Campaign, to support the necessary renovations to our campus, like adding private bathrooms and required improvements to air filtration, that will allow us to host more guests and keep them safe:

kevinguesthouse.org/kgh50

About giving Hearts



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.

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.

Do you, or someone you know, want to support KGH and gain non-profit experience?

Visit kevinguesthouse.org/give/givinghearts for more information to join Giving Hearts!





Join us for Supper, on OUR STREET OUR YOURS!

on September 10th!

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

kevinguesthouse.org/supper

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Stay tuned for details about our annual poinsettia sale!

Brews, live music and a toast to the

2022 class of Giving Hearts!



Pre-order by Nov. 25 on visit us at our hospital site sales!

Order form coming soon!

kevinguesthouse.org/poinsettia-sale



Seneca One

On behalf of the Board of Directors at Kevin Guest House and the guests we serve, thank you to all who supported and to all who volunteered their time and talents for this event. We would especially like to thank our sponsors and in-kind donors for their generosity. It is because of your support that we are celebrating 50 years of service.

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