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Kevin Guest House Partners with KeyBank for Their Neighbors Make The Difference Day

BUFFALO, NY – April 30, 2012 – In the spirit of our Western New York community’s tradition of giving to our neighbors, a local KeyBank branch has selected Kevin Guest House as the charity to benefit from their annual Neighbors Make The Difference® project. This day, which promotes volunteerism and giving back to the communities they serve, will take place on Tuesday, May 22, 2012. While many of the area branches will close their doors to allow senior management, managers, and staff to come together in groups to go to work as community servants, there are some branches that will need to remain open for business. The Key branch on North French and Transit Road in Amherst is one of them. In place of going out into the community, the branch has chosen to support Kevin Guest House by holding a two-week long collection of wish list items for the house, commencing on Monday, May 7th and running through May 22nd. “We give back because we strongly believe in our community and it is always heartening to see the positive impact of our activities in the places where we live, work, and conduct business.” says Marie Hare, Vice President of Philanthropy and Civic Affairs at Key.

Kevin Guest House, celebrating 40 years of service this year, is a beautifully restored Victorian built in 1867 and located at 782 Ellicott Street in the heart of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus. Kevin Guest House provides comfort, support and affordable accommodations for patients, outpatients and their loved ones traveling to Buffalo for medical treatment. Claudia and Cyril Garvey founded KGH in memory of their son Kevin, who died of leukemia in 1972. The Garveys had come to Buffalo from their home in Sharon, Pennsylvania so that their 13 year old son Kevin could receive treatment at Roswell Park Cancer Institute. While they could afford to stay in a hotel, they met other families who had no choice but to sleep in their cars or the hallways of the hospitals while supporting their loved one. Out of love and admiration for their young son and the recognized need for comfortable, affordable lodging close to Buffalo’s outstanding medical facilities, Mr. and Mrs. Garvey purchased 782 Ellicott Street and Kevin Guest House was born. Little did they realize that they were pioneers. Kevin Guest House was the very first of its kind, serving as a model for other like houses, so that those in need all over the country could benefit from the Garvey family vision.

40 years later, with the addition of the Blue Brick Apartments and Carriage House that house bone marrow transplant patients from Roswell Park, along with the impressive expansion and development of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, Kevin Guest House serves 1,200 families each year. “During our 40 years of service, Kevin Guest House has never relied on the government to support our mission or those we serve. Truthfully, it is our generous community, donors, board of directors and volunteers that helps us to remain stable and relevant in our service.” maintains

Executive Director, Wayne Zimmerman. “As we commemorate our Ruby Anniversary on July 26, 2012 in our Healing Garden, we celebrate our success. We celebrate the joys of those who have survived and remember those we have lost. We are humble, we are strong and we are committed to another 40 years.”

For additional information about Kevin Guest House, to become a donor or volunteer, contact Pamela Chrzanowski, Development Specialist, at (716)882-1818, visit us on Facebook or our website at www.kevinguesthouse.org.

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