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Wednesday, July 26th 2023







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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.



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

5:30 PM: Presentation of Heart Awards in front of the Main House.

6:00 -7:00 PM: Enjoy refreshments & entertainment under the tent and relax in the beautiful 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



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.





THE Fevin 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 staying 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 patients & families to Kevin Guest House. More than 65,000 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 independent 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.

Thank you foll joining 48 as we celebrate the 51st

anniversary of Kevin Guest House, the conclusion of our Golden Anniversary year, with our annual open house hosted by Wegmans and with special thanks to the Buffalo News. Co-chairs Kathy Fassl & Nancy Biernat, along with their committee, have put together an intimate garden reception to commemorate this milestone in our history. We are grateful Kevin's siblings, Hugh and Tom Garvey, and members of their extended family who have travelled to celebrate with all of us. This year, we have some exciting updates to share, starting with the freshly painted exterior of two of our original homes, which had not been updated in over 30 years. Additionally, we have nearly completed the renovation of one of our transplant recovery apartments. Progress continues with the bedroom side of our first private suite in the original home that the Garvey's first renovated 50 years ago. We reflect on the incredible movement Kevin's parents, Cyril and Claudia Garvey, began on this date in 1972 that has affected millions around the world. We remember Kevin, their little boy with a heart of gold, who like many children before and after him showed incredible bravery during his short life and struggle with cancer

The Garreys helped to start the healthcare hospitality movement that continues to directly impact guests today.



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 away on January 14, 1972. His parents continued their work to honor Kevin's legacy and welcomed the first guest on July 26, 1972. Thanks to support from what was previously known as Roswell Park Memorial Hospital, generations of patients & caregivers have been able to focus on their health and worry less about the financial burdens that accompany life-threatening illnesses away from home.

We are excited to celebrate our 2023 Heart Award honorees, the individuals and groups that have the extra mile for our guests this past year. First, we thank the Individual awardee, Ann Blass, who has been delivering delicious cakes with a smile every week for nearly 10 years. She makes us laugh while helping out in the office on Wednesdays, where she will pitch in anywhere she's needed.

Our Youth honorees, Quinn Robinson & Emily Mostowy, regularly prepare and portion meals as part of our guest dinner program. Their dedication to help on a monthly basis is a commitment that we don't often see from two young adults, and we are grateful for their contributions throughout the whole year. They are truly an example to their peers at Sacred Heart Academy.

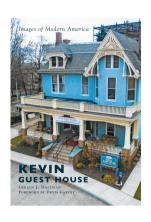
Our Healthcare partner honorees are the Cellular Therapy Social Work team from Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center including Stephanie Glenns—Segal, Dena Hewett, Teresa Johnson, Courtney Mann Rinow, Joni Maxick-Jason, Shajada Rainforth and Jessie Sexton. During the pandemic & as we move forward, this team has had to adjust to the ever-changing protocols both from the hospital and KGH and remained steadfast supporters. They helped keep patients who critically needed their care close to the hospital. We are personally grateful for their assistance guiding our operations and working through every family's unique situation in a very difficult time.

And finally, we congratulate the group honorees, led by Rosanna Berardi, owner of High Wire Woman and Berardi Immigration Law. Rosanna had a vision to put on a fundraiser that combined her passion for giving back and what every lady loves - purses and shopping. After learning about our KGH50 campaign, she put her vision to work and enlisted her team to take part in putting together the first Luxury Purse Bingo event, raising over \$35,000 for our capital project and introducing hundreds of new supporters to our mission. The team had a previously scheduled work conference, so this group will be acknowledged at Supper in the Street on September 30th, where they are also an event sponsor. All of these individuals gave their time, talents and expertise to lend a hand to their neighbors and should be applauded for their efforts.



As Kevin's 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 600 similar organizations worldwide and that small idea from the Garvey family has impacted millions, along with more than 65,000 KGH guests 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 their hardest days.

We encourage people to learn more about our history by purchasing a copy of our KGH Book written in 2016, just before we completed the purchase of our fourth property at 766 Ellicott. We also have a fascinating virtual itours360 online experience you can view on our website donated by Peter Schiffmacher, a Reality Capture Expert, which allows you to click through our campus as though you were walking through yourself. View now at KevinGuestHouse.org/virtualtour.



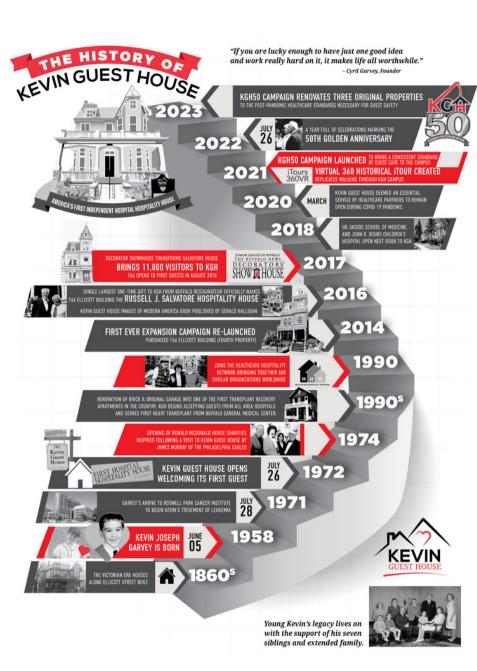
We hope you'll consider a tour today to see our KGH50 campaign in action to restore the three original homes and bring them to the standards set for patients after the pandemic. It will be a long journey to renovate these homes and keep the Victorian character that makes them special. We invite you to come back for private tours along this journey any time and hope you will consider spreading the word of our mission so we can continue to make this environment the best possible space for patients to heal.

We invite you to contribute to our work as we support families that need to be close to their care by honoring our 51st anniversary with a gift to our Pay It Forward Campaign in honor of our Heart award honorees, or an additional gift to our KGH50 capital renovation project. 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 as we honor all those moments that made a difference for our guests.

you are the reason that Fevin's legacy lives on for our families and will continue for the next half century to come. Cheers to 51 years!

Lynsey Zimdahl Weaver, Executive Director

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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 Honoree: Ann Blass

Ann has been delivering delicious cakes to our guests each week for nearly 10 years. When she retired in 2022, she began dedicating more of her time to volunteer in our offices every Wednesday. Ann is a special friend to the House, helping with anything asked of her, including making cheerful thank you calls to donors, entering data, stuffing & addressing hundreds of envelopes for our next event or creating welcome bags as a special treat for guests when they first arrive.





Healthcare Partner Honorees: Roswell Park Cellular Therapy Social Work Team

Stephanie Glenns-Segal, Dena Hewett, Teresa Johnson, Courtney Mann Rinow, Joni Maxick-Jason, Shajada Rainforth, Jessie Sexton

This team is vital to our daily operations, ensuring that patients & caregivers who need safe accommodations always have a place to rest their head. During the pandemic, their guidance for both staff and guests was vital for us to stay open, improving our operations to be the safest environment for immune compromised families. They are a valued part of our KGH team, especially in navigating the challenges of the pandemic.



youth Volunteer Honorees: Quinn Robinson & Emily Mostowy

What started as a way to gain hours required for their leadership program became a yearlong commitment from these two friends who have never missed a monthly meal. High school juniors at Sacred Heart Academy, each month they dedicate a Sunday to prepare dinner for 20+ guests. As busy students, we commend their commitment to preparing, packaging & labeling delicious meals to provide comfort to our guests.





Volunteer Group Honorees: High Wire Woman & Berardi Immigration Law

Rosanna Berardi and her team have been consistent and creative supporters since first getting involved in 2017 as a dinner group, making every detail special. They grew into major supporters of Affaire of the Heart, one of our first Supper in the Street sponsors, encourage employees to be a part of the Giving Hearts program and order flowers from our many sales. Rosanna was inspired to create her own fabulous new event to spread the word of our work after learning about our KGH50 campaign. Hundreds of new friends were introduced to our mission at the first Luxury Purse Bingo event this winter, raising over \$35,000 for our capital project.

The Volunteer Group Honorees will accept their award at Supper in the Street due to a schedule conflict





Heart Sponsors



Celebration Sponsors

FIFCO USA, Denis & Suzy Garvey, Upstate Pharmacy

Special Thanks

Pepsi Beverage Company, The Premier Group, Morgan Services, Splendid Event Rentals, Queen City Strings

UPCOMING EVENTS



Celebrity Golf Classic

Golf Classic includes lunch, an 18-hole scramble, and hors devours afterwards. The Nine & Wine Tournament starts with a putting contest and morning refreshments, followed by a 9-hole scramble and outdoor lunch. Lockport, NY kevinguesthouse.org/golf



Giving Hearts Happy Hour #2

Join us for bites, brews, & live music to network with the KGH Giving Hearts young professionals program at the second of four happy hours to support families receiving critical medical care away from home. Buffalo, NY

kevinguesthouse.org/events/bites



Softball Tournament

Join one of four teams to battle for the championship! Each player will receive a team shirt, pizza, and beverages. Don't want to play, but want to support? Come out to watch! Amherst, NY kevinguesthouse.org/softball



YP Happy Hour

Hosted by the Giving Hearts, this happy hour provides an opportunity for young professionals to network with other community-minded YPs. Includes light food and a tour of the KGH campus. Buffalo, NY Stay tuned for more information!



Supper in the Street

Enjoy a catered farm-to-table dinner in the middle of Ellicott Street along with live music and open bar (21+ event). Register by August 21st to receive a KGH/Sabres New Era cap! Buffalo, NY kevinguesthouse.org/events/supper

About giving Hearts



Giving Hearts are 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!











\$30 2 drinks, apps & music

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www.KevinGuestHouse.org/events/bites











PAPI GRANDE WATERFRONT ~ 301 OHIO ST, BFLO ~ 5:30 - 8 P.M.



716-882-1818 kevinguesthouse.org/events/supper





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

51 INSPIRATIONAL PAVERS IN OUR GARDEN... 30 MORE TO OUR GOAL FOR 51 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.

Pavery Size Cost

| 4x7 inches | 250 |
|-------------|-------|
| 8x7 inches | 500 |
| 8x13 inches | 1,000 |



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

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

2 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

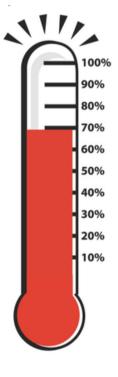
6 EXTERIOR CAMPUS



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.

GOAL: \$2 Million



We need your support to best serve our most vulnerable guests, and every gift helps! Scan to contribute to the KGH50 Campaign.

Campaign Progress

Join us for a tour to learn more about our plans and see what's new at Kevin Guest House!







Thanks to our Building & Grounds committee, including members from Carmina Wood Design & 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 forward.

We invite you to join these donors for committing to our vision of setting the standard of compassionate guest care!

With \$560,000 to goal, your support is critical so that we can safely serve more immunocompromised guests. As the need for these spaces continues to grow, we need your help to allow the most critically ill guests to safely heal near the hospital.

Visit: KevinGuestHouse.org/KGH50 for more information









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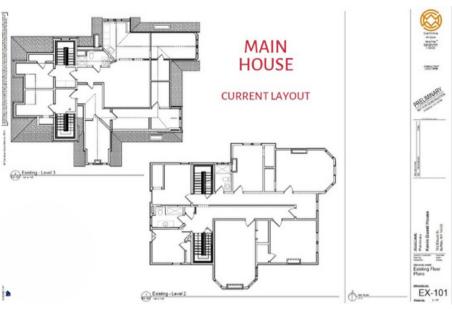
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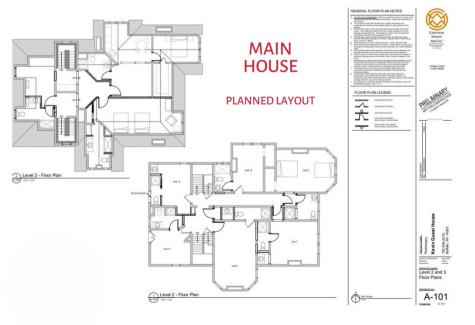
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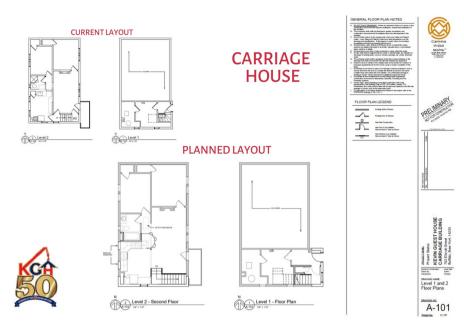
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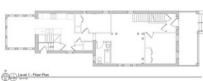
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On behalf of the staff and board of directors at Kevin Guest House and the guests we serve, thank you to all who volunteered their time and talents for this event. We would especially like to thank our sponsors and in-kind donors for their generosity. It is because of your support that we are celebrating 51 years of service.



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