Mission Statement
Malachi House, created out of a Christian sense of ministry, serves persons who are terminally ill, without regard to gender, race, religion or national origin and without cost to the resident or family. This home ministers to individuals who need an available caregiver, who have limited or no financial resources and are in need of special home care in the final stages of life. Our trained staff and volunteers provide spiritual, emotional and physical support with the assistance of a hospice team.

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In 1987, St. Malachi Parish received four row houses. It was decided they were to become a home for the terminally ill. It was the vision and unending compassion of Father Paul Hritz, who dedicated his ministry to those most in need.

The Challenges

Each of the houses had to be completely renovated, transforming four row houses into a single home.

“Whichever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it.”

~ Goethe

“LOVE ONE ANOTHER”

This gospel command, set as an example by Father Paul Hritz, was etched in the cement of the original Malachi House parking lot and is practiced daily.
FUNDING

Dave O’Neill, husband of Malachi House co-founder Kaki, introduced Malachi House to The F.J. O’Neill Foundation, which then provided substantial seed money. Tom Sullivan and other family members introduced Kaki to Cleveland community leaders, legal experts, foundations, individuals and corporations. All were on board with a belief in this idea.

“NO MONEY, NO PROGRAM!”

To really appreciate the wonderful ministry that Catherine “Kaki” Sullivan O’Neill and the late Father Paul Hritz founded, you have to visit the chapel at Malachi House and count the hundreds and hundreds of stars on the walls and ceiling, each of which represent an individual who passed this life with the love and dignity they would not have had if not for this remarkable organization.

~ Thomas C. Sullivan, Chairman Emeritus, RPM International Inc.

I am well aware of the good Malachi House does. The volunteers who give end-of-life peace and dignity to the poor are amazing.

~ Patrick F. McCartan, Retired Managing Partner, Jones Day

The first endowment efforts were led by Tom Sullivan and Patrick McCartan.

With the help of the Cleveland community, legal issues had to be resolved. This involved extensive legal counsel with lawyers, state representatives, state senators and experts from the Department of Health in Ohio. A new category of care was created – a home for those most in need. With no prototype to follow, Malachi House pioneered the first hospice home of its kind in the United States.
In the late 1990s, in order to better accommodate our waiting list, and because of our successful fundraising efforts, Malachi House was able to expand by adding five more resident rooms with bathrooms and a larger chapel. But with fifteen rooms, the city codes demanded more parking spaces. A house across the street from Malachi House was purchased, torn down and a parking lot was created to meet city codes.

In order to provide for added services, more staffing and additional budget increases, a second Capital Campaign, led by Kaki O’Neill, was successfully completed. During this time, a new strategic plan was implemented to review the strengths and weaknesses of Malachi House and cultivate those strengths.

Mabel was a young mother from Jamaica. She found herself in Cleveland, away from family, when she was in need of treatment. Unfortunately, she became too ill to return to her home. Mabel came to love Malachi House and those who cared for her. But the food at Malachi House was a different story! Mabel longed for her Jamaican food. As she began her decline, we reached out to a local restaurant that was honored to generously provide a large Jamaican meal for Mabel. It was her last meal. She died peacefully two days later with her children at the bedside. Such a blessing for all of us to provide food for the body and for the soul.

Ziggy was 90 years old, a survivor of the Holocaust, fiercely independent and lived alone—until a motor vehicle accident brought him to Malachi House. Ziggy slowly began to accept our help and, as we came to know him and love him, he taught us all many lessons. Most important was our realization that often the most beautiful people we have known have found their way out of the depths of suffering and loss to emerge as a joyful reminder of the resilience of the human spirit.
The volunteers are the heart of Malachi House, working without recognition or financial gain, and coming from all walks of life:

- Students and youth groups under the supervision of our Volunteer Coordinator
- Academic community focusing on life’s journey
- Legal community working through city and state codes, creating a new category of care
- Business and corporate communities providing financial and volunteer support
- Foundations
- Healthcare community interns from nursing and medical residents

...on a personal note:

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My journey and work at Malachi House has enriched my life more than I can say.

~ Kaki O’Neill

If the house could speak, I think it would be happy. Even though it’s old, it will have a new look, a new life.

~ Tom Marrill, Volunteer, 1987

The end of a journey will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time.

~ T.S. Elliot

Thank you, Father Paul.

I personally believe Father Paul continues to watch over Malachi House, as he always did. This is evident by our new, dynamic Executive Director Judy Ghazoul Hilow. She possesses all the qualities Father Paul most admired: loving concern for those in need, attention to details, joyful ways, problem solving, great listening skills and strict attention to the mission statement.

Thank you Father Paul, Judy, the wonderful staff, residents, volunteers and attentive board members.

Kaki O’Neill

Father Paul Hritz saying mass for the residents at Malachi House, 1988

Father Paul Hritz and Kaki O’Neill presenting volunteer certificates after orientation, 1988

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It is with great joy and pride that we honor our co-founder, Catherine “Kaki” O’Neill, for her service and dedication to Malachi House at our 30th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, November 4, 2017, at the Cleveland Museum of Art. We are also grateful for our Gala Chair, Paul Clark, PNC Regional President, and our Gala committee for their dedication and commitment to Malachi House. A heartfelt thanks to our incredible staff, countless volunteers and donors. It is because of your generosity we are able to provide quality care to our residents in an environment of dignity, compassion and comfort.

Judy Ghazoul Hilow
Executive Director

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This award, given to an individual who exemplifies service and commitment to Malachi House, was awarded to Joseph C. Granzier on September 15, 2017, by Kaki O’Neill at our annual meeting.

Joe has served Malachi House since 1992, when he and Tony Shaker (retired Malachi House board member) founded both the Krusty’s event on Whiskey Island for young adults and the Annual Golf Outing in 1995 to benefit Malachi House.

Both of these events have introduced countless individuals to the mission of Malachi House and collectively raised more than $1,000,000.

Joe has been on the Malachi House Board for 19 years. He was also the chair of the Investment Committee, which oversees the Malachi House endowment, for 12 years and has been on the Executive Committee for five years. Currently, Joe serves as the Board Chair.

Joe has been married to his beautiful wife, Mellissa, for 15 years, and they have four children: Ava, Mia, Joey and Maxx. He holds a position with AXA Advisor’s as a financial consultant, focusing on individual/family wealth management and corporate retirement plans.

It gives me great pleasure to present this most deserving award to Joe, a Malachi House treasure.

~ Kaki O’Neill

Joe Lee is a partner at The Riverside Company, a private equity firm headquartered in Cleveland, where he has worked for more than 11 years. Riverside is a leading middle market firm focused on making control and non-control investments in growing businesses.

Joe has had the pleasure to serve on the Malachi House Board for more than 22 years, currently serving as the Vice-Chairperson and Governance Committee Chair, and having previously served on the Finance and Development Committees.

Joe is married to Caroline and has three children: Christian, Jacqueline and Pilar. Christian is a graduate of St. Ignatius High School and is currently a freshman at The University of Notre Dame. Jacqueline is a sophomore at Magnificat High School, and Pilar is a 7th grader at Ruffing Montessori. Joe and Caroline are members of St. Angela’s Parish in Fairview Park.

“Malachi House is an incredible gift to the greater Cleveland community. Through the leadership of founders Kaki O’Neill and Fr. Paul Hritz, I have had a front-row seat to the amazing ministry that is Malachi House. I consider it an honor to serve such an inspiring group of dedicated staff and volunteers that make Malachi House such a special home for so many in need.”

~ Joseph Lee
Co-Founders
Fr. Paul Hritz (1923-2013)
Catherine “Kaki” O’Neill

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December 2017
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December 1, 2017
Lights for Life Event

February 2, 2018
Merry Ploughboys Concert

March 2018
March Newsletter

April/May 2018
Annual Appeal

June 2018
Annual Malachi House Open,
Copper River Salmon Run – Pier W

July 2018
July Newsletter, 3rd Annual Associate Board
Summer Social, Christmas in July Program

August 2018
Volunteer Appreciation Social,
Staff Appreciation Picnic

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