

The 31st Annual

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heart 

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Kevin Guest House*

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500 Pearl Street | Buffalo, NY

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FRIDAY
April 19
6:00 PM



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♥Evening Highlights♥

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6:00 PM COCKTAILS & HORS D'OEUVRES IN WXYZ BAR & FORBES THEATER

Passed chef's selection of hors d'oeuvres
Wine, beer and liquor vendor sampling
Bourbon expert Buffalo Distilling Co.
Certified sommelier from Empire pouring red & white wine
Southern Tier Brewing Co.
Additional beverages available at the bars
AOH Anniversary "The Pearl" shimmer cocktail
Wine courtesy of Premier Group
Beer and seltzer courtesy of Labatt
Music by Katie Maraszek Music & daydreamthedj
Photobooth wall by Splendid Event Rentals
(rear of WXYZ Bar)
Mystery heart gift cards up to \$100 gift cards
Wine wall up to \$150 valued bottle
Spectacular basket raffle with 40+ prizes
Grand raffle for 3 prizes valued at \$500+
Online auction displays
Kevin Guest House merchandise

6:45 PM FOOD STATIONS OPEN IN FORBES THEATER

8:00 PM SEATING FOR THE PROGRAM AND COFFEE & DESSERT STATIONS IN FORBES THEATER

Basket raffle and grand raffle last chance until 8:30
Enjoy desserts courtesy of Insomnia Cookies &
Crazy Cannoli Chick

8:00 PM PROGRAM (WILL BE POSTED ON KGH FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE FEED NEXT WEEK)

Welcome & introductions by Event Emcee,
Scott Levin from WGRZ-TV and
KGH Executive Director, Lynsey Weaver
Remarks by Founding Family Member,
Margaret Garvey Condon
Kevin Garvey Award Presentation, honoring
Dr. Philip McCarthy, Director Emeritus of the Transplant
& Cellular Therapy (TCT) Program at Roswell Park

8:45 PM RAFFLE WINNERS ANNOUNCED & LIVE MUSIC

Congratulations to the basket raffle and grand raffle winners
Live Performances by
Stephen Babcock Music & "The Voice" finalist Cami Clune

10:00 PM EVENT CONCLUDES

Don't venture far, \$1 of each drink purchased post-event at
500 Pearl from 10 PM – 12 AM will be donated back to KGH!



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Cyril Garvey once said,

"If you are lucky enough to have just one good idea and work really hard on it, it makes life all worthwhile."

The house at 782 Ellicott Street, Buffalo was just such an idea.



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 who stay at Kevin Guest House. Our daily work is to help keep families together during their medical crisis and close to their care.

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 Memorial Hospital. 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. Yet according to his siblings, it was actually Kevin, at such a young age, who saw others hardship and asked his parents to find a place for other families to rest their heads.

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 66,000+ 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.

The door is always open at Kevin Guest House and we value bringing families together, acting with compassion, promote a culture of volunteerism, providing an environment with comfort & dignity, partnering with our WNY healthcare community and having a commitment to quality & progress.

Please visit us at [kevinguesthouse.org](https://www.kevinguesthouse.org) to learn more about how you can help.

DEAR FRIENDS OF KEVIN GUEST HOUSE,

Thank you for joining us in celebrating this 31st **anniversary year** of the Affaire of the Heart & 52nd anniversary of opening our doors at Kevin Guest House. The Annual Affaire of the Heart is our signature event that has kept the light on each year for our guests. Our co-chairs, Dr. Christina Tobin and Roseanne Braxton along with their committee have put together a fabulous evening and we are so grateful to longstanding partners **Ellicott Development** for hosting us at 500 Pearl, but also thanks to **Southtown Audio Video** for allowing KGH friends to be a part of the celebration virtually from home by recording tonight's presentation and still learn how they've made an impact for our patients & caregivers.

The chef at 500 Pearl has selected a delectable array of food stations paired with a variety of wines from Premier Wine & Spirits while listening to the musical stylings of Daydreamthedj, Katie Maraszek Music, Stephen Babcock Music, and The Voice semi-finalist, Cami Clune throughout the night. Don't forget to take a chance at winning some of the fabulous prizes, each highlighted in different rooms including our themed baskets, wine wall, mystery hearts, and online silent auction you can continue to bid until 8 pm on Sunday, April 21st. You won't want to miss the opportunity to win one of several prizes in our grand raffle including a 10k gold & .5k diamond ring, a Shinloa Runwell Men's Watch, and an overnight stay at ALoft of 500 Pearl with a \$50 food & beverage voucher.

In our 50+-year history, there has been one individual at Roswell Park who quietly advocated for our partnership more than most than Dr. Philip McCarthy & Kevin Guest House's impact on their patient's ability to be close to their life-saving care and we are honored he has accepted our 2024 Kevin Garvey Award. More recently, Dr. McCarthy has provided invaluable advice to prepare our campus to continue to allow the most immune compromised patients to remain during the COVID-19 pandemic and plan for the future to make our campus the ideal space for the patients who need our services most.



In 1972 – The Garveys 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 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 66,000+ 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.

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.” “Kevin’s house is filled with his spirit. It shines through all of you who open his doors to all those in need. May God continue to bless you and all those who keep Kevin’s memory alive”,** said sister Mary.

As we remember our history, reflecting on the impact our small house with a big heart that represents a young boy from Pennsylvania who lived a life full of strength, courage and a lot of heart, we hope you will continue to open your hearts to our mission in this next year. Affaire of the Heart, as our signature event, helps support a significant portion of our annual operating budget to maintain our four-building campus and provide quality service to our guests. If you do not find that perfect item tonight, we ask that you consider supporting our Pay It Forward Campaign in honor of extended McCarthy families' contributions. 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 tonight's festivities and will celebrate with us throughout the 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 half decade of service.



Cheers!
Lynsey Zimdahl Weaver
Lynsey Zimdahl Weaver
Executive Director





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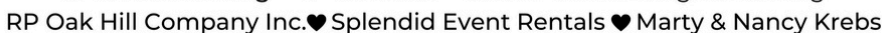
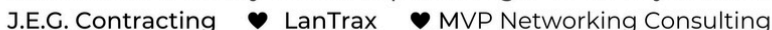


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KEVIN GARVEY Award



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”.**

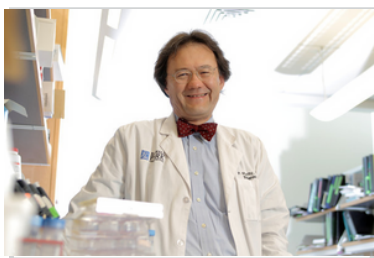
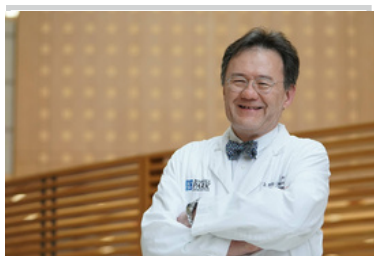
As the inspiration for the Kevin Guest House, he was known for his open heart and loving spirit. In that tradition, the Kevin Garvey Award is given to a unique individual or organization that opens their heart to our home, showing their support and devotion to our guests and to the mission of Kevin Guest 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, we’re honored to celebrate Dr. Philip McCarthy, Director Emeritus of the Transplant & Cellular Therapy department at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Tribute to Dr. Philip McCarthy

“THE QUIET ADVOCATE”

Decades of Support in Referring Transplant Patients to Stay at KGH



It was almost around the same time that Kevin Guest House was struggling to stay open and had to build a business plan to revitalize how it would operate in the future and moved forward with plans to create our first ever transplant recovery apartments that simultaneously Dr. McCarthy arrived at Roswell Park in 1996. This is when transplant therapy continued to grow in Buffalo and our apartments were renovated to support the efforts of the patients who needed more isolated spaces because of their immune compromised conditions during treatment. Since his arrival, Dr. McCarthy has been that quiet advocate at Roswell Park to refer his teams’ patients to stay at Kevin Guest House during their treatment. He began his medical career at Tufts School of Medicine, residency at Yale New Haven Hospital & fellowship at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Dana Farber Cancer Institute & Harvard University, he then started work at Baylor College of Medicine before arriving in Western New York. Becoming a Buffalonian, spending his 30 year career in blood & marrow and HSCT team as the director, he recently transitioned to Director Emeritus (an Endowed Chair in Transplant & Cellular Therapy named after him) of the Transplant & Cellular Therapy (TCT) Program and member of the Tumor Immunology & Immunotherapy Program. He had co-chaired multiple clinical trials and is also a professor of Oncology at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo & Roswell Park.



Yet he is most remembered by us, is by the warm, charismatic nature that Dr. McCarthy has with everyone that he meets. It is most notable through the comments that all his patients who stay with us, talk about him in such a kind, down-to-earth and relatable nature. A loyal following of McCarthy “fan” clubs of families he has helped throughout his career.

Phil and his wife Jane have supported the house personally over the years and became one of our first Kevin Garvey Society members, encouraging his fellow colleagues to support our mission. Simultaneously advocating for support from Roswell Park and encouraging employees to attend our events. As with the renovation of the Salvatore House in 2017, Dr. McCarthy has been an integral voice as we start to renovate our original three buildings so that we can better equip our guest spaces to allow transplant & cellular therapy patients to stay in any guest space in the future, regardless of the building they are in.



During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. McCarthy, along with his team, infection control and nursing operations were a phone call away for advice on how best to keep our guests safe & in the best environment for their care. Deemed an essential service in 2020 due to our relationship for cellular therapy patients, Dr. McCarthy’s commitment to our mission along with his colleagues is what kept our doors open during those difficult months and years. He is constantly educating us on the ever changing field of stem cell transplant & cellular therapy and how we can continue to make Kevin Guest House the standard for patient & caregiver accommodations and we are honored by his steadfast support of our cause. We look forward to honoring him at the Anniversary Celebration on July 25, 2024 at KGH after he returns from the international TCT & cellular therapy conference in Scotland and we hope you’ll join us then to thank him & his wife Jane for their decades of support.

***“The ability to have a complete apartment is critical, allowing patients and their caregivers to make their own meals and maintain their own space. Private suites allow for a space for those shorter-term stays leading up to the transplant, for caregivers to isolate more and for check-up treatments & testing post-transplant when the patient remains in a compromised condition. Advanced air quality, durable materials that are easily disinfected, private bathrooms, access to fresh air & green space and keeping families together so close to the hospital is the safest environment for healing to succeed for our patients. These ensure that they are interacting less with outside germs and provides a greater chance for a favorable medical outcome. These private spaces allow space for comfort and to focus on recovery. Kevin Guest House allows our patients to put their health first without worry about how they will pay for their stay. This relief is priceless when dealing with serious medical situations. Guests can also feel confident in the safety and cleanliness of the spaces during the added stress the pandemic has created for them. Thank you for considering support of Kevin Guest House, which in turn supports the many patients and caregivers that inspire my work every day.*”**

Patients travel from all over the country and the world to receive state-of-the-art care from our great doctors and researchers at Roswell Park. For most, this comes at a tremendous cost financially and emotionally. Knowing that they have safe and comfortable lodging for themselves and their required caregiver that is within steps of the hospital offers a sense of relief.

I am extremely pleased to render this opinion and give my highest support for the Kevin Guest House. Thousands of patients and caregivers have benefitted from the staying at Kevin Guest House. We are so fortunate to have this invaluable research for our patients and their families. “

-Dr. Philip McCarthy

Online Bidding!

SCAN CODE &
BID UNTIL 8PM
SUNDAY NIGHT



Kevin Guest House is going high-tech by going mobile with our silent auction bidding. You can now place bids online with your smartphone or mobile device.

Register online at **AOH24.givesmart.com** or text **AOH24** to **76278**.
You'll receive a text message with a link to your own personal bidding center.

LET'S GET STARTED!

How to bid: Once you have completed a registration on the campaign, you will receive the welcome text message, linking you to the items to browse, bid or buy.

- ♥ **Click on the Blue link in the Welcome text to be directed to the Items page.**
- ♥ **View Items by category or search by Item number or name.**
- ♥ **Click the item of interest to view the description as well as the current bid & or price.**
- ♥ **The system will auto-populate the bid amount based on the set increment for the item.** Choose to bid at the set amount or higher.
- ♥ **Click Bid.**

HOW TO PLACE AN AUTO BID

Allow the system to automatically bid up to a designated amount for you. The system will bid incrementally up to the amount designated as long as someone else places a bid against you. If no one bids against your auto bid, the price remains the same.

- ♥ **Click the item of interest**
- ♥ **Click the Auto Bid tab**
- ♥ **Enter in the maximum amount you would like to bid**
- ♥ **Click Bid**

Note: When two bids are placed for the same amount, the bid placed first based on the timestamp wins. Timestamps are set when the initial bid is placed, for auto bids this is when a maximum was set not when the system prompted the bid to win. This is a preventative measure for auction sniping.

HOW TO TEXT TO BID

As a user, you have the ability to send texts to place bids on silent auction items.

- ♥ **Text the keyword to 76278 to register**
- ♥ **Text the ITEM NUMBER and AMOUNT**
Example: Place a \$1000 bid on Item 101, text "101 1000"
- ♥ **Receive a leading bidder confirmation text message**

You can also purchase tickets for the grand raffle, wine wall & mystery hearts.

Winning items can be picked up at
782 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, NY 14203 starting on April 26, 2024

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

Contact **Amity Mann** at **AMann@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 for more information to
join Giving Hearts!



Change the world with a Giving Heart

Thank you ♥ Giving Hearts ♥



Thank you to the 2023 Class for raising more than \$30,000 for Kevin Guest House!

This dedicated group not only raised critical funds to support our operations but help

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information or email Awalh@kevinguesthouse.org.**

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.



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4 UPGRADE MATERIALS



INSTALL DURABLE, EASY TO DISINFECT, COMMERCIAL GRADE MATERIALS AND FURNITURE IN ALL THREE ORIGINAL PROPERTIES.

5 ENHANCE SECURITY



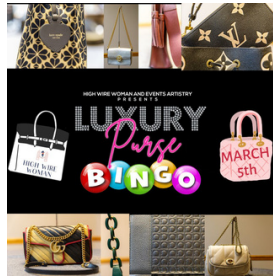
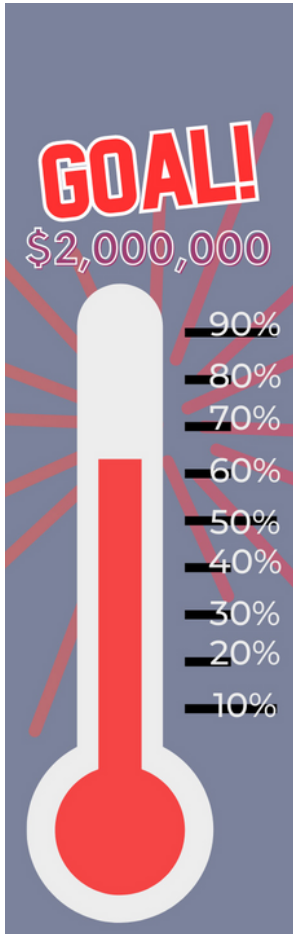
ENHANCE OUR SECURITY SYSTEMS & TECHNOLOGIES THAT EASE ABILITY TO VACATE OUR BUILDING FOR EMERGENCY NEEDS

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.



We did it! High Wire Woman and our amazing sponsors have raised an incredible \$35,000 for Kevin Guest House through our **Luxury Purse Bingo** fundraiser. We couldn't be more grateful for everyone who showed their support by attending the event—it was a great success! A huge thank you to each and every one of you for making this possible. Your generosity will make a significant difference to the Kevin Guest House. It was beyond my wildest dreams & expectations. I went into this hoping for 100 people, we had about 320. I was hoping to raise \$10 to \$10K, **we raised \$35,000 for Kevin Guest House** that desperately needs new bathrooms for the residents that stay there, new air filters. I'm so excited to hand this over to Kevin Guest House. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. We can't thank everyone enough for attending & support our efforts!

**-Rosanna Berardi, Owner, Berardi
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Libby is here holding Kevin Garvey's photo & smiled when discharged home with a special stuffie given by a young volunteer who made special bags for kids staying with us. We are thankful Libby is on the road to recovery. Kevin is our namesake. He was a 13 year old boy who traveled with his parents in 1972 to Buffalo for leukemia treatment. When Kevin saw other children's families sleeping in their cars and waiting rooms, he asked his parents, Claudia & Cyril, to find a place for them to sleep each night. Sadly Kevin passed before the house opened, but his legacy lives on for millions of families affected by our mission to provide a warm, supportive home away from home when medical emergencies strike.



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Shayleigh's Journey

Shayleigh is in her early 20's and the week of her mom's wedding was diagnosed with leukemia. She was immediately transferred to Buffalo and has been here for several months going back and forth between Buffalo General Medical Center for stroke treatment & her cancer care at Roswell Park. Her mom Tanya has been by her side & delayed her wedding. Shayleigh spent some time at a rehab closer to home and is back at Roswell for more leukemia treatment. We're all hoping for her recovery to celebrate special family moments again!



The Kevin Guest House has been a godsend over the past 5 months. It has become my second home. The staff is simply amazing as they are always asking about Shayleigh and making sure I am taking care of myself. They provide meals, comfortable living spaces and an extremely pleasant atmosphere while taking off a huge financial burden. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. I can never repay you for all that you have done for me. "Home is not a place it's a feeling." This is how I feel about the Kevin Guest House.

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[Photo is of Richard Tabbi and his sister Carol]
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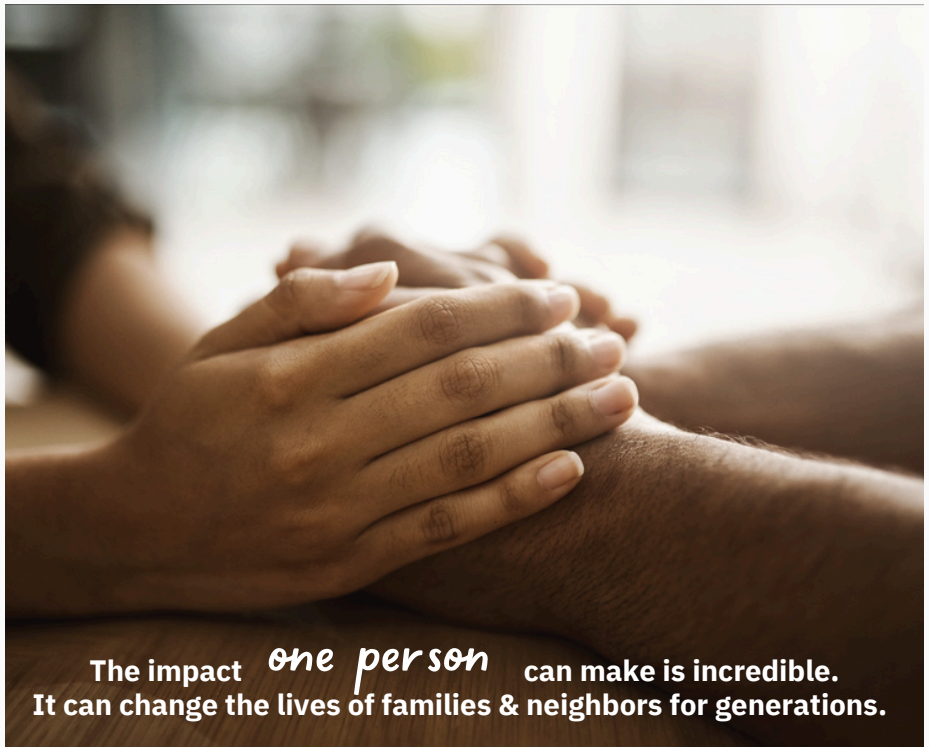




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It's an overwhelming blessing and I'm so grateful for KGH. I don't know where else I would've stayed because we live so far away."
- "Nana" Sue & Grandson Caleb

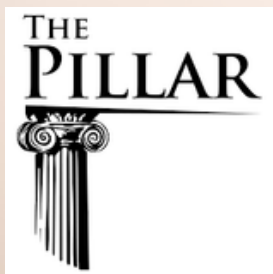


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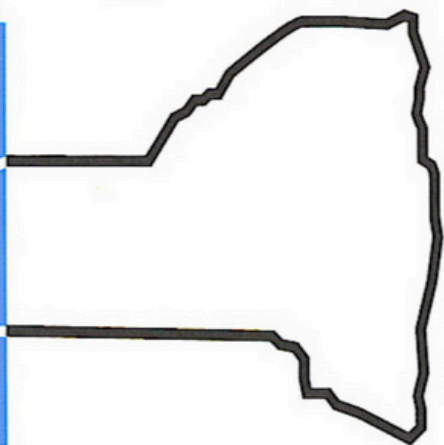
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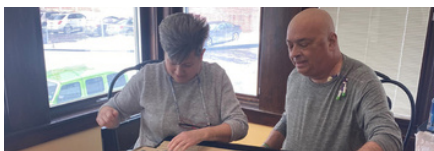
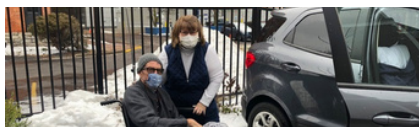
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