



**Kathy's
House**

newsletter



KATHY'S HOUSE GALA A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!



Sue Derus, Executive Director of the Cancer Center at Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin accepted the Founder's Award.



Patty Metropulos presented the Inspiration of Hope Award to Chris Chitambar, MD and Jessie Ortega, RN, accepting on behalf of Jessica Kidd.



Daven Claerbout, co-owner of Dutchland Plastics led the voice auction and matching gift challenge.



Kathleen Dunn, host on Wisconsin Public Radio served as emcee.

Kathy's House's 15 & Forward Gala was a resounding success and enjoyed by a capacity crowd on May 14. With the support of sponsors, donating businesses and attendees, we raised over \$137,000!

Each year, we honor a guest of Kathy's House who has displayed extraordinary grace and courage during their medical challenges. Our 2016 Inspiration of Hope Award was presented to Jessica Kidd. Jessica, her 2 year old son Preston and her mother stayed at Kathy's House for several weeks while Jessica received treatment for breast cancer. Despite her sometimes painful treatment, Jessica remained a fully engaged mother during her stay. Her cancer treatment was a reality, but it did not define her.

Unfortunately Jessica was not able to attend the Gala. Physician Chris Chitambar and Nurse Jessica Ortega accepted the award on her behalf.

Kathy's House presented the 2016 Founder's Award to Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin. The award honors an individual or community partner who has demonstrated exceptional dedication to the mission and success of Kathy's House.

The history of Kathy's House is rooted at Froedtert Hospital where Kathy Vogel Kuettner was treated. Physicians from the Medical College worked with Dick Vogel early on to help establish Kathy's House.

Dr. Frank Wilson and his wife Vera were on our first Board. Sue Derus, Executive Director of the Cancer Center at Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin and Lynn Fischer, Vice President of Services Lines at Froedtert & the Medical College are currently serving on our board. Since opening our doors, Froedtert Hospital has been our single largest financial supporter.

Froedtert & the Medical College have referred over 5,400 patients to Kathy's House since 2001. In 2015, 91% of guests at the House were referred by them. Kathy's House is working closely with Froedtert & Medical College leaders to formalize our partnership moving forward.

Thank you to Kathleen Dunn from Wisconsin Public Radio who served as our lively Master of Ceremonies. Daven Claerbout, co-owner of Dutchland Plastics served as auctioneer and led one of the most successful live auctions ever raising at total of \$36,600. Thank you Daven and all of the very generous guests who raised their paddles to support the mission of Kathy's House!



Judy Vogel, and her three daughters, Laura, Susan and Karen.



Thank you to all of our sponsors of this year's Gala.





WELCOME TO RECENTLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Anthony J. Anzelmo, currently an attorney at Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek (which as of July 1, 2016 will be entitled "Husch Blackwell" as the result of a combination between the two firms), will join the combined firm as a partner. He previously held positions at Peterson, Johnson & Murray in Madison, the Wisconsin Department of Justice Legal Services Division and the US District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.



Sue Derus is Executive Director of Cancer Services for Froedtert Health and has been a leader in Cancer Services at Froedtert since 1995. She helped to spearhead an effort to develop a new model of cancer care implemented in 2006 when the new Cancer Center Building opened. It brings all cancer services and physicians to the patient within one building, making the patient the nucleus of care. Sue was a part of the team that helped open Kathy's House in 2001.



Elizabeth Forman leads her own Human Resources Consulting and Coaching Firm, Endwell Associates, LLC. Her background includes Human Resources executive positions at Froedtert Health, GE Healthcare, and Fiserv. She is President of the Cornell University Alumni Club of Wisconsin, a group that regularly volunteers at Kathy's House.



William Severson worked at Allen Bradley/Rockwell Automation from 1967 until his retirement in 2013 as manager of corporate meetings and special events. Bill is an active volunteer working with nonprofits such as Junior Achievement, Literacy Services of Wisconsin, United Way of Greater Milwaukee, Hope House Food Pantry and the Humane Animal Welfare Society.

MEET OUR EMERITUS BOARD MEMBERS

Elaine Hoth,
Kathy Vogel Kuettner's Aunt



"I served on Kathy's House Board from 2001-2015, staying active all those years because I wanted to make sure that Kathy's House remained in existence and its critical mission continues.

While Kathy never spoke to me directly about her desire to see a Hospital Guest House serving families of all ages, I saw firsthand the need for one when visiting Kathy at Froedtert Hospital. We often saw people sleeping in the waiting rooms on the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit.

Recently our granddaughter was at Children's Hospital in Denver for three weeks. While visiting, we found they do not have a Hospital Guest House. It has reinforced my strong belief about the essential services provided by Kathy's House. While our hotel room is nice, it would be so much better to be at a Guest House, a home away from home."

Dan Chadoir,
Owner of Central File



Dan Chadoir heard about Kathy's House just a few months after it opened from his wife's uncle, Wally Lenz. Wally and founder Dick Vogel were breakfast buddies. Dan said, "I toured Kathy's House and it had such a wonderful feeling that I wanted to do whatever I could to support it."

"The mission of Kathy's House is very important. I'm proud of my service and glad that I could be of assistance. I resigned because of health issues, but will remain an important supporter of Kathy's House."

"Dan's service has been remarkable," said Glen Van Fossen, Chair of the Board. "He has been a generous donor and successful fundraiser for the House. For many years he and a group of friends ran a Lobster Fest to benefit Kathy's House. He was also active in governance over the past 15 years, serving as Vice-Chair of the Board."

PASSAGES 8/13/2015-5/31/2016

Donors of **Kathy's House** have recently honored the memories of:

James Aiman
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SINCE 2013, GREEN BAY GUESTS STEVE AND WENDY CONTINUE TO SUPPORT KATHY'S HOUSE

Wendy checked into Kathy's House on May 3, 2013 and stayed for the next 42 days. Her husband Steve was at Froedtert Hospital for a complex surgery and had complications.



"I slept at the hospital the first few days and didn't get much sleep. Then an ICU nurse told me about Kathy's House. It was close to the hospital and incredibly convenient," said Wendy. "Most often I would go there, take a shower, get some sleep, grab some food and head right back to the hospital. Yet even though I wasn't there very much, while I was there, Kathy's House had everything I needed. It is a kind and gentle place."

Many of Wendy and Steve's friends wanted to send flowers or balloons to Steve but Wendy encouraged them to send money to Kathy's House. "I found deflating balloons and dying flowers rather depressing as Steve wasn't able to leave the Hospital for so long, and a gift to Kathy's House felt useful," said Wendy.

Steve is now fully recovered and is back to work at Cisco in Green Bay.

In 2013, Wendy incorporated a Kathy's House donation into an annual writing conference she holds called Weetacon, now in its 12th year. As a result, the Weetacon Tribe has donated \$5,625 for new beds as Wendy thought the beds while she was here "were like sleeping on shoes."

This year, the Weetacon bed fund paid for the new bedding when Steinhafels and TemperPedic donated new mattresses. Thank you Weetacon Tribe! We hope they will continue to raise funds to replace worn night stands and desks in the guest suites, many donated to the house 15 years ago when we opened.

You can check out Wendy's blog about her stay at Kathy's House at <http://thatsmybix.com/2013/06/08/signs/>.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY HOPE LODGE, IOWA CITY



RESEARCHING BEST PRACTICE DESIGN AND FEATURES FOR A NEW KATHY'S HOUSE

To plan for a new House, board members and staff toured 11 leading hospital guest houses across the country. We looked at house designs and program delivery features that best support patient and caregiver wellness. Most other houses had an academic medical center, such as Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin, as their primary referring hospital.

Kathy's House staff and board also met with key departments at Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin to seek their input on features that would best support their patients.

Our favorite hospital guest house is the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge in Iowa City, shown above. The Board of Directors liked the design of this facility because:

- The design is warm and cozy. The larger communal spaces maintain a home-like environment.
- The prairie-style is in keeping with an evidence-based practice of bringing nature to patients and families who are experiencing a medical crisis.
- The open floor plan invites interaction among guests. As well, guests can easily ask for assistance from volunteers and staff.

WISH LIST

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES

\$500 = 10 nights of lodging

\$400 = 8 nights of lodging

\$300 = 6 nights of lodging

\$200 = 4 nights of lodging

\$100 = 2 nights of lodging

\$ 50 = 1 night of lodging

GIFT CARDS

Speedway/Citgo/Shell

Amazon

Menards

Walmart

Pick N' Save

IN-KIND DONATIONS

Decaf Coffee

Creamer for Coffee

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Non-Perishable Foods

Disinfectant sprays and wipes

All purpose cleaners

Kleenex

Paper towel

Fragrance free dryer sheets

Laundry detergent

(HE-Free & Clear)

Hand soap (liquid-fragrance free)

New standard size bed pillows

OTHER WAYS TO HELP



Go to smile.amazon.com and choose Kathy's House as your charity. For each purchase, Amazon will donate .5% to Kathy's House



If you are a member of Thrivent Financial you can direct your Thrivent "Choice Dollars" to Kathy's House. Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice/

Kathy's House, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.



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OUR MISSION

Kathy's House is a hospital guest house committed to providing affordable lodging and caring support in a "home away from home" environment for families who need to travel to Milwaukee for medical care.



THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2016 | 4-8PM

Join us for an Open House to
celebrate our 15th Anniversary!

Wine, beer and Hors d'oeuvres will be served

Patio

Grab a Drink, Meet a Guest

Library

Assorted cheeses and fresh fruit

Meet Kathy Vogel Kuettner's family and
learn the history of Kathy's House

Kitchen

Volunteer Pastry Chef will serve specially designed desserts

Meet members of Kathy's House staff

Living Room

Volunteer Chef will serve savory delights

Meet members of the Board of Directors
and learn about Kathy's House future plans

Dining Room

Oreo Cookie and Milk Bar

Learn about the impact of Kathy's House over the past 15 years

RSVP: 414-453-8290

GLEN VAN FOSSEN'S SERVICE CONTINUES WITH PLANNED GIFT

Glen Van Fossen's leadership extends beyond his service as Chair of the Board of Directors for Kathy's House for the past 15 years. His private philanthropy includes a planned gift for Kathy's House.

"I was privileged to know Kathy Vogel Kuettner and the Vogel family. I know that Kathy would be very proud of the great effort by her family and friends to make her dream of a Milwaukee hospital guest house for patients and caregivers of all ages, a reality."

"I've been honored to be a part of her legacy and have included Kathy's House in my will. I promised founder Dick Vogel that I would do everything in my power to assure Kathy's legacy lives on, so my estate gift for Kathy's House will be given to endowment."

"I hope others will consider a donation to the Kathy's House endowment fund by leaving a gift in their will."

For more information about leaving a bequest to Kathy's House in your will, or leaving a gift of retirement assets, life insurance or real estate, contact Executive Director Patty Metropulos at 414-453-8290.