



# Kathy's House

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## Kathy's House Welcomes John Balzer and Tina Curtis to Board

Kathy's House, a hospital hospitality house located in Wauwatosa, recently welcomed two Froedtert Health leaders: John A Balzer, Vice President of Facility Development and Tina Curtis, Executive Director, Clinical Cancer Services.

John Balzer joined Froedtert Hospital in 1980 and has brought his "logical not lavish" philosophy to all the many facilities he has built or expanded for Froedtert Hospital and Froedtert Health during his long tenure. He and his team at Froedtert Health will provide construction management for the new Kathy's House at 92<sup>nd</sup> Street and Doyne Avenue scheduled to begin later this year. John earned a Master of Science in Engineering Management, specializing in construction management, construction finance and construction law from the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

Tina Curtis has served as the Executive Director, Clinical Cancer Services for Froedtert Hospital since 2017. She is responsible for the overall operations of the Clinical Cancer Center that provides more than 285,000 outpatient visits and guiding a team of oncology leaders responsible for more the 250 full time equivalent staff. Tina received her Doctorate of Nursing Practice, Healthcare Systems Leadership as well as earning a master's degrees in Nursing and Business Administration from Marquette University. Her intimate knowledge of the needs of cancer patients is of particular value to the Board as more than 85% of guests at Kathy's House are cancer patients or family members supporting a cancer patient.

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Kathy's House is here for families when they need it most, during a medical crisis that brings them to Milwaukee from out of the area. Since 2001, Kathy's House has helped more than 9000 out of town patients and families to access medical care in Milwaukee by proving affordable lodging and caring support. Research has found that patients who have family nearby have better outcomes. It currently offers 18 private suites, communal dining room, living room, computer stations and a fully equipped kitchen. For more information go to [www.kathys-house.org](http://www.kathys-house.org).