



Kathy's House

A HOSPITAL GUEST HOUSE

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.

OUR VISION

To become a replicable national model in the field of hospital guest housing by developing a state-of-the-art facility and delivering guest services based on best practices to improve patient care and the healthcare delivery model.



Kathy's House provides a true **"home away from home"** for patients and/or their caregivers. It is a caring place where guests can eat, sleep, and be with others when they want – or be alone when they need time, introspection, and quiet healing. Kathy's House is a place where **mutual support thrives.**

A vital and an affordable resource in the Milwaukee health care community, Kathy's House is **the only hospital guest house in the area** that serves patients of all ages and their caregivers who need to travel to Milwaukee for medical care.

40%

of patient guests said they would not have been able to access needed medical care in Milwaukee without Kathy's House.



85%

of guests who stay at Kathy's House have cancer or a family member with cancer.



Sam Ewen, Antigo, WI

Sam Ewen and his mother Rebecca are long-term guests. During a two-month stay following Sam's bone marrow transplant, the Antigo residents had ample time to discover our many amenities. Sam cooked in the "decked-out" kitchen and used the weights in the Fitness Center to rebuild muscle mass he lost in the hospital. Rebecca enjoyed completing puzzles in the family room and playing the piano. "Music is just so powerful for healing," she said. The most important aspect of their stay, the pair agreed, was the comfort they took in staying somewhere safe, affordable, and close to the hospital.

Jane Jones, Byron, IL

Jane Jones and her mother-in-law Chris were not expecting to travel to Milwaukee. Jane's husband, Ryan, was hit by a car downtown while on a business trip. Jane and Chris quickly connected with Kathy's House through Ryan's doctors at Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin. It did not take long for them to find common ground with other guests. Jane says, "The kindness of the staff and the other people, the patients and the caregivers here are so sweet. It's really a community, for health and mental health. Everyone has their own story."



Ka Vang, Ripon, WI

Ka and Chan Vang spent several months in Kathy's House following Ka's discharge from Froedtert Hospital. The Ripon, Wis. couple particularly enjoy the well-equipped community kitchen, where they prepare homemade meals. "I love that we can cook," says Ka. "Eating out is very expensive." They also value the proximity to Froedtert, which allows them to spend more time together. They are glad to have made friends in the House, too. Ka says, "It's nice to know a couple people that are going through the same thing I am."





Kathy's House is a **National Model of Care**, which incorporates the Eight Dimensions of Wellness as defined by the US Department of Health & Human Services.

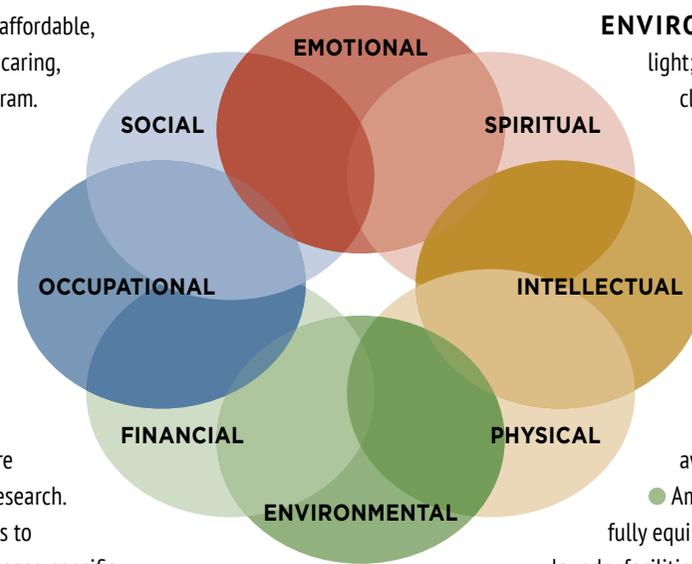


EMOTIONAL ● A comfortable, affordable, homelike setting. ● Compassionate, caring, experienced staff. ● Pet therapy program.

SPIRITUAL ● Non-denominational spiritual support program. ● Meditation room.

INTELLECTUAL ● Collaboration with medical professionals to advance best practices for patient and caregiver wellness. Participation in the national Healthcare Hospitality Network's repository of research. ● Health resource center with access to computers, where guests can find disease-specific medical and wellness information.

PHYSICAL ● Close proximity to advanced medical care and trials; dedicated space for contracted clinical services (such as blood draws) for patients staying at the House. Separate guest wing with two-room kitchenette suites for immunocompromised patients. ● Fitness center and 1/2 mile walking path.



ENVIRONMENTAL ● Abundant natural light; infection control ventilation; highly cleanable flooring, furniture and fixtures.

● Professional-grade cleaning products and practices. ● Solar panels to minimize costs and environmental impact.

FINANCIAL ● Affordable lodging to help alleviate the financial burden often associated with medical crises. No one is turned away because of inability to pay.

● Amenities include home-cooked meals, fully equipped kitchen, access to food staples, laundry facilities, complimentary shuttle service to hospitals, clinics, appointments, pharmacies, grocery stores.

OCCUPATIONAL ● Library and business center. ● Complimentary Wi-Fi.

SOCIAL ● A mutually supportive community offering both social interaction and privacy. ● Common living areas, shared kitchen, private bedrooms create "a place to feel normal" during stressful times.

OUR WISHLIST

Kathy's House is open 365 days a year and serves up to 3,000 guests annually. Check out our Wishlist to see our high priority needs. Thank you for giving items to maintain a clean and safe environment for our guests. <https://bit.ly/kh-wishlist>



TO CONTRIBUTE

Donate online, or mail your check directly to: Kathy's House | c/o Family Program | 9101 W. Doyle Avenue | Milwaukee, WI 53226

TO VOLUNTEER

Learn more about volunteer opportunities at <https://kathys-house.org/volunteer/>

Thank you for supporting our "home away from home."

CONTACT US

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We are located on the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center campus, footsteps from Froedtert Hospital.

"Kathy's House is a game changer for improving health equity in our region. Patients and families facing serious health conditions can access lifesaving care regardless of geography, income barriers or lack of other resources."

Dr. Malika Siker, Associate Professor of Radiation Oncology, Associate Dean of Student Inclusion and Diversity, Medical College of Wisconsin

