



Kathy's House

A HOSPITAL GUEST HOUSE

Media Advisory – Octoberfest at Kathy's House

Date: Thursday, October 26, 2017

Time: The event runs from 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm, but the Guest Chef's will be here by mid-afternoon

What: 6-course meal with beer pairings. All food and beer have been donated! 5 different Chefs will cook here as volunteers this evening

Location: At Kathy's House, 600 N. 103rd Street, Wauwatosa - on 103rd Street between Wisconsin and Bluemound Road

Interview Opportunities

Chef Steve Paradowski - Volunteer Chef Pulled This Event Together

Chef Steve worked at some of the finest restaurants in Milwaukee, and then he had a stroke. His recovery did not provide the stamina to work "on the line" again in a commercial kitchen. That's when he found Kathy's House, in August 2013 and became one of the most remarkable volunteers ever!

Every month he comes in and not only cooks for all of Kathy's House guests, but buys the food (on a disability income) and puts it in his backpack and brings it to Kathy's House ON THE BUS, as he lives on the south side of Milwaukee. Each year, he cooks Thanksgiving Dinner for all of our guests - requiring several trips to the House to bring all of the food. He loves talking to the guests, and learning their story.

A couple of years ago, the Green Bay Packers named him Community Volunteer of the Year!

His course on Thursday night is Short rib ravioli with brown butter, pine nuts and sage, paired with Black Tea Stout from Lakefront Brewery.

Guest Patrick O'Brian - Cancer Patient

This is Patrick's second time at Kathy's House. Five years ago, the 56 year old from New London Wisconsin, had skin cancer and it has returned. He is being treated at Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin. Patrick comes from a very close knit family, where there are no secrets. And he says that's what it is like at Kathy's House. All of the guests are on a similar journey. They welcome new people and are glad to see other guests go home. "It's an incredible support group and its totally unofficial."

He also says that Kathy's House is a gift to his family. They know he is not alone, he is surrounded by incredible staff, volunteers and guests. When his wife Pam O'Brian heard he had a room at Kathy's House, she said, "Thank God for Kathy's House!"

Patty Metropulos, Executive Director and CEO, Kathy's House

Patty has led the organization for the past 5 years. She can speak to the mission, share other guest stories and our role in assisting guests from Wisconsin, the Midwest, the US and internationally access the world class medical care available in Milwaukee.

See attached Infographic with statistics.