



2026 Class

Celebrating Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy

Kevin Guest House is dedicated to expanding its philanthropic mission to the next generation of Buffalo's most dedicated emerging professionals. Please consider nominating an individual who is invested in growing as a leader in their professional landscape, as well as their philanthropic work.

Kevin Guest House is America's first healthcare hospitality house, welcoming patients and families traveling to any Buffalo area hospital for medical care. Through Giving Hearts, we hope to empower you through professional growth and community service.

Giving Heart members represent community leaders who want to give their talents to support others in need and you're ready to be an advocate for those facing difficult challenges



Kevin Guest House can provide you with:

- Introductions to other influential community members, helping to broaden your network.
- An opportunity to meet other professionals who believe in helping others.
- The ability to volunteer in a hands-on way, directly enhancing the lives of our guests.
- Training to become a stronger professional and a confident volunteer fundraiser.

Giving Hearts Member First Year New Member

By joining the Giving Hearts program, you will:

- Commit to collectively help raise \$20,000* unrestricted funds to support guests staying at Kevin Guest House.
- Partner with your new member team, working together to reach your goals and cheer each other on.
- Commit to attending five (5) events during the year including:
 - o Attend a KGH small group orientation and tour of Kevin Guest House (Feb./Mar.)
 - o Network with the KGH Board of Directors at (1) one of ten evening/morning board meetings
 - o Work with members to prepare dinner for KGH Guests, or work on campus projects (June & Aug.)
 - o Help build the KGH network by inviting a friend to our free Anniversary Celebration (July)
 - o Celebrate your achievements by attending the Giving Heart signature event, Bites & Brews (Nov.)

Become a Giving Hearts Ambassador Second Year and Beyond

By committing to being a Giving Hearts Ambassador you will:

- Use your prior experience as a Giving Heart to mentor and support new Giving Hearts class members and continue supporting the Kevin Guest House mission.
- Support the Giving Hearts signature events & new member efforts to collectively raise funds to help cover over 500 nights for families needing financial support during their stay at Kevin Guest House.
- Attend five (5) events during the year:
 - o Network with the KGH Board of Directors at (1) one of ten evening/morning board meetings
 - o Assist Giving Hearts new members to prepare a dinner for KGH Guests (June & Aug.)
 - o Help build the KGH network and bring one or more friends to our free Anniversary Celebration (July)
 - o Support or serve on a committee for the Giving Hearts signature event (Bites & Brews – Nov) and volunteer or help recruit for the Buffalo Bills game day volunteering (in the fall).
 - o Celebrate your achievements by attending the Giving Heart Ambassador's signature event, Bites & Brews (Nov.)

Kevin Guest House Signature Events

The remaining events for Giving Hearts members are optional for you to attend & not a part of the collective goal

Giving Hearts & Donor Events:

- o A Happy Hour kick-off to get to know your new members & Giving Hearts leadership team (Mar.)
- o Attend a virtual presentation and discussion from one of our Healthcare Partners (April)
- o Organize a collection drive during our namesake Kevin Garvey Birthday month with items from our daily wish lists to support our guests (June)
- o Attend a Giving Hearts brainstorming & networking part with other emerging community leaders on our campus & invite potential new members to learn about the program. (Sept)
- o Bites & Brews Meat Raffle (Nov) <https://kevinguesthouse.com/events/bites/>
- o Toast your success with fellow GH members at Holiday Happy Hour (Dec)
- Build your network through networking events and professional development sessions.
- Nominate a fellow Giving Heart to mentor after reaching your goals.
- Join your fellow Giving Hearts members if you choose for other get-togethers, such as networking happy hours, professional development sessions, KGH events, or volunteer group projects.

Kevin Guest House Signature Events:

- o Affaire of the Heart (Mar.) <https://kevinguesthouse.com/events/aoh/>
- o Spring Flower Sales (Apr & May) <https://kevinguesthouse.com/events/flowers/>
- o Anniversary Celebration (July) <https://kevinguesthouse.com/events/anniversary/>
- o Celebrity Golf Classic and Nine & Wine (Aug) <https://kevinguesthouse.com/golf/>
- o Supper in the Street (Sept) <https://kevinguesthouse.com/events/supper/>



“There are no words to describe what it's like to be critically ill and needing to seek out medical care away from home. I can speak to this, as many years ago I was fighting for my own life and had to fly to Chicago to undergo ten extensive surgeries. There were many complications and it took months for me to recover from each surgery. A place like Kevin Guest House took me in and became my 'home.' Being a Giving Heart and helping Kevin Guest House continue their mission of providing a home away from home for patients and their families, truly means everything to me.”

Christina Beach, RN, BSN

