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## Giving Hearts

**11.13.2026**

**$50 per person**








## THE CREEKSIDE BANQUET FACILITY

**2669 UNION ROAD, BUFFALO, NY 14227**
**6 PM - 10:30 PM**

Bites, Brews & Meat Raffle to Celebrate the Kevin Guest House Giving Hearts

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# EVENT DETAILS




## LOCATION:

The Creekside Banquet Facility
2669 Union Road, Cheektowaga

**A 21+ EVENT!**

## PARKING:

Plenty of free onsite parking

## SCHEDULE:

**Check In: Camelot Room**
Wrist Band given to VIP Members
VIP Members have access to special VIP bar

**6pm: Join us for Bites & Brews!**
Food & Beverage Tasting Stations, Complimentary Beer and Wine, Grand Raffle, Raffle Baskets & More!

**7pm: First Spin on Us!**

***15 Minute Break Between Rounds 9 & 10***

**10:00pm: Bar Closes, Raffle Baskets Pulled**

***Final Meat Spin and Conclusion of Event Between 10:00-10:30***

### RIDE SHARING

**We want you to have a great time and enjoy the event, but want you to do it safely! Consider using a ride sharing app if you want to have a few drinks.**

## DRESS CODE:

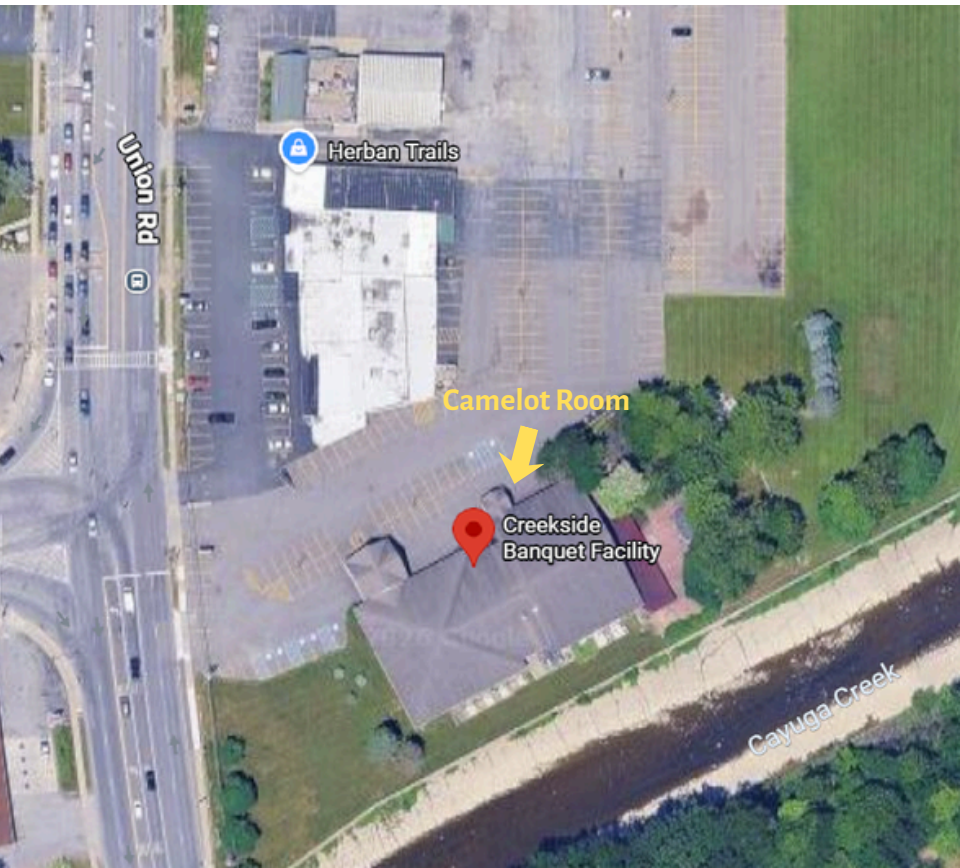
No code! It's a fun party :)

# THANK YOU TO BEST MEAT RAFFLES!



# PARKING AND VENUE INFORMATION

Parking is available off of Union Rd in the Venue Parking lot and behind the neighboring building. The event is held in the Camelot Room, the second door from the road.



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# Items for Purchase

## 1 Bundle Deal

Tickets: $50 per bundle (value over $50+)

3 Grand Raffle Tickets
3 Basket Sheet Tickets
$20 Meat Money

## 2 BASKET RAFFLE TICKETS

$25/for 3 sheets

**All baskets valued at $25 or more; over 40+ selections to win**



## 3 Grand Raffle

**3 chances to win 3 different prizes**
$25/3 chances - **Unique items for every winner**

♥ #1: Enjoy a delicious dinner for four at Salvatores and 2 tickets to Affaire of the Heart

Affaire of the heart
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SALVATORE'S

♥ #2: Two tickets to a Buffalo Sabres game 100-level & $50 gift card to Labatt House

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♥ #3 Cole Bishop signed jersey




♥ #4 Josh Allen Commemorative MVP Football and Highmark Stadium Framed Farewell Coin






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# Kevin Guest House



"KGH has provided essential support to people from around the region needing advanced medical services at Roswell Park, Buffalo General Medical Center and other area facilities," says Dr. Edge. "This 'home away from home' is a lifesaver for these people and their families."

-Dr. Stephen Edge & his wife Dr. Cynthia Swain

# Book your holiday photo shoot!

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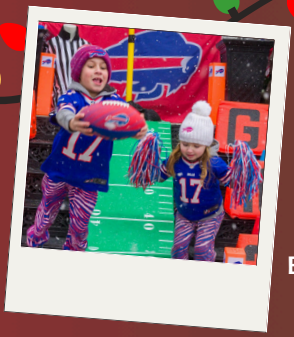

# Family in Focus

**November 28th, 29th & December 5th**

**Bring your family, friends, or loved ones to Kevin Guest House for a special holiday photo session on the front steps of our beautiful Victorian Russell J. Salvatore Hospitality House!**

## PHOTO SESSION DONATIONS

**$50 Donation – Receive a 10 minute photo shoot w/digital photos**
**$75 Donation – Receive your photos PLUS your choice of a special visit from Santa OR an 8" poinsettia!**

## Choose your holiday photo day!

**Saturday, November 28 & Sunday November 29**
Traditional Holiday Theme
To learn more & reserve your photo shoot, go to:
https://kevinguesthouse.com/family-in-focus-holiday

**Saturday, December 5**
Buffalo Holiday Theme
To learn more & to reserve your photo shoot, go to:
https://kevinguesthouse.com/family-in-focus-buffalo-holiday-theme

**Every donation supports Kevin Guest House and helps provide a home away from home for patients and families traveling to Buffalo for critical medical care.**












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*PRICES RANGE FROM $8 - $30*

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December 8 & December 15

**Buffalo General & Roswell Park**

December 9 - 11 & December 16 - 18

## Pre Order

Order online at

kevinguesthouse.org/events/poinsettia-sale/

or email events@kevinguesthouse.org for order form

**Order by: December 2 → Pick Up: December 9 - 11**

**Order by: December 9 → Pick Up: December 16 - 18**



Delivery available for bulk orders

**For more information:**

events@kevinguesthouse.org or 716-882-1818

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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.**

# Presenting our 2026 Heart Award Honorees:



**Individual Honorees: Robert & Elaine Marinucci**
**1st ever Virginia Brady Lifetime Volunteer Award**
We are pleased to offer this recognition for the Marinucci's long standing commitment to our mission. Bob and Elaine can be seen at almost every event, donating baskets and more and when Bob was a board member,he served on the Building & Grounds, Celebrity Golf Classic and Nine & Wine Tournaments committee, Blues & Brews committee amongst many others. It was their idea to create the Kevin Garvey Society as they committed to a five year gift to support the house with a major gift. They continue to support us in small and major ways and grateful for their service for others.



**Group Honoree: OTC South Park High School**
We've had many different school groups come over the years and several from the OTC program, but this particular group from South Park High School stayed long than usual this past year and did what was ever asked of them. They came if not weekly but several times a month and always put in the hard effort to clean, organize, garden or help in the office. Always with a smile and always with a willingness to help.

**Individual Honorees: Linda Muldoon**



Linda has been a longstanding dinner volunteer with the Babushka Girls dinner group for more than a decade, but when she retired she decided to commit one day a week to come help in our offices. Well it turned into much more than that, she often enlisted friends and family to chip in so that whenever we don't have a meal, she is one on the short list we call that she comes in especially on Friday's to cook unique meals so that they have food for the weekend. Some of the favorites of our guests is her polish specialties like golumpki, pierogi's and a Dyngus Day feast.

**Youth Honoree: Carson Guise, Student at RIT**



Carson was selected to be our marketing intern last summer through the UB Sophomore Externship program coming from the Rochester Institute of Technology. We were lucky to have three great students last summer, but Carson took it upon himself to stay extra hours and lead the effort to run our GIVE716 fundraising program on his own and help to raise over $10,000 for us last summer. He ran our social media, website and email campaigns without much questions and kept our message reaching our supporters well into the beginning of 2026, all while going to school full time. Carson always had a smile on his face, willing to go above and beyond and made the extra effort for our guests.

**Donate $54 in honor of one of our Heart Awardee winners here: https://KGH54.givesmart.com**

# 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 Cynthia Walawander, Founder & President of Woley Analytics***

## Tribute to Cynthia Walawander





Cynthia Walawander is the owner of Woley Analytics but no stranger to larger and small business who has been a member of the Advisory Council for the University at Buffalo CEL program and Alumni Engagement leader. Cindy was introduced to Kevin Guest House as our Executive Director, Lynsey Weaver's mentor as part of the Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership - University at Buffalo School of Management where she spent the last year learning from other business leaders to improve our organization with a scholarship from a UB benefactor. Cynthia became much more than that over the last year and half, dedicating several days a week, learning our business, meeting our guests and helping to improve operational procedures and implement two major technological advancements including our first ever online guest reservation system and IT managed service contract by researching and advising our staff on the next steps. Her next project includes months of dedicated and detailed work to clean over 40 years of data to hopefully soon implement our first ever online constituent database that will integrate systems across multiple platforms and reduce wasteful duplicative efforts. What is more, it will allow for easier opportunities to give and get involved in our mission. While Cynthia would like to remain quite on the sidelines, her commitment to our improvement and to advise nearly every staff member on how we can try something new is unparallel to most. She is a true friend to our guests, doing a small part every visit bringing snacks and really taking time to listen to both staff, volunteer and guests on how she might help. We are honored she has chosen to support our mission and we are excited to acknowledge the massive improvements she's made to better serve our community. We can’t wait to unvail more and more of her tremendous work to all of you!

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# Year End Auction

**NOVEMBER 1ST - NOVEMBER 22ND**

*Dinners at JTs, CoCo & Salvatore's*

*Hotel Stays at the Delevan, Buffalo Lodging & Rupal Hospitality Hotels*

*Photography Sessions*

*Holiday Valley Package*

*Destination Niagara Package*

*Jewelry & Purses*

*Pilates Package*

*Bourbon & Wine Packages*

*Concert, Sports & Show Tickets*

*VIP Buffalo Bandits Experience*

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**26KGHAUCTION.GIVESMART.COM**

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**Bidding ends 11:59 PM on November 22nd**








# A Family's Journey with an ALLO Stem Cell Transplant

*"With heartfelt thanks for this wonderful place and all who have a part in providing it. You have blessed us."*
*- The Whittaker family.*



**Dennis is an ALLO stem cell patient who stayed here with his family for over 67 days. As an ALLO patient, your immune system is almost reset in a way, relearning everything as you receive someone else's stem cells making you the most immuno-compromised. He and his wife Bonnie are from Portville in Cattaraugas County and his extended family, kids and grandkids came for a couple weeks to be there be with grandpa. Spaces like our kids room made it easier for Dennis to have some fun with them and staying in our larger brick apartment, we were able to accommodate them all together. That support system, those visits from loved ones, make the healing process much more easier on patients and we hope as weather gets nicer, more ways to help Dennis continue to heal during his treatment by enjoying our campus outside**

# 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**



# CLASS OF 2026 GIVING HEARTS

## Program Chairs

Christina Beach

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## Giving Hearts

**Lisa Godios**

**Theresa Bork**

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**Laurie Carpenter**

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# Poinsettia Sales

### Purchase your Poinsettia today!

Our annual poinsettia fundraiser is live! These beautiful flowers are making a return once again to add a pop of color to your home or office this holiday season. Pre-order your flowers at kevinguesthouse.org/events/poinsettia-sale or visiting us at one of our site sales. Flowers from $8-30 Pick up at KGH (orders $250+ will be delivered)

Visit us at Roswell Park, Buffalo General Medical Center and Golisano Children's Hospital the 2nd & 3rd week of December and purchase if you miss the pre-orders.

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# Family in Focus

### Traditional Holiday Photos: Nov. 28th & Nov. 29th
### Buffalo Themed Holiday Photos: December 5th

Put your family in front of the camera for a great cause for a 10 minute holiday photo shoot on the front steps of our Russel J Salvatore Hospitality House, decorated for the holidays. Pets are welcome.



**$50 donation:** includes digital photos of your family. (Helps cover one night for a family).

**$75 donation:** includes digital photos with your family and the choice of one of the following: A Visit with Santa OR An 8" Poinsettia (Helps cover three nights for a guest).

**$100 donation:** includes digital photos with your family, a visit from Santa AND an 8" poinsettia to brighten your home for the holidays! (Helps cover one night for a family for up to 5 or more on our campus)

**Visit kevinguesthouse.com/family-in-focus-holiday/ to reserve your space.**

# Host a Fundraiser!

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 Julia at jdressler@KevinGuestHouse.org





# Nicole's Journey




Nicole Chase-Logan was admitted to the hospital on Christmas Day after experiencing unexplained bleeding. After a series of tests, she was diagnosed with Philadelphia chromosome-positive (Ph+) acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). Soon after, Nicole began participating in a clinical trial at Roswell Park as part of her treatment.

Throughout her treatment, Kevin Guest House became an important part of Nicole's medical journey. During her stay, Kevin Guest House provided her with a comfortable, supportive place to call home while she focused on her treatment and the challenges that came with it.

But for Nicole, Kevin Guest House offered more than a place to stay. It gave her a sense of community, connection, and support during an incredibly difficult time. Being surrounded by others who understood the challenges of navigating serious medical treatment helped Nicole feel less alone throughout her journey.

Today, Nicole is sharing her story in the hope that it can help other patients and families feel supported, connected, and cared for as they navigate their own medical journeys.

**HELP US REACH IN OUR GARDEN...**

# 54 inspirational pavers

**25 MORE TO OUR GOAL FOR 54 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

**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.**




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

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



## See It With Your Own Eyes



*"Seeing is believing, folks, and I think you need to see this place with your own eyes"*
*-Gregory Brink*

**Gregory Brink was so touched by how welcoming and hospitable Kevin Guest House felt that he went out of his way to help us create a house tour video, hoping to show potential guests just how comforting it can be to stay here. When his partner, James Babcock, needed to receive care at Roswell Park, Greg was especially grateful for how close Kevin Guest House was to the hospital, making it easy and convenient to travel back and forth. He enthusiastically encouraged everyone to come see the house for themselves, knowing that experiencing it firsthand is the best way to understand just how special it truly is.**




**Greg recently joined us on Daytime Buffalo to share his experience!**

*Save the Date*

# Affaire of the heart

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*Kevin Guest House*

## FRIDAY, APRIL 16TH, 2027
## 6PM - 10PM AT THE STATLER HOTEL

- Dinner (Take Home Available)
- Cocktails
- Food Pairing Stations
- Alcohol Tasting Stations
- Desserts & Coffee
- Live Program
- Live Performances
- Auctions & Raffles

**ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT KEVIN GUEST HOUSE'S MISSION TO PROVIDE A COMFORTABLE AND SUPPORTIVE HOME AWAY FROM HOME FOR PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES TRAVELING FOR MEDICAL CARE.**






Tickets on sale January 1st, 2027

For more information: www. KevinGuestHouse.org/events or 716-882-1818

# VOLUNTEER Opportunities




It truly takes a village!
We are extremely grateful to two high school students & sisters, Amaya 15 (City Honors) and Alessia 17 (Nardin Academy), who have been spending endless hours helping us get our database organized and updated.

"Kevin Guest House has taught me how to organize and manage tasks in a timely manner. Researching the businesses and churches
that have connections along with relationships to Kevin Guest House comes to show how it substantially contributes to the prosperity of the City of Buffalo."- Alessia

Interested in lending a hand too? Email JOConnor@kevinguesthouse.org and we can find a project for you or your team!




[Photo is of Richard Tabbi and his sister Carol]
"I'm very impressed with Kevin Guest House and enjoy my volunteer time here. My fellow volunteers and the KGH staff are all dedicated caring people with a common goal. It was exactly what I was looking for and I couldn't be more pleased." - Richard Tabbi

**Want to volunteer and support the staff?**

- ♥ Prepare & drop off a meal
- ♥ Office support
- ♥ Maintain our grounds
- ♥ Donor appreciation phone calls
- ♥ Share on social media
- ♥ Event support
- ♥ Join a committee










# Pay it forward for our guests...



Have you or a family member ever become ill or had to receive unexpected medical care away from home?

## Imagine what it would be like...

**What would you do if you had an unexpected medical emergency – where would you stay? How would you afford it? Who would travel with you?**

**At Kevin Guest House, we provide a safe, comfortable and affordable home away from home atmosphere for patient families. With your support, we can continue to help pay it forward for the thousands of guests needing a place to stay.**

**Kevin Guest House serves more than 2,000 guests each year and welcomed almost 70,000 guests from 50 different states since opening in 1972. With 24/7 staff support, complimentary meals, parking and self-service laundry, Kevin Guest House helps ease the transition away from home and provides the opportunity to interact with other families who can understand what they are going through.**

## Pay it forward PROGRAM

**CONSIDER A GIFT BASED ON OUR GUEST LODGING SUGGESTIONS:**

**$35 per person for a main house stay**
**$50 per night in one of our private suite**
**$100 for one night in the main house for a family of four**
**$250 for a five day stay in one of our transplant recovery apartments**
**$500 for nearly three weeks for an individual at the main house**
**$1,000 for nearly a two week stay in a transplant recovery apartment**
**$2,500 for a 100 day stay in our main house**
**$5,000 for a 100 day stay in one of our transplant recovery apartments**

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and pay for a stay

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