

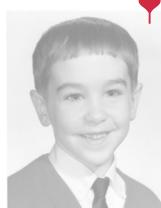




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Thursday, July 45th 2025







making a difference together

We are devoted to being a good neighbor in every community we serve. That's why we're working with customers like you to help our communities thrive. Your support allows us to give more and do more to improve lives and make our neighborhoods stronger.

Thank you for helping us make a difference.

Wegmans



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



4: oo PM: Tours led by KGH staff and board members

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 -7:30 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





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Congratulations to the 2025

Heart Awardees



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 Garvey's 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 67,000 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

maximize capacity and serve our guests in the best environment for healing.

For more info visit kevinguesthouse.org

Kevin Guest House campus to the same standard as this newest building, in order to

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.



anniversary of Kevin Guest House, with our annual open house hosted by Wegmans and with special thanks to the Co-chairs Jennifer Dunn (Kaleida Health) & Maria Morreale (BNMC), along with their committee, have put together an intimate garden reception to commemorate this milestone in our history. We are grateful to Kevin's siblings, Hugh Garvey, Tom and his wife Mary Garvey along with two grandchildren, who travelled to celebrate with all of us. This year, we have some exciting updates to share, starting with the completed renovations of our two transplant recovery apartments at 788 Ellicott Street & sneak peak our Carriage apartment before we begin renovations next month. We reflect on the incredible movement Kevin's parents, Cyril and Claudia Garvey, began 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 two transplant recovery apartments at 788 Ellicott received an exterior face-lift removing rotted wood & chipping paint in the fall and interior renovations began in December 2023 with our construction partners. The project includes expanding both bedrooms, making bathrooms more accessible for those with mobility restrictions, replacing torn and broken furniture with commercial-grade materials, updating equipment & safety materials, and installing improved air filtration required for immune-compromised patients in both apartments. Last year we had two families waiting for them to complete including a family of 6 with four kids and another with two young adults that needed to learn how to walk again after his four year battle with cancer. These expanded bedrooms would allow us to safely provide up to seven bed spaces comfortably to future extended families facing a medical crisis. We cannot begin to thank our partners so far who have helped us nearlt complete this space to better serve our weak and immune compromised patients and their families.

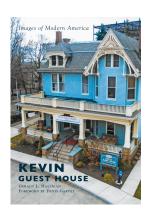
The garreys helped to start the healthcare hospitality movement that continues to directly impact guests today.

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 2025 Heart Award honorees, the individuals and groups that have the extra mile for our guests this past year. We are excited to move onto our next apartment renovation in the Carriage building while we evaluate our next steps to bring our main home that started it all at 782 Ellicott and how we can best support our guests in the future.

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 future renovations dreams 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 53rd anniversary with a gift to our Pay It Forward Campaign in honor of our Heart award honorees, or an additional gift to our 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 Kevin's legacy lives on for our families and will continue for the next half century to come. Cheens to 53 years!

Lynsey Zimdahl Weaver, Executive Director

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Presenting our 2025 Heart Award Honorees:



Individual Honorees: Jennifer & John Holler, Chairs of AOH

After retiring from a career at UB, Jenn Holler sought a meaningful volunteer opportunity where she could roll up her sleeves and make a difference. Jenn and John quickly became invaluable to Kevin Guest House, dedicating themselves to our events throughout the year. Jenn also volunteered to co-chair our largest fundraiser, Affaire of the Heart. Their dedication, attention to detail, and leadership have inspired many friends and family to join in support.



Youth Honoree: Ella Yusick, Student at Sacred Heart Academy

Ella began volunteering in the summer of 2024, regularly assisting with a wide variety of tasks — from organizing storage and cleaning out the pantry to preparing meals and helping with office work. She also recruited her Sacred Heart tennis teammates to volunteer after our Supper in the Street event, tackling the massive post-event cleanup.



Healthcare Partner Honoree: Public Safety Office of Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center (RPCCC)

While many guests choose Kevin Guest House for its proximity to nearby hospitals, there are days when walking to appointments is simply too much. The RPCCC Public Safety team generously provides a complimentary shuttle service — reliable, safe, and always offered with a smile. This simple, thoughtful gesture helps ease a heavy burden during incredibly difficult times.



Group Honoree: National Grid

If you've passed by our campus in December, you've likely seen our historic Victorian homes adorned in festive lights and greenery. This stunning transformation is made possible by our friends at National Grid, who provide a full crew — and even a lift — to help decorate. Their support extends beyond the holidays; they assist with transporting event supplies, volunteering, and most recently, facilitating the relocation of a utility pole to make way for our carriage house renovations.

Donate \$53 in honor of one of our Heart Awardee winners here: https://KGH53.givesmart.com

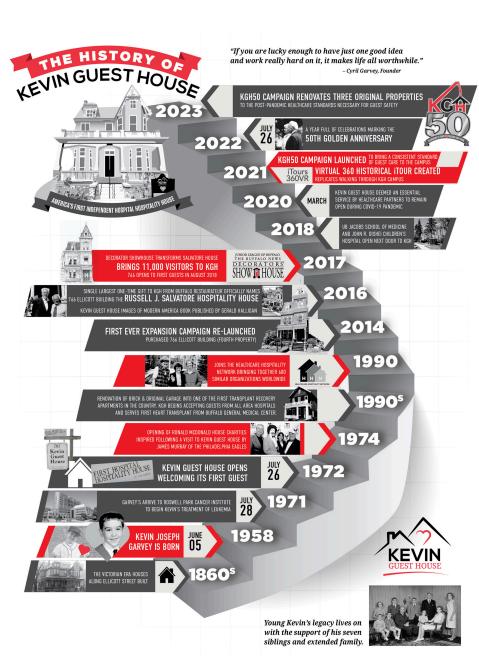


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Including tonight's hosts

The Kevin Garvey Family





KEVIN GARVEY AWARD



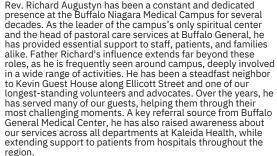
Kevin Garvey was nicknamed "heart," given after a family vacation because of his kindhearted nature. His mother Claudia said, "in the eighteen months that Kevin lived with his illness, that finally conquered even his stout heart, he served constantly as a model and an example for all of us." Reflecting 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 Father Richard Augustyn, Director of Pastoral Care Kaleida Health and St. Jude Center on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus. Father Richard was honored at our Affaire of the Heart event in April & we continue to thank him each day he walks by the campus.



Tribute to Father Richard Augustyn



In addition to his pastoral care work, Father Richard has actively fundraised for our services through annual congregational collections and has attended numerous events in support of our mission. As the epitome of a kind and generous neighbor, we are proud to recognize Father Richard as the single largest advocate from Kaleida and our medical campus partners, quietly and consistently advancing our work

throughout his career at St. Jude.











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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. Lewiston, NY kevinguesthouse.org/golf



Softball Tournament

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



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). Early bird pricing pf \$1,000 for a table of 8 paid by August 15th. A savings of \$200. Buffalo, NY kevinguesthouse.org/events/supper



Bites & Brews

Hosted by the Giving Hearts, this sampling event provides an opportunity for young professionals to network with other community-minded YPs. Includes light food and new this year will be a MEAT & VEGGIE RAFFLE theme.

kevinguesthouse.com/events/bites/

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!



Join Your Neighbors

At Buffalo's Longest Dinner Tabley



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	.50
8x7 inches	500
8x13 inches	,000



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

HELP US REACH IN OUR GARDEN...

53 inspirational pavers

25 MORE TO OUR GOAL FOR 53 YEARS OF KGH!



"In the 1990s, a friend introduced me to the 'house with a heart'. I brought my husband David and later he, along with an Eagle Scout and others, had the privilege of creating and implementing a plan for what is now the beautiful Healing Garden at Kevin Guest House. An integral part of the garden design was its planned installation of inscribed pavers. meant to honor loved ones or memorialize a stay. Now there are many pavers throughout the garden — each engraved with a loved one's name, heart or phrase providing hope and peace to all who walk through."

- Katherine Carlson

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BLESS THOS WHO ENTER



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PAVER Size	Cost
4 X 7 INCHES	\$250
8 X 7 INCHES	\$500
8 X 13 INCHES	\$1,000

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 53 years of service.



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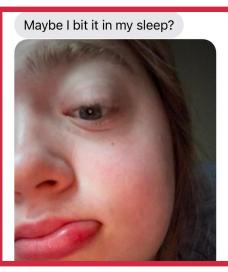
CLAUDIA & CYRIL GARVEY

Audrey's Journey

When Audrey Williams, a college student, woke up one morning with a swollen lip, her mother never imagined it would be the first sign of a life-changing diagnosis. Mom asked her to get it checked out and that same day Audrey was being transferred from Wyoming County hospital to Erie County Medical Center via ambulance. Audrey was diagnosed with Leukemia and admitted as an inpatient at Roswell Park where she remained for over a month. The aggressive chemotherapy was grueling, but eventually, she was able to return home while awaiting a life-saving stem cell donor match. The simple text below to her parents and her own self-awareness that something wasn't right, Audrey's journey became more complicated than expected.







The weeks were filled with intense reactions to chemotherapy, numerous blood transfusions, and frequent medical appointments, including another bone marrow biopsy. Throughout this journey, Audrey's family traveled back and forth between their home in Dolgeville and Roswell Park in both Schenectady and Buffalo, managing the emotional and logistical challenges of her treatment. Finally, a selfless 18-year-old donor came forward, offering the life-saving donation Audrey desperately needed. His stem cells were flown to Roswell Park immediately, and within a day, Audrey underwent the crucial transplant. Audrey and her family were guests during her transplant process and remain deeply grateful for this incredible gift of life and a safe place to stay during their time here in Buffalo.

Lucas's Journey

Lucas (just over a year old) has been diagnosed with a rare form of Retinoblastoma, a type of eye cancer, which has left him with two detached retinas and no vision. Currently, Lucas's family—his parents Jim and Sara, and his brother Liam—are navigating this difficult journey. Lucas' medical care will involve frequent trips to John R. Oishei Children's Hospital and Strong Memorial in Rochester, and as you can imagine, this comes with a significant financial burden. Lucas had to have one of his eyes removed; and continues chemotherapy. Many don't know, but pediatric cancer patients are treated here in Buffalo at the Roswell Park Oishei Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders. Combining the expertise and capabilities of two premier specialty centers — the region's only stand-alone children's hospital and NCI-designated comprehensive cancer center — to offer world-class care right here in Western New York.







"We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to stay at the Kevin Guest House during this unimaginable time in our lives. Knowing we have a safe, welcoming place to call home while Lucas undergoes treatment gives us one less thing to worry about and allows us to focus entirely on him. The warmth and kindness we've experienced here remind us that even in the hardest moments, there is so much good in the world. Thank you for giving our family a sense of comfort and hope as we navigate this journey." — James Kemp

Pay it Forward

Directly support a guest with a straight lodging donation at the end of the live presentation or when checking out tonight!

You can also text **KGH53** to **76278**. OR visit: https://KGH53.givesmart.com





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