



2019 Community Leader Agency Award



Kevin Guest House

The Kevin Guest House which is located within the medical campus stands as testament to the love and compassion for which our community is renowned. Founded in 1972 by Claudia and Cyril Garvey in memory of their twelve-year-old son Kevin, the Guest House was America's first independent healthcare hospitality house. It was designed to provide a supportive home-away-from-home for patients and families traveling to receive health care and treatment in Buffalo. Over the years, the Guest House has provided lodging and a loving environment to over 54,000 guests, giving comfort to families from across the US, Canada, and eleven other countries.

The Garveys opened the House because during Kevin's 18-month battle with Leukemia, they'd seen many out of town families sleep in their cars or hospital waiting rooms because of high hotel costs. Knowing they wanted to make a difference and help ease the pain of families who were suffering as they had, the Garveys welcomed their firsts guests within six months of Kevin's passing.

In recognition of its service to so many in need during times of incredible crises, the NFJC proudly presents the 2019 Community Leader Agency Award to The Kevin Guest House. Accepting this award is Tom Garvey.



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