



EXPANSION CAMPAIGN FOR  
KEVIN GUEST HOUSE



**\$2,000,000**

Committed as of 9/15/2022: \$832,781

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# HEARTLINE NEWS

A Publication by Kevin Guest House - *The Little House With a Big Heart*

## A GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



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."**

Pictured above, members of the Garvey Family, including Kevin's siblings and cousins, who traveled to honor his legacy & celebrate 50 years.

Young Kevin's journey has impacted millions of lives and his legacy lives on as we celebrate the accomplishments of this last half century. We're so grateful to friends who travelled from all over the world (including Margaret Garvey Condon returning from Israel and Annette Garvey Waymel from Egypt) to celebrate our 50th Anniversary on July 26th, including six of Kevin Garvey's siblings and several other family members & friends. At this milestone occasion, we not only recognized some of our most generous volunteers for their dedication to Kevin Guest House but enjoyed hearing from two of our current guests (read more about the Fallons on Page 2), honored the Durawa family with the Kevin Garvey Award (more on page 5) and shared our plans for the future with the presentation of the KGH50 Campaign. Attendees were treated to fabulous food from our presenting sponsor, Wegmans, live music from Kristen Smigielski Combo in our Healing Garden and tours of the recent construction on our campus.

## Kevin Guest House 50<sup>th</sup> GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

1972 - 2022

presented by  
**Wegmans**

## 2022 Heart Award Honorees

HEART  
AWARD  
INDIVIDUAL  
VOLUNTEER  
HONOREES

**ARLENE LARRY  
KAREN VASBINDER**



**SCOTT GOULD, RYAN MCGOVERN  
JEFF NEUREUTHER, ISLAM "IZZY" SALLAJ**

HEART AWARD  
HEALTHCARE  
PARTNER  
HONOREES:  
**Roswell Park  
IT network team**

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for supporting our Anniversary with complimentary  
advertising to commemorate the KGH50 campaign.

### THANK YOU TO OUR COMMITTEE:

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(Chair)

♥ NANCY BIERNAT  
♥ CHARLENE LEISING

♥ SUE BLACK  
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# THE HISTORY OF Kevin GUEST HOUSE




**2023**

KGH50 CAMPAIGN RENOVATES THREE ORIGINAL PROPERTIES TO THE POST-PANDEMIC HEALTHCARE STANDARDS NECESSARY FOR GUEST SAFETY




**JULY 26**

A YEAR FULL OF CELEBRATIONS MARKING THE 50TH GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY




**2022**

KGH50 CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED TO BRING A CONSISTENT STANDARD OF GUEST CARE TO THE CAMPUS



**2021**


KGH DEEMED AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE BY HEALTHCARE PARTNERS TO REMAIN OPEN DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC



**2020**


MARCH

JACOBS UB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND OISHEI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OPEN NEXT DOOR TO KGH




**2018**

DECORATOR SHOWHOUSE TRANSFORMS RUSSELL J. SALVATORE HOUSE BRINGS 11,000 VISITORS TO KGH 766 OPENS TO FIRST GUESTS IN AUGUST 2018




**2017**

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BUFFALO THE BUFFALO NEWS DECORATORS' SHOWHOUSE




**2016**

KEVIN GUEST HOUSE IMAGES OF MODERN AMERICA BOOK PUBLISHED BY GERALD HALLIGAN




**2014**

FIRST EVER EXPANSION CAMPAIGN RE-LAUNCHED PURCHASED 766 ELLICOTT BUILDING (FOURTH PROPERTY)




**1990**

JOINS THE HEALTHCARE HOSPITALITY NETWORK BRINGING TOGETHER 600 SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS WORLDWIDE




**1990's**

RENOVATION OF BRICK & ORIGINAL GARAGE INTO ONE OF THE FIRST TRANSPLANT RECOVERY APARTMENTS IN THE COUNTRY. KGH BEGINS ACCEPTING GUESTS FROM ALL AREA HOSPITALS AND SERVES FIRST HEART TRANSPLANT FROM BUFFALO GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER.




**1974**

OPENING OF RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES INSPIRED FOLLOWING A VISIT TO KEVIN GUEST HOUSE BY JAMES MURRAY OF THE PHILADELPHIA EAGLES




**1972**

KEVIN GUEST HOUSE OPENS WELCOMING ITS FIRST GUEST




**1971**

GARVEY'S ARRIVE TO ROSWELL PARK CANCER INSTITUTE TO BEGIN KEVIN'S TREATMENT OF LEUKEMIA



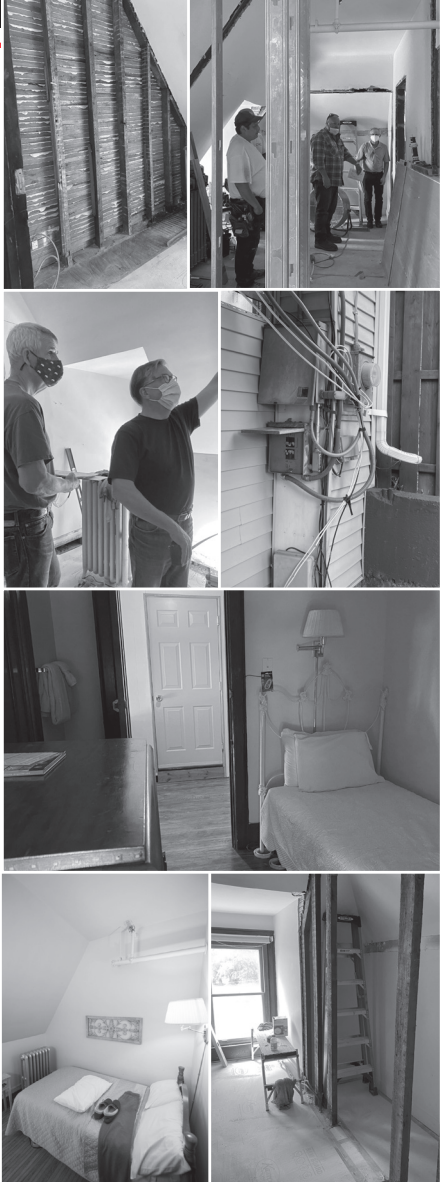
**1958**

KEVIN JOSEPH GARVEY IS BORN



**1860's**

THE VICTORIAN ERA HOUSES ALONG ELLICOTT STREET BUILT



# KGH50 CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS

Can you join us to build for the future with an additional gift this year?

Thanks to our Building & Grounds committee and commitments from Carmina Wood Architects & Pike Construction for leading the effort to kick-off construction in targeted areas of our original three aging properties so we can stay open to serve as many guests as possible while closing key areas to move renovations forward. With the First Niagara Foundation & Mother Cabrini Foundation funding, we can begin transplant apartment renovations in the Carriage House & Brick House, with the original hope of closing only one apartment at a time.

As NEW RFP's were sent out, costs have nearly doubled causing us to raise our overall goal to \$2 million to complete all the necessary changes to these spaces. An unexpected electrical upgrade located on the exterior of our Carriage building exterior & plumbing changes have brought new challenges to close both these apartments simultaneously but necessary to provide the best environment for immune compromised guests. Once completed, we will upgrade the brick building apartments and once all fundraising is met, begin reconstruction of the original Main house.



Meanwhile Joe & Marla Coniglio (living in Florida) felt compelled to help "Adopt Room #14" in desperate need with new furnishings. To do renovations once on the 3rd floor, closing both #14 & #15 to combine into one private suite.



With the blessing of Diane Smith (Room #15 decorator and a Sabres Alumni wife), supporting the expanded plan would allow for a future private bathroom. With the expertise of McQ Interiors design concept a fresh Buffalo Sabres theme to will match our donors connections and KGH friend Rene Robert #14.

"As a past board member, Kevin Guest House has always been close to my heart. I was thrilled to be able to raise \$30,864 on my Facebook birthday fundraiser during the month of June to help renovate the bedrooms and bathrooms in the original house. The Louis J. Billittier Foundation donated \$14,000 in honor of Rene Robert (#14) and Room #14 in the original house will be the first room under renovation."

- Marla Figliotti Coniglio



**GOAL**  
**\$2,000,000**

AMOUNT RAISED TO DATE THROUGH 09/15/2022  
**\$832,781**

MOST FREQUENT GIFT: **\$1,000** DONORS: **55**

FIRST INDIVIDUAL GIFT: Hugh and Nina Garvey  
**\$103,400** IN STOCK DONATIONS

FIRST FOUNDATION GIFT: First Niagara & Keybank Foundation  
**\$125,000**

AMOUNT LEFT TO RAISE  
**\$1,167,219**

## Donor SPOTLIGHT

CARMINA WOOD DESIGN

is a proud sponsor of Affaire of the Heart and the KGH50 Campaign



"I joined the KGH Board of Directors because I was looking for an opportunity to "give back" to our community and saw a truly special organization where my experience and talents as an architect could be put to good use, helping their stewardship of beautiful, historic buildings that offer compassionate homes to families who are facing extreme medical challenges."

- Jonathan H. Morris, AIA  
Vice President, Architecture, Carmina Wood Design

DONATE TO KGH50 AT KEVINGUESTHOUSE.COM/KGH50





Thank you Members

A pledge or donations of \$500 or more from 01.01.22 - 08.15.22

- Corlin Bauhofer
- David & Katherine Carlson
- Dianne S. Charsha
- Darlene Collins
- Ed & Margaret Garvey Condon
- James V. Conway
- Todd & Shannon Decker
- James "Jim" F. & Patti Doyle
- Karen Durawa
- Robert & Wendy Evans
- Mary R. Evans & Andrew Paul Hrenyo
- John & Jeanne Garvey
- Kevin & Susan Garvey
- Thomas and Mary Garvey
- Thomas M. Garvey and Dana Villanova
- Jason & Alexandra Garvey Friel
- Mary Garvey Grenier
- Hugh J. III & Nina Garvey
- Macey Hartweg
- Bob Hocking
- John & Cynthia Hopkins
- William Hopkins
- Kevin and Maureen Horgan
- Wesley and Rita Hunter
- Gary and Shirley Johnson
- Tom Jordan
- Sarah Kaufman
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- James Neil & Mary Ellen Morrissey POD
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- Michael Newman
- Ed Paradise
- Michelle & Gerald Parrish
- Seth & Marianne Potratz
- Annette Pringle
- Rick and Linda Quinn
- Michael Rose
- Andrew Schwartz
- Sieglinde Schwinge
- Jamie & Gail Scotland
- William "Bill" & Susan "Sue" Semmel
- Dr. Samson K. Shen
- Mary Pat Stechschulte & Sarah A Cerminara
- Ann L. Swan
- Christina Tobin & Thomas Schwaab
- Adolph Uryniak
- Ann Walley
- Rebecca Walsh
- Debbie Welles
- Matthew & Catherine "Cathy" Whitehead
- Bradley & Lynsey Weaver



Michael and Lynn Fallon traveling from California

"Dealing with my cancer diagnosis over the last year has been an emotional roller-coaster ride for me and my family, and Kevin Guest House has provided us a welcoming, supportive and warm environment, with easy access to Roswell and, at a time of uncertainty and fear, a safe harbor of comfort and peace and understanding. Our gratitude is boundless."

- Michael Fallon

Michael & Lynn came back to WNY to care for his aging father and never expected to find out Michael had a rare form of prostate cancer that had them staying in Buffalo for several months. Unfortunately, Michael's father has since passed, but thankfully Michael's own prognosis is improving & they're grateful for the time with dad close by. The Fallon's traveled home in September and will be back this winter for more treatment to their preferred doctors at Roswell Park.

Barbara is the first ever known supporter to leave KGH in her will

Barbara pictured left with sister Suzy and brother in law Denis Garvey on the KGH porch.



I am very familiar with Kevin Garvey's struggle with leukemia. Kevin's brother Denis was dating my sister Suzy when I heard of Kevin's passing over fifty years ago. Having had my own personal struggle with cancer, I fully understand and sympathize with those patients and families needing support and housing during treatment. I strongly believe in the mission of KGH. After visiting the houses, viewing the beautiful grounds, and meeting the caring staff, I have made Kevin Guest House a top priority in my estate planning."

- Barbara Burke Schafer

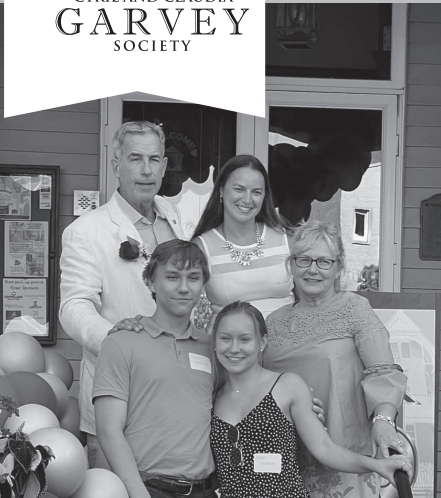
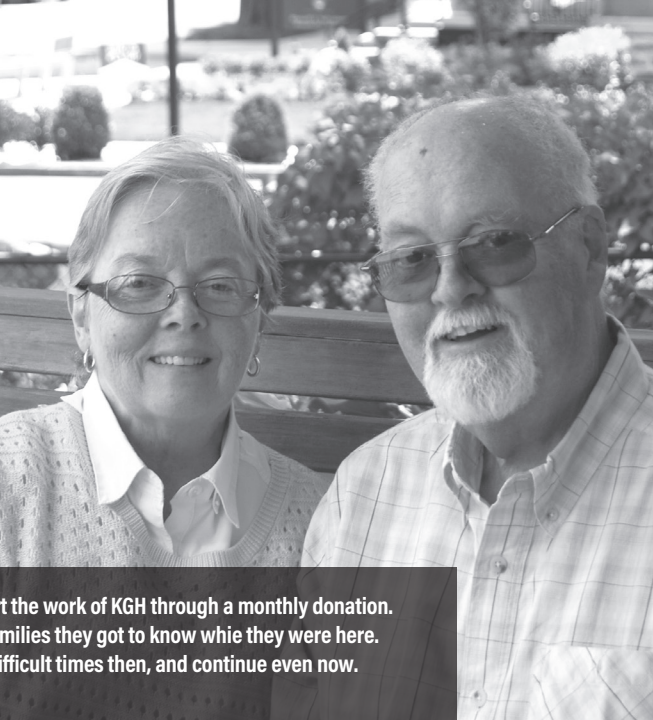


ENTER AS Strangers, LEAVE AS Friends

It's more like family for former guest Corlin Bauhofer, who came back to visit for our 50th Anniversary and is pictured here with our Executive Director, Lynsey, House & Grounds Manager, Jeff and former colleague, Pam who spent many years here with Corlin and her late husband, Joe. On Corlin's Buffalo visit, she also spent time with former KGH guests gathering for a reunion and often talks about the lifelong bond they will always have with each other when facing such devastating illnesses as they did during their time at KGH. Corlin was often the "mother hen" of the house, with her side kick fellow caregiver, Scott who was the jokester, kept other guests feeling at home, gathering every night for a meal trying to lift each other up, cooking the staff breakfast on days when she needed distractions & to give back. Corlin & Joe faced many challenges over the nearly five years they stayed on and off for Joe's cancer journey, one even included an unexpected stroke that had former staffer, Courtney driving them to Buffalo General. Theirs is a story of love, dedication, and commitment that we often see inside our doors.

Even though Joe lost his fight in 2020, Corlin continues to support the work of KGH through a monthly donation. She does this not only in memory of Joe, but in honor of all the families they got to know while they were here. The friendships that formed were a key part of coping with the difficult times then, and continue even now.

[4] We are grateful for the friendship she continues to give to many as a Kevin Garvey Society member.



HONORING THE Durawa Family

Kevin Garvey Award Winners: Karen, Mari & Michael Durawa with Lynsey Weaver and Hugh J. Gavey III

CAN YOU CONSIDER A Legacy Gift FOR OUR FUTURE GUESTS?

From stock or life insurance to real estate or an outright gift of cash, you can help future generations who need to stay near their medical care. Become a member of the Cyril & Claudia Garvey Society to keep Kevin's legacy alive.



At the 50th Anniversary Celebration, we also honored one of our most steadfast supporters, Karen Durawa, her late husband, Kevin and their children, Mari & Michael with the Kevin Garvey Award, our highest award that holds the spirit, compassion & heart that young Kevin had during his life. The Durawa's commitment spans several decades and continues to impact our guests with the generous spirit from their circle of influence who stand by our mission in their honor. We wanted a space on our campus that reflected the warm welcoming & kind demeanor of the Durawa family & honor their service. A generous donor suggested the main house entryway was the perfect fit so that every time a guest entered or exited our campus, their impression would be of a bright & welcoming place that made them feel at home. The first step was to remove the dark wallpaper and we brought the same artist, Tim Martin, who installed a beautiful sky rendering in the 766 stairwell ceilings

and match the same sky in the main house entryway ceiling. Adding a lovely rendering of a tree with the inscription "Kevin" etched inside to be a reminder of our namesake, Kevin Garvey & Kevin Durawa's family who the space is dedicated to. The Interior Design Association added a bright glass light fixture & we hope to finish the remaining touches soon. As one of Kevin's last wishes for KGH, he and Karen decided to leave a legacy gift in his honor to the house that she presented to us last year. Karen may be a little softer spoken, but Karen stays as committed as always to our guests, volunteering her students to provide holiday treats & guest surprises and still rallying the troops to attend all our events. A true representation of what it means to pay it forward for the next person in need & thinking about others in your own time of need. We are honored to celebrate what the Durawa's mean to KGH.



A LEGACY OF FRIENDS WITH HEART

I wanted to honor one of my best friends Kevin Durawa with a brick at KGH. His life was cut short by ALS, a disease without a cure, Kevin meant so much to me and was a great leader at KGH. This brick, and others he has at KGH, represent how special and loved he was, and will always be, in my and many others' memories and hearts. One of Kevin's famous slogans was "Hangin out, actin cool."

"I loved hanging out with Kevin no matter what we did, and he was one very Cool Dude."

- Jeff Karabanowski

YOU CAN ALSO HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE OR A SPECIAL OCCASION BY ADOPTING THE HOUSE FOR A DAY. YOUR SUPPORT WILL BE RECOGNIZED BOTH ON CAMPUS AND ON SOCIAL MEDIA.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO Honor a Friend WHO HAS MADE AN IMPACT FOR KGH?

HELP US REACH 50 INSPIRATIONAL PAVERS IN OUR GARDEN... 30 MORE TO GOAL!



KARABANOWSKI FAMILY HANGIN OUT ACTIN COOL KD/JK

CELEBRATE A LOVED ONE'S LIFE

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.



## COMMUNITY GIVING

WE CANNOT BELIEVE THE CONTINUED GENEROSITY FROM OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS. HERE ARE A FEW EXAMPLES OF THE AMAZING FUNDRAISERS THAT WERE HELD FOR US THIS YEAR.

**MILLINGTON LOCKWOOD BUSINESS INTERIORS** hosted a trivia night, raising \$210, along with gift cards for guest meals

**ERIE NIAGARA SUNSHINE EXCHANGE CLUB** brought in \$500 for KGH through their community event

**BOLIVAR RICHBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SCIENCE CLUB** raised \$300 in honor of their club advisor, and former KGH guest

**KGH GARDENER NANCY BIERNAT** nominated KGH for the Babe Zaharias Charity Fundraiser from the Delaware Women's Golf Club raising \$1,250

### OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH

Thanks to the many WISH LIST DRIVE donors including Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish who gave several baskets & bags of toiletries for our guests.

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## GIVE 716

**JULY 14-16 THE BUFFALO SABRES FOUNDATION AND THE BUFFALO BILLS FOUNDATION** rallied with the WNY community to celebrate 716 Day (7/16) with a 36-hour donation period. We doubled our donations from last year, raising \$5,280 (and counting as we wait to hear how much is matched!)

## BUFFALO MARATHON

Thank you to longtime KGH advocate, Greg Weber and The Buffalo Marathon committee for choosing to donate \$2,500 to help cover stays for guests who cannot afford our modest \$25/person/night. Our team is proud to be one of the rest stops along the route to make the race one of the best in our community!



## HONORING BABY ELYJAH JOHN DOUGLAS

In May, baby Elijah John Douglas was honored and remembered for his first birthday in heaven by his loving family, along with friends at Totally Buffalo Cares. In addition to the mountain of in-kind donations, Totally Buffalo Cares also made a \$1,000 donation to personalize a paver in our Healing Garden in honor of Elijah. His mother, Maureen shared *"I truly can't thank KGH enough. At one of the hardest moments in our lives KGH offered support that I don't think we would have survived without. Being so close to our son at Oishei Children's Hospital was the most rewarding thing anyone could have offered us. Being able to give back to KGH in Elijah's memory is something that I know he would be proud of. We are so incredibly grateful. Thank you so much."*

## JP'S 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL BLADDER

Jon was diagnosed with Stage 2 bladder cancer in 2020 and underwent chemotherapy treatment, had his bladder removed and a neobladder constructed from his small intestine. While receiving treatment at Roswell Park, Jon and his caretaker, Heidi stayed at KGH. They held their second fundraiser, raising \$3,500 to benefit the house to pay-it-forward for the next guests. We were delighted to see them visit from Syracuse after receiving good news following a checkup with his doctor.



We're honored to be amongst the eight local non-profits selected from a field of 32 applicants to participate in the 2022 StoryGrowing WNY program, hosted by The Health Foundation for Western and Central New York and The John R. Oishei Foundation aimed at building capacity in marketing and communications. We participated in five sessions led by local businesses, alongside our mentor, Joanna Pasceri.



## thank you FOUNDATION AND TRUST PARTNERS

### ♥ Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation

♥ Community Foundation of Western PA and Eastern OH

### ♥ Corey & Becky Cressy Donor Advised Fund

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♥ Klug Family Foundation

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♥ The Skebeck Living Trust

♥ The Thomas A. and Doreen M. Wendt Foundation

## VOLUNTEER

## spotlight

Ann Blass, AKA "Cake Lady" has been volunteering with us throughout the pandemic. Not only does she deliver delicious desserts (as she has for nearly a decade every week), including breathtaking cakes, but she also volunteers weekly in the office to help wherever she's needed!

*"It is my honor and privilege to volunteer for KGH, as they do the special work of making each and every guest feel welcome, safe and comfortable as they go through a difficult time in their life. Thank you for this opportunity."*



## Justin MacFarland recently learned about our mission and it "hit home" for him.

He was a huge asset for our Celebrity Golf Classic committee, joining just one month before but solidified many of our Tee Signs and has recruited players on his youth baseball team to volunteer! They had a tour of the KGH campus and hope to Adopt-a-Room in the near future starting with hosting a bowling tournament "Spare for Guest Care" on April 23rd at Classic Lanes in Tonawanda.

## VOLUNTEERING

## OTHER WAYS TO VOLUNTEER

### 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

**DID YOU KNOW KEVIN GARVEY'S FAVORITE SPORT WAS BASEBALL?**

## KEVIN'S ADOPT-A-ROOM

## Challenge



## ADOPT-A-ROOM

# x2

**GEICO**

Geico first got involved at Kevin Guest House as a House Sponsor, which directly helps families who cannot afford our modest suggested donation of \$25 per night. Then each year after that, enlisted a team of employees to join our young professional program, Giving Hearts starting with our inaugural year in 2018. Through countless bake sales, collection drives and other employee driven fundraisers, the GEICO teams have stood by our guests. 2022 has been no different, as their team led by Laura Amantia raised enough to adopt two of our private suites raising \$5,000 to assist us with all the necessities to keep our rooms clean and comfortable for the next year. This past May, a team of Geico members dedicated their employee volunteer day around our campus to lay all the mulch donated by Dore Landscaping. Not a glamorous job, but a hard job that sets the stage for our beautiful Healing Garden for the rest of the summer for our guests to enjoy. Laura took it a step further and during Geico's PITCH DAY, she told the story of Kevin Guest House and as one of the runner ups, was awarded an additional \$4,000 towards her Giving Heart goal to support the house. They represent one of our best examples of a team working together to make a direct impact on someone else's needs. We're grateful they continue to commit their efforts, while some companies struggle to find ways to give back in-person to KGH.

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## PROGRAM CHAIRS

David Blaszk  
Karl Chodora  
Carrie Leed  
Susan Mailman  
Adrianna Redman  
Jourdan Stevenson

## EVENT CHAIRS

Jessica Fike  
Ally Pawarski  
Brooke Smith

## GIVING HEARTS

Krista Anastasi  
Kristen Bishara  
Wendy Burns  
Erica Chiodo  
Ashley Coder  
Kevin Doherty  
Amy Hemenway  
Courtney Kramer  
Lesley Maloney  
Julia Lindner  
Lara Smith  
Sean Smith

## GIVING HEARTS AMBASSADORS

Kristie Andrews  
Laura Amantia  
Keith Bryan  
Mark Glieco  
Megan Crawford  
Lisa Felgemacher  
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## GIVING HEARTS SPONSORS

### BUFFALO SPREE



KEEP OUR VOLUNTEERS CONNECTED  
NETWORKING WITH OUR KGH BOARD

As many Giving Hearts chose to continue a second year as Ambassadors or move onto other committees, we can tell our young professionals' program successfully connects them to our mission & provides a meaningful impact for our guests. One of the program highlights is getting together to do a cookout or prepare a meal for the guests and get a chance to get to know one another. David Blaszk, program co-chair recently hosted our Board and Giving Heart members at the new headquarters for Cellino Law, the refurbished mansion on Delaware Avenue that was the most recent Junior League & Buffalo News Decorator Showhouse. As part of a private tour of the building, meeting in one of the boardrooms where the wallpaper adorns some of the past Showhouses including the Salvatore House on the Kevin Guest House campus. They finished off the year in celebration at their annual event **Bites & Brews held on November 2nd at Seneca One.**



### REAL ESTATE TEAMS PITCHING IN FOR KEVIN

Giving Hearts co-chairs, Adrianna Redman, of Howard Hanna and Susan Mailman, of Supreme Lending teamed up with their family & co-workers to take part in Kevin's favorite past time and organized a softball game to benefit KGH. They made Koozies, buttons, sold 50/50 tickets and played a hard-fought game to raise \$1,375 for our guests. There is talk of a tournament of teams next year!



### EVERYONE LOVES A BILLS FOOTBALL SQUARE

One of the easiest ways that Giving Hearts raise money and help their friends win too is hosting a football square board to predict our beloved Buffalo Bills scores. In just one game, Giving Heart Kristin Miga Bishara pictured here raised \$500. Need advice on getting started for the rest of our Super Bowl hunt season?



JOIN US FOR THE 2023  
*Giving Hearts*  
Program!

### JOIN A DYNAMIC GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE COMMITTED ONE YEAR TO GIVE BACK

Giving Hearts engages young, entrepreneurial, and philanthropic individuals who are on the rise in the Buffalo-Niagara community. Members commit to raise \$1,000 each over 12 months to support guests staying at Kevin Guest House while building their network through events, volunteering, and professional development sessions.

If you know an outstanding young professional who is an up-and-coming leader looking for a meaningful way to give back, contact us to nominate them for the Giving Hearts class of 2023!

**NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 31ST.**

Learn more or sign-up now: [kevinguesthouse.org/give/givinghearts](http://kevinguesthouse.org/give/givinghearts)

**– James Lougen**

Vice President of Business & Professional Banking, M&T Bank



The Stevenson sisters have been a part of the Giving Hearts program since the first year and continue to find new ways to introduce friends to KGH. Program co-chair, **Jourdan** has hosted countless polo events for charity over the last decade and was excited to bring one back in person at the Knox Farm & Polo Grounds in East Aurora with the first inaugural **Polo for Kevin**. The event brought in thoroughbred polo ponies from across the border and skilled polo members from across New York state. With the support of 150 attendees stomping divots and sponsor **Kulbacks Construction** and **Jaguar Land Rover of Buffalo**, the match raised over \$5,000 on a beautiful July afternoon.



### PLATINUM SPONSORS



### SPECIAL THANKS TO



and member hosts,  
**HENRY & JUDY GORINO**  
as well as those who sponsored take home meals for our guests to enjoy!

### THANK YOU TO OUR COMMITTEE:

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RAISED MORE THAN  
**\$79,000**  
TO CONTINUE THE MISSION OF  
**Kevin Guest House!**

After delaying for a few months, our **29th Annual Affaire of the Heart** returned to the historic Buffalo Club in May to kick-off a year of "Golden" anniversary celebrations with a specialty shimmer cocktail toast to greet over 250 sponsors & guests. As guests meandered through each room trying a delectable array of food and wine pairing stations, sampling spirits from Bourbon expert **Aaron Glauser** & certified sommelier, **Anthony Pandolfi** while enjoying musical entertainment by **Vincent Bonelli** and **The Kristen Smigielski Combo**. Special thanks to **Southtown Audio Video** that allowed all guests to be seated throughout the club, enjoying delicious heart pastries by **Chrusciki Bakery** and hearing about Kevin's legacy from his brother Hugh Garvey who traveled with wife Nina from Cleveland to announce their generous gift to kick-off the KGH50 campaign. As we continue hybrid options, even those who enjoyed take home meals raved about the quality of Buffalo Club meal and the opportunity to bid in our extensive online auction thanks to sponsors **Howard Hanna**. Buffalo is a truly a caring, committed community and we're grateful to our committee, volunteers, sponsors & in-kind donors who opened their hearts to our mission to create another brilliant event.



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*Kindness goes a long way on an average day, and further still when life has thrown you a curve ball. We are lucky to have Kevin Guest House here in Buffalo to help those going through the battles of their life."*

**– Heather Sidorowicz**  
President, Southtown Audio Video





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# Kevin Guest House Celebrity Golf Classic

If you played, sponsored, donated or volunteered at our **26th Annual Celebrity Golf Classic** and **Nine & Wine Tournament** at **Lockport Town and Country Club**, we cannot thank you enough. The tournament, along with sponsors, donations, and our online auction exceeded our expectations by **raising over \$76,000!** We could not have done it without the support and generosity of so many people.



*"The support that you give Kevin Guest House is incredibly powerful and means a lot to so many families. On behalf of me and my family, thank you!"*

- Kevyn Adams



Visit our website to view the full list of winners and listen to a heartfelt message of why KGH remains in his families' hearts from our tournament host, **Buffalo Sabres General Manager Kevyn Adams** to our golfers and celebrities, **Darryl Shannon, John Tavares, Zenon Konopka and Derek Smith** who helped some of our competitive teams with their scorecard.



## Congrats Winners:



**18-hole  
Winners  
(SCORE 51):**

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Frank DelSignore  
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Paul Kudela and  
Celebrity,  
Darryl Shannon

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**CO-ED  
team  
Winners  
(SCORE 65):**



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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
NINE & WINE WINNERS (SCORE 33)**

Lisa LaTrovato, Tricia Lynett,  
Lauren Lewis and Jennifer Dickinson

## Thank you Volunteers



**THANK YOU TO  
OUR COMMITTEE:**

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Jim Lougen

David Blaszak  
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Kyle Georger  
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Carrie Leed  
Justin MacFarland  
Robert Marinucci  
Amy Stone Nagai  
Joe Schillace  
Rick Schott





Thank you to all of the wonderful sponsors and supporters in attendance for Supper in the Street. It was a wonderful evening that raised awareness and **\$73,000 for Kevin Guest House!**



Bringing our tables back together down Ellicott Street, thank you to over 350 sponsors and supporters & 100 volunteers in attendance for Supper in the Street. A heartfelt story from Linda & Michael Fallon, current guests who traveled from California to care for his ailing father & learned about his own cancer diagnosis during his trip. KGH guests enjoyed a catered VIP meal thanks for generous donors that included farm to table items donated from Greg's U Pick, Oles Farm Promise Lanf CSA, Niagara Produce, JH Dobman Meats, Costanzo's Bakery, Frankie Primo's, Russell's Steaks & Chops & creamy delicious dessert from Rich Products. A very special thank you to our co-chair, Amy Martis for all of her hard work putting this event together and catering led by Chef Joe Gerace & sous-chef Kyle Olson provided by Lake Life Cafe.



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DECEMBER 31

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AFFAIRE OF THE HEART  
March

SPRING FLOWER SALES:  
March/April

CELEBRITY GOLF  
July

50TH ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION  
July 26

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL  
MEDIA TO SEE OUR  
GREATEST NEED EACH WEEK  
FOR WISH LIST WEDNESDAY.

- ♥ Lysol Disinfectant Spray
- ♥ Lysol Wipes
- ♥ Bleach
- ♥ Toilet Paper
- ♥ Bathroom Cleaner
- ♥ Paper Towels
- ♥ Bottled Water
- ♥ Dishwasher pods
- ♥ Garbage bags, tall kitchen and small wastebasket
- ♥ Ground coffee
- ♥ Liquid laundry detergent (fragrance free)
- ♥ Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D & 9V)
- ♥ Breakfast bars/Granola bars

Learn more: [kevinguesthouse.org/give/wish-list](https://kevinguesthouse.org/give/wish-list)



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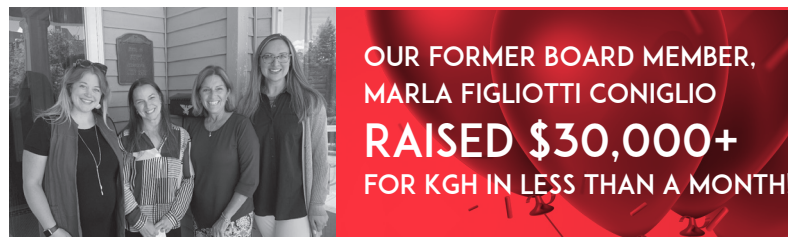


The Poinsettia fundraiser adds a pop of color to your home or office this holiday season.

You can pre-order flowers at  
[kevinguesthouse.org/poinsettia-sale](https://kevinguesthouse.org/poinsettia-sale)  
or visit us at one of our site sales.

FLOWERS FROM \$8-30  
PICK UP AT KGH  
(ORDERS \$200+ DELIVERED)

Order by November 20th  
FOR PICK UP A KGH  
December 1, 2, 3, 8 or 9



OUR FORMER BOARD MEMBER,  
MARLA FIGLIOTTI CONIGLIO  
**RAISED \$30,000+**  
FOR KGH IN LESS THAN A MONTH!

### FUNDRAISE ONLINE FOR KGH

We are extremely honored to have supporters like Marla designate us as the charity of choice for their birthday month Facebook fundraiser.

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