



BITES & BREWS

Benefitting Kevin Guest House
& Presented by the

Giving Hearts

11.07.2025

$50 @ door



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

STO LAT BAR ~ 4475 TRANSIT RD, WILLIAMSVILLE ~ 5:30 - 8:30 P.M.

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COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER



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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.

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www.RoswellPark.org

EVENT DETAILS

LOCATION:

Sto Lat Bar
4475 Transit Rd
Williamsville, NY 14221

A 21+ EVENT!

PARKING:

Available in front of the venue.
Enter through the banquet doors!

SCHEDULE:

5:30pm: Join us for Bites & Brews!

Music by Zak Ward, Food and Beverage Tasting Stations, Cash Bar, Grand Raffle, Bingo & More!

Entertainment from D. J. Jickster

7:00pm: Grab your dabbers! BINGO BEGINS!

7:30pm: Giving Hearts Past & Present Group Photo

7:45pm: Basket & Grand Raffles Pulled

8:30pm: Event concludes
Thank you & goodnight!

DRESS CODE: Business Professional Casual!

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Bingo for Kevin

1 Bingo Board included with admission
Additional Boards for purchase $25



Grand Raffle

1 chance for $25 or 3 chances for $50



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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
to find out more & learn how you can help.

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 any type of 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



GIVING HEARTS

KEEP KGH GOING!

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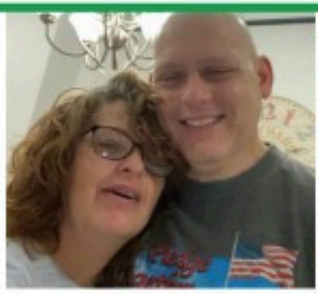
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"In a world that has so much negativity, it's so wonderful to be offered so much by Kevin Guest House. Especially at a time when it's really needed." – Ann Buman







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.



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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.



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,
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visit 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 or visiting us at one of our site sales.
Flowers from $7-25
Pick up at KGH (orders $200+ will be delivered)

FAMILY IN FOCUS: HOLIDAY PHOTOS

November 23rd & 24th
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 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.
Reach out to Andrea at awalh@kevinguesthouse.org





