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*Bites, Brews, Live Music & More  
To Celebrate the  
Kevin Guest House Giving Hearts*



SENECA ONE TOWER ~ 1 SENECA STREET, BUFFALO ~ 6 - 10 P.M.

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# OUR WISH

is to free our world from the fear, pain and  
loss due to cancer — one act of compassion,  
one breakthrough discovery, one life-changing  
therapy at a time — until cancer is gone.

# EVENT DETAILS



## LOCATION:

Seneca One Tower  
1 Seneca Street,  
Buffalo, NY 14203

**A 21+ EVENT!**  
COVID-19 VAX REQUIRED

## PARKING:

A discounted rate of \$8 is available in the Seneca One Tower ramp. You **MUST PRESENT PRINTED COUPON** to receive rate.

## SCHEDULE:

**6pm: Join us for Bites & Brews!**

Live Music by Zak Ward, Tasting Stations, Cash Bar, Grand Raffle, Split Club & More!

**8pm: Entertainment from DAYDREAM the DJ -**  
Last call for Raffle & Split Club.

**8:30pm: Raffle & Split Club winners announced.**

**10pm: Event concludes - Thank you & goodnight!**

**DRESS CODE:** No code! It's a fun party :)

## GIVING HEARTS:

Past & Present members - Join us for a group photo at 8:30! 2021 & 2022 Members who have reached their fundraising goal can collect their pennant at check-in!



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## CELEBRATION SPONSORS

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## BITES & BREWS FEATURES TASTINGS FROM:



**Paula's Donuts**  
*made with love*

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*Thank You for Supporting*



**SPLIT CLUB** (Closes at 8 PM. One winner selected at 8:30 PM): **1 chance for \$10 or 3/\$20**. Take a chance at winning a split of the winning prize money.



**GRAND RAFFLE** (Closes at 8 PM. Three winners selected at 8:30 PM): **\$20 each or 3/\$50** for a chance to win one of three amazing prizes: SPA PACKAGE - STAYCATION PACKAGE - BUFFALO BREWS PACKAGE

**ONLINE AUCTION** (Closes **SUNDAY** at 8 PM. )



**PAY IT FORWARD:** You can pay it forward for the 2,000 guests we serve annually who are facing financial hardship while dealing with long term or critical care in WNY. Every gift can help support our patient families in need of a safe and comfortable place to stay.

Donate right from your phone!

**Text: Give (dollar amount) to 76278 to donate!**

Example: "Give 100".

- \$100 one night for a family of four in our main house
- \$50 one night in a bone marrow transplant recovery apt.
- \$25 one night for one person in the Main House





# 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](https://www.kevinguesthouse.org)  
to find out more & learn how you can help.**

# ONLINE AUCTION

*Let The Bidding Begin!*

Register online at [Bites22.Givesmart.com](http://Bites22.Givesmart.com) or text Bites22 to 76278. You'll receive a text message with a link to your own personal bidding center.

## LET'S GET STARTED!

Click on the link within the text message you received. This will log you in automatically to your own personal bidding center.

- ♥ **View All:** See all auction items
- ♥ **Categories:** Browse items by category
- ♥ **My Items:** Items you've bid on or are "watching"
- ♥ **Donate:** Make a tax-deductible donation to the organization
- ♥ **Items Without Bids:** List of items with no bids
- ♥ **Item # or Keyword:** Enter the item name or number and hit Go! which will take you to the item page to place a bid

## NOW LET'S BID!

- ♥ **Bid:** Automatically enters the next minimum bid amount; you will be asked by pop-up screen to confirm your bid
- ♥ **Change bid amount:** You can manually enter any amount that is greater than the "next bid"
- ♥ **Set Maximum Bid:** So that you don't risk getting outbid at the last minute, everyone is encouraged to set a max bid. The auction software will automatically raise your bid by a pre-determined increment until your maximum bid has been met or the silent auction ends
- ♥ **Watch Item:** Adds items to your "My Items" list for easy reference later
- ♥ **Buy Now:** Enables you to purchase an item outright instead of bidding

Auction items can be picked up at  
Kevin Guest House located at  
782 Ellicott Street, Buffalo NY 14203.

Items won that need to be shipped  
outside of WNY will be charged the shipping costs.

Contact **Rebecca Nason** at [RNason@kevinguesthouse.org](mailto:RNason@kevinguesthouse.org) or  
call **716-882-1818** to coordinate receiving your winning item.



# 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](http://kevinguesthouse.org/give/givinghearts) for more information to join Giving Hearts!



Change the world with a Giving Heart

# GIVING HEARTS

## KEEP KGH GOING!

### PROGRAM CHAIRS:

**David Blaszak**

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**Joe Schillace**

Pegula Sports & Entertainment  
Manager of Partnership Activation

**Marie Stoklosa**

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### GIVING HEARTS:

**Krista Anastasi**

ECMC, Creative Therapies  
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Spectrum Reach  
Client Success Manager

**Julia Mascaro**

VA WNY Healthcare system  
Clinical Audiologist

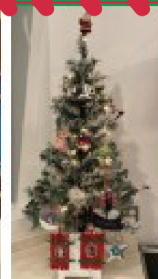
**Lara Smith**

Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer  
Center  
RN, Critical Care

**Sean Smith**

Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer  
Center  
RN, Oncology Nurse Coordinator

*"In a world that has so much negativity, it's so wonderful to be offered so much by Kevin Guest House. Especially at a time when it's really needed." — Ann Buman*



It's not your typical romantic start to a love story, but Ann and Tom Buman met in a cemetery and have now been married for over 30 years! Earlier in 2021 they purchased a new home in Lindley, NY, but after a visit to the Emergency Room in Corning during the Fall, Ann referred to Kevin Guest House as her "home away from home".

Tom was extremely close to his father, Eugene Buman who unfortunately passed away early in 2021. Months later, Tom was experiencing extreme fatigue, but Ann suspected it was depression from his recent loss. They decided to seek medical treatment by going to the ER in Corning. After some initial testing, it was determined that Tom has leukemia. This was quite a shock for the couple, but they were advised that there wasn't time for a second opinion, and he would need immediate treatment. They tried three local hospitals, but unfortunately a bed was not available. Since he was instructed not to go home, later in the evening RPCCC was alerted of the situation and encouraged the couple to travel to Buffalo for treatment. They tried to coordinate transportation by ambulance and helicopter, but the weather conditions in Buffalo were poor. Ann ended up driving them through the night, arriving at Roswell around 3 AM that morning. The next day was Ann's birthday and she never imagined she'd be spending it in a new city unexpectedly.

During that initial visit, Tom ended up staying at RPCCC for 28 days. At the time, they weren't aware of KGH, so Ann and Tom's mother, Patricia took turns staying at a local hotel as they commuted back and forth for all his blood and platelet transfusions. That quickly turned very costly, so other family members helped contribute financially. After a short time at home, a bone marrow match was located ... a young gentleman in Germany! The Bumans returned to Buffalo a few months later to prepare for the BMT. Tom had a successful procedure on December 23, 2021, which meant they'd be staying in the area for at least 100 days.

As a result of the distance home (2.5 hours one way) and to stay safe throughout treatment during a pandemic, the Bumans stayed in contact with family and friends through Facetime, including their four supportive children and 10 grandchildren. One of their granddaughters wants to be a doctor when she grows up, and they all played a dice game called "Bones" on FaceTime from the hospital. Although they spend a lot of time together, they all have their own favorite NFL team to cheer for!

Since they couldn't celebrate the holidays together, their children ordered a special Christmas tree for Ann's room. Their family back home picked out their favorite ornament from their own trees to loan to Ann for the holiday season. She kept the tree up for their stay in Buffalo, as their family made homemade themed ornaments each month to rotate out through springtime.

When asked about her favorite feature of KGH, Ann quickly replied that, "there's always a warm meal ready after a long day visiting Tom at the hospital". That lifted a huge burden for her, as she no longer had to worry about spending her limited moments shopping or preparing food and instead used her time to visit with her husband. She expressed that with the purchase of their new house and appliances, they never planned for this emotionally or financially. They both were extremely grateful to be involved with Kevin Guest House, and are now safely recovering from home. Ann was known to repeatedly text her children stating that she was at her home away from home during their stay, and we are grateful to have helped them through this journey.



# Pay it forward for our guests



**Have you or a family member ever become ill or had to receive unexpected medical care away from home?**

**Imagine what it would be like...**

What would you do if you had an unexpected medical emergency – where would you stay? How would you afford it? Who would travel with you?

At Kevin Guest House, we provide a safe, comfortable and affordable home away from home atmosphere for patient families. With your support, we can continue to help pay it forward for the thousands of guests needing a place to stay.

Kevin Guest House Serves more than 2,000 guests each year and welcomed 60,000 guests from 49 different states since opening in 1972. With twenty four hour staff support, complimentary meals, parking and self-service laundry, Kevin Guest House helps ease the transition away from home and provides the opportunity to interact with other families who can understand what they are going through.

## Pay it forward

**TEXT Bites22 to 76278**  
**to donate**



# 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.



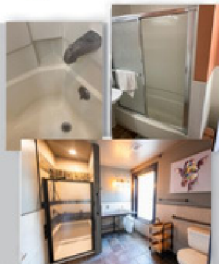
## 1 TRANSPLANT APARTMENTS



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

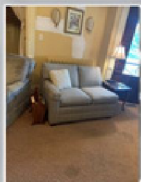


IMPROVE AIR QUALITY AND FILTRATION BY REPLACING AND ENHANCING DECADES OLD HVAC SYSTEMS TO INTRODUCE REVOLUTIONARY TECHNOLOGY THAT TRAPS MICROORGANISMS, SUCH AS BACTERIA, MOLD & VIRUSES.



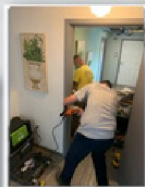
New systems clean air quickly

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

# Pathway to Remembrance and Healing



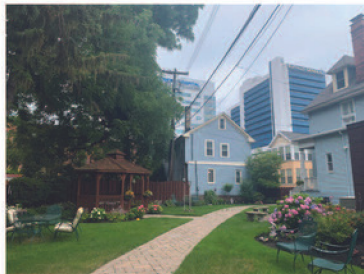
George Leedom, from Saranac Lake, NY is a previous KGH guest, having stayed with us for several weeks in 2019 while his late wife Eloise received a bone marrow transplant. In addition to honoring her memory with a paver in our Healing Garden, he has made donations for KGH logo pavers on the entrance 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 die, 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 of finding what to do with myself for an extended stay."

Help us reach  
**50 INSPIRATIONAL PAVERS  
IN OUR GARDEN...**  
**30 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
4x7 inches	\$250
8x7 inches	\$500
8x13 inches	\$1,000

George began his giving by dedicating the start of our walkway with a paver of our newest KGH logo here and continues to support our paver program to honor his wife.



If you'd like to purchase a paver,  
call us at 716-882-1818 or  
visit [kevinguesthouse.org/give/garden](http://kevinguesthouse.org/give/garden).



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## Save the Dates

### POINSETTIA SALES

Our annual poinsettia fundraiser is just around the corner! These beautiful flowers are making a return once again to add a pop of color to your home or office this holiday season.

Starting in November, you can pre-order flowers at

[kevinguesthouse.org/events/poinsettia-sale](https://kevinguesthouse.org/events/poinsettia-sale)

or visiting us at one of our site sales.

Flowers from \$8-30

Pick up at KGH (orders \$200+ will be delivered)

Order by November 20th for pick up December 1, 2 or 3rd.

### FAMILY IN FOCUS: HOLIDAY PHOTOS

December 3 & 4

9 am-4 pm

Put your family in front of the camera for a great cause. For \$50 you'll take a photo (with Santa if you'd like) on the front steps of our Russell J. Salvatore Hospitality House decorated for the holidays. Pets are welcome! Visit [kevinguesthouse.org/family-in-focus](https://kevinguesthouse.org/family-in-focus) to reserve your space!



## Host a Fundraiser for KGH

You can get creative and host your own fundraiser for Kevin Guest House. Whether you're baking cookies for Kevin or playing kickball for a good cause, you can turn your passion into a fundraiser for KGH.

