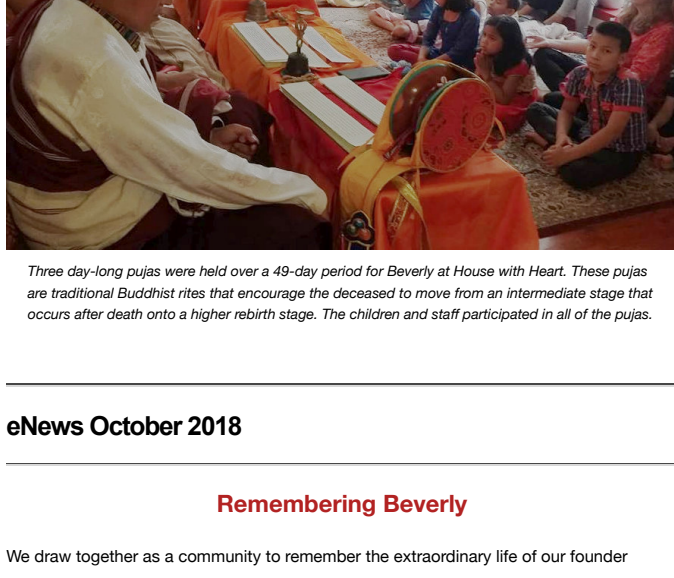


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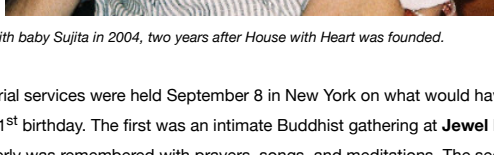
Three day-long pujas were held over a 49-day period for Beverly at House with Heart. These pujas are traditional Buddhist rites that encourage the deceased to move from an intermediate stage that occurs after death onto a higher rebirth stage. The children and staff participated in all of the pujas.

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Remembering Beverly

We draw together as a community to remember the extraordinary life of our founder Beverly Bronson, who died on Mother's Day, May 13, 2018. Her worldwide circle of family, friends, House with Heart staff, and supporters mourn for her.

This is the first eNews published since Beverly's death. We'll highlight the memorials held in her honor, share some uplifting news about continuing her legacy, and tell you a bit about how the children are remembering her and dealing with her death. **We ask that you [give generously](#) during this period of transition.**



Beverly with baby Sujita in 2004, two years after House with Heart was founded.

Two memorial services were held September 8 in New York on what would have been Beverly's 71st birthday. The first was an intimate Buddhist gathering at **Jewel Heart**, where Beverly was remembered with prayers, songs, and meditations. The second was a celebration of her life held at **Dixon Place**.

Thank you to everyone who orchestrated the Dixon Place celebration and to **Ellie Covan**, who provided the space. Family members and friends shared touching memories that covered every aspect of Beverly's multifaceted life. There were also moving performances of music, dance and poetry. We were honored to have House with Heart representatives speak, including our board chair **Colleen Boland**, HwH daughter **Manu**, and **Aarti Shah**, a U.K. friend and longtime HwH supporter. [Listen here.](#)



House with Heart daughter, **Manu**, shared memories of Beverly Mummy on behalf of all of the children. Manu is a nursing student at the Community College of Vermont. Photo Credit: Jackie Rudin.

Georgie Palmer, Beverly's sister, offered a far-ranging look at Bev's life including how she got her start in charity work by performing with the family band, the Accordion Keynotes, which raised funds for nonprofits under the management of their father. **Madeleine Olnek** talked about Bev's work in the New York theater scene, from writing a play about her own life to creating sets that elevated the work of women playwrights.



A shrine for Beverly includes her ashes at her shop, *A Repeat Performance in the East Village*.

Longtime friend and business partner **Sharon Jane Smith** presented a poignant musical portrait of Bev as a compassionate and tough shop owner in New York's East Village, where she helped those in need and staved off early 1980s mobsters who looked to extort her for protection. Bev's three grandchildren participated in the memorial, including a dance performance by her youngest grandchild. After watching HwH's son Babu's video, "Oh Mother," friends and family were ushered out of the theater by a bagpiper, where they continued to share memories at a reception, generously provisioned by **Rivka Orlin** from **Mogador**, **Paula Perlis** from **Taste It Presents**, and others.

Beverly's ardent wish was to have House with Heart continue to prosper and grow after she was gone. **Please [help keep our programs operating with your gift today.](#)**

Generous Gift to Complete 2nd House Ensures Beverly's Legacy



Anne Portess made a generous gift of \$50,000 in memory of **Harry Bonanno** to complete the construction of the second house, paving the way for the next step in House with Heart's growth.

It is with deep gratitude that we announce **Anne Portess**, a dedicated supporter from Australia, donated \$50,000 in memory of her longtime partner **Harry Bonanno** to complete the construction of the second house. It is particularly moving that, although Harry never had children of his own, he will be helping so many of them with this gift.

Harry was a sugar cane farmer of Sicilian heritage, who went into agri-politics, serving as the chairman for the national canegrowers organization in Australia. Anne and Harry met when they both served on a government task force.

Anne's generosity is the final step in making our Founder Beverly Bronson's dream of building a second house a reality. We are so grateful to her and all of the donors to the capital campaign. This generous gift from Anne and Harry will cover the cost overruns that occurred due to significant increases in materials costs after the 2015 earthquakes.

We'll keep you updated on Facebook about progress on the new building.

Report from the House



This photo was taken after a ceremony, where the older children hung a favorite picture of Beverly Mummy, along with a commitment they wanted to make to her.

Board member **Nicola Hayward** is back at the House, and she sends us this report:

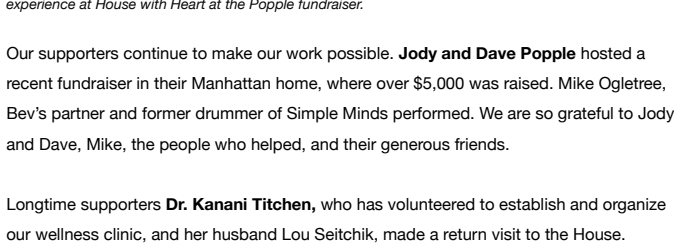
The children, staff, and I gathered to watch the video of Mummy's U.S. memorial service. We cried, and laughed and delighted in the photos and stories.

The children are remembering Beverly on their own ways. They share stories about her often. Her picture is on our living room wall, taped by bedsides, and put under pillows or between the pages of favorite books, along with copies of her goodbye letter. Yellow and orange flowers—Beverly's favorite—grow in her memory in our garden. The children have made a list of "Mummy's Do's and Don'ts." *Do: help and guide each other, fight injustice, follow your dreams. Don't: lie, fight with each, or neglect your studies.*

The older children say that they can't believe she's gone. That it still feels like she is in New York and will be back soon. This month is the first Dashain (the biggest holiday of the Nepal year) without Beverly. It is a difficult time for the children, but they are as she would want them to be—brave, healthy, and carrying on.

As Beverly said to them in her letter, "I hope you know I would be there if I could be. Sickness is a part of life, as you all know. As is death. And you must learn not to be afraid. Love helps us all."

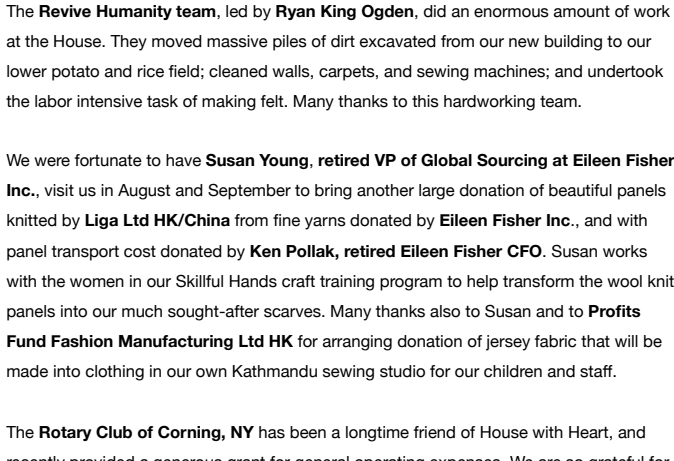
Visitors & Supporters



Jody Poppel (standing, second from right) and **Beatriz Vides** (standing, far right) speak about their experience at House with Heart at the Poppel fundraiser.

Our supporters continue to make our work possible. **Jody and Dave Poppel** hosted a recent fundraiser in their Manhattan home, where over \$5,000 was raised. **Mike Ogletree**, Bev's partner and former drummer of Simple Minds performed. We are so grateful to Jody and Dave, Mike, the people who helped, and their generous friends.

Longtime supporters **Dr. Kanani Titchen**, who has volunteered to establish and organize our wellness clinic, and her husband **Lou Seitchik**, made a return visit to the House. Kanani did a community medical needs assessment and continued to build relationships with local medical practitioners. While there, she examined our children, updated the electronic medical records she created for them, and taught hygiene and menstrual health workshops at our children's school.



The children enjoyed their time with the energetic **Revive Humanity Team**.

The **Revive Humanity** team, led by **Ryan King Ogden**, did an enormous amount of work at the House. They moved massive piles of dirt excavated from our new building to our lower potato; cleaned walls, carpets, and sewing machines; and undertook the labor intensive task of making felt. Many thanks to this hardworking team.

We were fortunate to have **Susan Young**, retired VP of **Global Sourcing at Eileen Fisher Inc.**, visit us in August and September to bring another large donation of beautiful panels knit by **Liga Ltd HK/China** from fine yarns donated by **Eileen Fisher Inc.**, and with panel transport cost donated by **Ken Pollak**, retired **Eileen Fisher CFO**. Susan works with the women in our Skillful Hands craft training program to help transform the wool knit panels into our much sought-after scarves. Many thanks also to Susan and to **Profits Fund Fashion Manufacturing Ltd HK** for arranging donation of jersey fabric that will be made into clothing in our own Kathmandu sewing studio for our children and staff.

The **Rotary Club of Corning, NY** has been a longtime friend of House with Heart, and recently provided a generous grant for general operating expenses. We are so grateful for their continued support. Grants towards our operating expenses help ensure that we can sustain our work and increase our outreach.

Artist **Apolline Bokkerink** visited and painted two beautiful murals. She also taught our kids arts and crafts and gave a workshop at our children's school, Shangri-La, which our children attend. Samista Auntie found her to be a great help with the little kids, and the big kids were very excited when she took them all to the movies.

We thank **Maggie Nalbandian** and her mom, **Lesley**, for bringing donated clothes and new toothbrushes from Maggie's local community in northern California. Maggie's daughter **Sahara** is organizing a clothing drive for our kids back in Australia.

Jill Greenbaum visited the House to teach the kids a meditative art practice called Tentangle. The kids had a great time making beautiful and surprising designs with the patterns she showed them.

We are so grateful for the continuing support of our sponsors **Queen of Falafel** and **House of Yes** in Brooklyn. A special thanks goes to **Rivka Orlin** and **Ilan Telmont**.

New Board Member

We are pleased to announce the addition of **Adam Thorburn**, a freelance writer and theater artist, to our board of directors as treasurer. He worked for many years for our former long-time fiscal sponsor, the Candy Jernigan Foundation for the Arts, and has

provided pro bono financial management since we gained our 501(c)(3) status. Adam is a great addition to the board. He brings a new energy and expertise during this time of transition.

Here is how you can help.

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