



Congrats to our winning team of Kurt Wagner, Tom Rosenwald, Randy Klocke and Ryan Klocke for coming in under par against 22 other teams at this year's Golf Outing! The team used their clubs to form a KH for Kathy's House.



The Human Putter: Dan Baker is lifted up by his teammates Tom Beckman, Dave Eyrise and Shawn Finnel at the Golf Outing.



Mosquitos were biting at the Kathy's House Golf Outing, but not this team! They came prepared! Scott and Val Latzke and Greg Schauer.



Ocktoberfest Chefs Stacey Hildebrand and Patrick Schultz. All the food for the seven-course meal was donated thanks to Chef Robert's efforts



## URGENT NEED PROMPTS BOARD TO BUILD A 36-ROOM NEW HOUSE

At their September meeting, Kathy's House Board of Directors unanimously voted to expand the new House to 36 rooms. Kathy's House will double its capacity and be better positioned to accommodate significant growth in the number of families seeking to stay at Kathy's House.

Key drivers for increased demand for Kathy's House is due to the growing distinction of Milwaukee-based hospitals; the growing trend to outpatient care; MRI-Linac & CAR-T Cell Immunotherapy (new revolutionary cancer treatments now being offered at the Froedtert Hospital Center for Advanced Care); and advanced cardiovascular care with the addition of a new, nationally-acclaimed team of cardiac physicians at Froedtert Hospital.



The Board recently gathered to review and update our strategic plan. We are grateful for their vision, generosity and commitment to our guests.



The need for a larger House is compelling. In 2017, more than 200 families were turned away or put on a waiting list because Kathy's House was full. Given that families stayed an average of 8 days last year, this means that 1,600 nights of needed lodging went unmet. Even more heartbreaking, in 2018, we have already turned away more than 200 families and the average length of stay has increased to 10 days – resulting in 2,000 nights of unmet lodging.

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From our guest surveys, we know that 40% of guests who are patients report that they would not have been able to receive needed medical treatment without Kathy's House because the cost of staying in a Milwaukee area hotel for just one week is easily over \$1,000.

We would like to thank Froedtert Hospital again for their transformational \$6 million gift in 2017 toward the new 36-room Kathy's House.

If you would like to learn more about the new Kathy's House or the "A New Home for Healing" capital campaign, please contact Patty Metropulos, President & CEO at 414-453-8290. Also, project updates will be provided on our website at [www.kathys-house.org/new-house](http://www.kathys-house.org/new-house).



## WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER AND STAFF



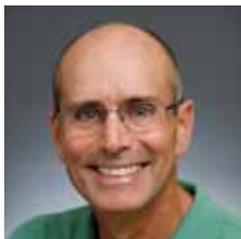
**Abby Brzezinski** is a Principal of Red Sky Partners. Red Sky develops, owns, leases and manages apartment projects totaling over 550 units. Abby received her Master's degree in Business Administration from Kellstadt Graduate School of Business at DePaul University and her undergraduate degree from UW-Madison. Abby volunteered at Kathy's House for more than a year and wanted to become more involved.



Kathy's House recently welcomed **Mary Kanavas** as Events and Philanthropy Coordinator. Mary most recently worked for United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County. In her new role, she will plan Kathy's House annual events including the Gala, Golf Outing, Oktoberfest and others.



**Marie Grevsmuehl**, who previously served as Event Coordinator at Kathy's House for 6 years, is the new Volunteer Coordinator. On average, volunteers contribute approximately 250 hours per week or over 13,000 a year.



**Francis Fraundorf** has been named Assistant House Manager. Francis joined the weekend staff at Kathy's House about a year ago and this summer was promoted to this new full-time position. "My first priority is still to work to assure guests have a positive experience. I love being able to help our guests through a rough period in their life. Their courage is inspiring."

## PASSAGES

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

Edward Andryauskas  
John Arnold  
Rita Arnold  
Cynthia Billings  
Linda Coe  
Herb Cullity  
Thomas Dietzgen  
Kathleen Donovan Smith  
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Annette Zalewski

## VOLUNTEERS MAKE KATHY'S HOUSE A HOME



Thank you to staff from the Milwaukee Brewers who recently cooked an excellent meal for Kathy's House guests.

*Our compassionate and caring volunteers are often the first voice our guests hear on the phone or meet as they are welcomed at the front door. Whether it is cooking a meal, working in the office, cleaning or a wide variety of other activities, volunteers help make Kathy's House feel comfortable for our guests and patients.*

For individuals who want to make a difference, Kathy's House offers exciting volunteer opportunities to match individual interests and skills. Volunteers can work regularly or just once - all support is appreciated. A list of volunteer opportunities and an application can be found on our website [www.kathys-house.org](http://www.kathys-house.org)

We also offer volunteer opportunities for groups including civic groups, high school and college groups, book clubs and corporate departments. Many local businesses also volunteer at Kathy's House! We offer great opportunities for a department or group to participate in a day of community service or just come make a meal for our guests. A group application can be found on our website.





## SANTA SAID, "KATHY'S HOUSE IS ON THE NICE LIST!"

Kathy's House is grateful for the generosity of all of our donors. At this time of the year, we are often asked "how can I help?"



To respond, we have created a wish list on AmazonSmile.com of our most urgent needs. The list includes many basic paper goods we use every day as well as tools needed for regular maintenance. Once on Amazon Smile, select Kathy's House as your charity and Amazon will donate .5% of your purchase to Kathy's House!



Froedtert Nursing staff on the Blood Cancer Inpatient Unit recently grilled out for Kathy's House guests! They have been coming ever since the House opened - several of the staff took care of Kathy Vogel Kuettner including Barb Burmeister (not pictured) and Julie Koppelman!

## RON AND GRACE HEIM SOMETIMES FORGET AND CALL KATHY'S HOUSE THEIR HOME

"When we were at hospital, we would often tell Froedtert staff that we are going home, and we meant Kathy's House," said Grace Heim from Escanaba, Michigan. Grace's husband Ron had several surgeries for pancreatic cancer at Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin.



"I was lucky," said Ron. "My grandson Keenan noticed I was jaundice and said I should go to the doctor. Pancreatic cancer is often caught in later stages. Because of Keenan, my cancer was caught early, in Stage 1. To be cancer free, pancreatic cancer must be surgically removed. Dr. Evans and his team said they got it all and I'm now cancer-free."

Grace and Ron stayed at Kathy's House off and on from July to October. "We were always happy to come home to Kathy's House. The staff is great, the guests are friendly and helpful. We are glad to go home but will always consider Kathy's House our home away from home."

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Peggy Hashoian recently started volunteering weekly in the office at Kathy's House. "When I retired, I wanted to do something meaningful. I love the dedicated staff that always put the guest first. And I know Kathy's House is offering something the guests really need and appreciate as they come to Milwaukee to address a medical issue."



## SAVE THE DATE!

Shully's Gourmet Dinner and Wine Pairing  
**February 22, 2019**

Kathy's House Gala  
**May 11, 2019**

Annual Golf Outing  
**September 19, 2019**

Oktoberfest  
**October 24, 2019**



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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.

## PATTY METROPULOS NAMED HEALTHCARE HERO

*Patty Metropulos, President & CEO of Kathy's House, will receive a HealthCare Hero Award in the category of Executive Leadership from BizTimes Media on December 14th at the Italian Community Center.*

The Health Care Heroes Awards salute the accomplishments of people and organizations making a positive difference on the front lines of health care in southeastern Wisconsin. The Executive Leadership category honors an individual who demonstrates strong skills in leading their organization in quality care, collaboration and financial management.

Since 2012, Patty Metropulos has served as President & CEO of Kathy's House. Originally from Milwaukee, Patty lived in Portland, OR for several years before moving to back Milwaukee to help care for her Mom. She was selected to lead Kathy's House, just after Dick Vogel – the founder of the organization – retired.

Occupancy of the 18-room House was 50% when Patty took the helm and now averages above 90%. Patty arrived at Kathy's House at just the right time and has helped take the organization to the next level – simultaneously responding to unprecedented demand, while planning for the future.

Patty facilitated a strategic planning process, grew the team of volunteers and staff, recruited new board members and instituted a formal survey for guests and physicians. She met with physicians and clinical staff to ask how Kathy's House could better support patient health. As a result, she has created a true culture of caring that permeates the House. Outcomes of the strategic planning process included a new mission, vision and brand for the House which has resulted in increased



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awareness and support for the organization. Since 2012, annual revenues have grown from \$350,000 to \$700,000 in 2017.

Last year, 1,500 guests stayed at Kathy's House – but over 200 families were turned away because the House was at full capacity. In response, Patty and the Board have embarked on a new goal – to build a larger, state-of-the-art facility that will become a national model for hospital guest houses.

As a testament to Patty's foresight in strengthening Kathy's House relationship

with its primary health partner, Froedtert Hospital, announced in 2017 that it was committing \$6 million to help build a new, larger Kathy's House going capacity of the House will double from 18-36 rooms. Patty and the Board have formed a cabinet of community leaders to raise needed funds and have secured major contributions from early investors.

Patty is a tireless ambassador for Kathy's House. Beyond its mission as a resource for out-of-area patients and families, Patty is at the forefront of our effort to set the national standard.

As noted by many, it is not only what Patty has done but how she has done it. A recent guest quote exemplifies the culture Patty has fostered: "My Mom and I are so grateful for Kathy's House. There is great camaraderie and support here which I love. We are not going through this tough time alone."

