# Cottage Door

Townshend, Vermont

Spring 2015

# Who You Gonna Call?

#### Resource Advocate Jane Wheeler, That's Who!

Thanks to a grant from the Fanny Holt Ames and Edna Louise Holt

Fund, Grace Cottage's patients and also families in southeastern Vermont now have access to the free services of a Resource Advocate. Jane Wheeler has been



in this position for over a year here at Grace Cottage, and during this time she's helped over 500 area residents. Working in partnership with Grace Cottage's Community Health Team (see right), Jane works with patients to find the help they need to enroll for health insurance (including Vermont's Health Connect), as well as helping to identify resources for prescription, food, utility, housing and fuel assistance. Call Jane at 802-365-3770 for more information.

# PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL HOME

**EAMWORK.** It's important in sports, and it's vital in medicine too. Grace Cottage Hospital has been working hard to develop a strong team approach for your health care and has been awarded Level 2 Certification as a Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) for its efforts. This recognition by the National Committee of Quality Assurance means Grace Cottage has gone the extra mile to meet rigorous national guidelines.

How does this work for you? A team approach means your doctor can offer you even more resources to help you meet your healthcare goals. Grace Cottage's Community Health Team includes skilled health care professionals who specialize in chronic disease management, mental health, nutrition and exercise programs, substance abuse issues, and medication management. While still overseeing your individualized care management plan, your doctor refers you to members of this team for more intensive counseling, education, and support. These services are offered free of charge to all Grace Cottage patients.

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Medical providers across the country are realizing the benefits of Patient-Centered Medical Home status. To learn more about Grace Cottage's Community Health Team, ask your provider. If you see a doctor elsewhere, ask about his/her PCMH status.

#### Dr. John Daly Returns to Grace Cottage



Urologist Dr. John Daly is now scheduling patient appointments at Grace Cottage Family Health. A graduate of Boston University School of Medicine, Dr. Daly also trained at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, MA, at Harvard 5th Surgical Service at Boston City Hospital, and at Mass General. A board-certified urologist since 1979, Dr. Daly had a longtime practice in Brattleboro, and also practiced at Grace Cottage in the 1990s. "I am happy to return to Grace Cottage, where medical care continues

to keep its human face, and where caring is #1," said Dr. Daly.



Dr. Kimona Alin reviews an inpatient's EKG with RN Andrew Semegram.

# What is a Hospitalist?

**THIS PAST SUMMER,** Grace Cottage Hospital's physicians designed and implemented a hospitalist program that has been highly successful, according to Grace Cottage's doctors, nurses, and patients. Dr. Kimona Alin, Dr. Ewa Arnold, Dr. Maurice Geurts, Dr. Moss Linder, and Dr. Timothy Shafer each take a one-week rotation, during which their primary responsibility is caring for patients who have been admitted to Grace Cottage Hospital. According to Chief Medical Officer Chris Schmidt, "In the past, our physicians were juggling hospital, ER, and clinic patients, and their time, energy, and effort were divided among these three areas. Now our providers can focus on either the clinic, the ER, or the hospital, depending upon where they're working with patients at that particular time. This leads to better continuity of care in all areas, and we're very pleased with how it's working for our patients."

# Small Community Hospital Stands Prepared A Message

I never cease to be amazed by the professionalism and dedication of Grace Cottage Hospital's employees, and I have been very impressed by several recent events when many staff members went way above and beyond patient care.



SAFETY: Mental health issues are as pervasive in rural Vermont as anywhere else, and we have had to face the realities of today's world. We have had to lock down the hospital twice in the last six months when threats were made by patients and/ or visitors in the Emergency Room. Employees handled these incidents calmly and professionally, and both lockdowns were learning experiences. We now have a contracted security officer on duty at night in the hospital, a step that will help to ensure the safety of patients and staff.

**EBOLA PREPAREDNESS:** Vermont has been ranked among the nation's best prepared states to manage severe disease outbreaks and contain their spread, according to the Trust for America's Health and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (Maryland, Massachusetts, Virginia, and Tennessee tied with Vermont for the top score). Thanks to the hard work of many employees, Grace Cottage has procedures and protocols in place to deal with Ebola should an outbreak occur here.

**EVACUATION HELP:** This New Year's Eve, the unthinkable happened when a sprinkler pipe burst at 7:15 p.m. at Valley Cares, Townshend's assisted living facility. Over 40 residents had to be evacuated, and 10 were brought to Grace Cottage so that they could spend the night in a warm bed. Several key Grace Cottage employees were called in to help the staff on duty, and everything flowed seamlessly in the face of an emergency on a night when temperatures averaged 9 degrees. All Valley Cares residents are fine and have returned to their apartments or are staying with family until the water damage can be repaired.

Grace Cottage stands ready for whatever 2015 may bring. We thank our supportive community and our devoted employees for enabling us to go above and beyond whenever a situation arises that calls for our help.

# Three New Members Elected to Hospital Board

Lexa Clark of Jamaica, VT, Martha Dale of Londonderry, VT, and Cheryl Sanctuary of Acworth, NH, were all elected to the Grace Cottage Hospital Board of Trustees in November.

Clark served for almost 25 years as the Deputy Clerk at Windham Superior Court in Newfane. She



Cheryl Sanctuary, Martha Dale, and Lexa Clark

has chaired the Jamaica Selectboard since 2007, and was Captain of the Jamaica Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department for 30 years, as well as Treasurer for EMS District #13.

Dale most recently worked for the Yale Global Health Leadership Institute after a career in non-profit health care management in Connecticut. At Yale, Dale was the Director of China Programs for GHLI, where she was the director of the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Women: The Yale-Tsinghua Certificate Program in International Healthcare Management, Beijing. She maintains a lectureship position at the Yale School of Public Health.

Sanctuary, BSN, RN, MA, has worked in the medical field for over 20 years as a Chief Operating Officer (COO), director, practice manager, and registered nurse. Prior to becoming the COO at Sojourns Community Health Clinic in Westminster, VT, she was the Chief of Practice Operations for Springfield Medical Care Systems in VT (Springfield Hospital).

"We are excited to welcome these new members to the board," said Grace Cottage CEO Roger Allbee. "They bring a fresh perspective and different backgrounds. I know that their service will provide tremendous benefits to Grace Cottage Hospital and our mission in going beyond patient care."

After a 23-year tenure, Deborah Boyle, Senior Vice President at People's United Bank, retired from the Grace Cottage Hospital Board. She served as President, VP, and Treasurer at various times during her volunteer service to Grace Cottage. "Deb has been an extraordinary board member, and we greatly appreciate her leadership and ongoing commitment to health care," said Allbee.

## A grateful patient writes:

I just spent a week at Grace Cottage after being released from Dartmouth – I arrived at Grace Cottage and felt like I was home. All the staff are extra nice and work hard to make you better. If I am sick, Grace Cottage is where I want to be. Thank you!

> Catherine Dauchy JAMAICA, VT

Roger Allbee, CEO

# Wishes Granted...

- On Giving Tuesday, 46 Grace Cottage supporters answered our Facebook, e-mail, and website appeal for a new Ambuascope (flexible intubation tube) for the ER. The goal of \$3,500 was raised by 11:22 a.m. and so many donations kept arriving that sufficient additional funds were raised to purchase a \$1,255 Suture Kit for the ER. Almost 25% of all Giving Tuesday donors were Grace Cottage Hospital employees!
- Ken & Ellie Lemire donated the funds to purchase two-handled mugs for hospital inpatients.



Darlene Clark, Licensed Practical Nurse, gave two thumbs up at her retirement party at Grace Cottage in November. Her advice? "Get up each morning and come to work full of joy, loving what you do." Darlene has been at Grace Cottage for 25 years, and she will be greatly missed.

- Dr. Renee Bergner made a gift for the purchase of an armless stool with anti-microbial vinyl for the Diagnostic Imaging Department.
- Margaret Bernache made a contribution for the purchase of a flat surface toasting grill; Bill & Dorothy Doyle donated the funds to purchase a heavy-weight frying pan in honor of Greg Dean; Robert & Lois Barnard made a gift for the purchase of saucepans; and Paul & Dona Robinson donated the funds to purchase a set of three airpots for coffee and a rack for condiments, all for the Dietary Department.
- John & Sue Eastwood donated the funds for a Critikon Dinamap for the reading of vital signs in inpatient Rehab, and a Cystoscope for use by Grace Cottage Urologist Dr. John Daly.
- Lisa's Love Charitable Association donated the funds for deluxe walkers and TV remotes with pillow speakers for hospital patients.
- Jacqueline Sharwell donated the funds to purchase arm rests for stroke patients in wheelchairs.
- Dr. Marvin & Connie Wool made a donation for the purchase of an arterial/venous training arm for Nursing Education.
- Pollio Family Foundation donated the funds to purchase a blood culture analyzer for the Laboratory.

### A grateful patient writes:

I have worked in five hospitals in three states and I cannot get over how lucky we all are to have this little jewel of a 19-bed cottage hospital right here in southern Vermont. I had my left knee replacement rehab there five years ago and volunteered in the Social Work Department for close to two years for the incomparable Carol Vandertuin. I just had my right knee replacement rehab there a month ago. The place blows me away! The newer nurses have slipped into place and seem to belong to the ethos of the place. If you have ever been to, or worked in, a big hospital, you understand. This is a very SPECIAL experience at Grace Cottage Hospital. ??

> Claudette Hollenbeck Wilmington,VT

# Wishes Made...

- The Dietary Department needs assorted muffin pans, \$47; and a set of two rustproof wall shelves for the dish room, \$226.
- Inpatient rehab needs a specialized walker for patients rehabilitating from a stroke. \$284.
- Housekeeping needs a heavy-duty industrial vacuum cleaner. \$500.
- A box of tools specific to dental emergencies would be helpful to the ER staff. \$500.
- The ER staff needs a Stryker 940 cast cutter with safety guard. \$1,632.
- Grace Cottage Family Health is in need of one additional patient examination table. \$2,000.
- Outpatient Rehab therapists need a Theratouch machine to accelerate patient healing. \$4,165.
- ER, Lab, and hospital patients would all benefit from an Accuvein, an illumination device that lights up veins for patients whose veins are challenging to find. \$4,500.

Grace Cottage's Wish List is updated monthly on our website, at www.gracecottage.org, or call (802) 365-9109 for more information.



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The mission of Grace Cottage Hospital is to provide excellence in health care and wellbeing, putting people first. The vision for the future is to be the standard for patient care.



#### Spring into Health 5K

Grace Cottage's sixth annual Spring into Health 5K will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 9, beginning and ending at the Townshend Common. Runners, walkers, sprinters, and strollers are all welcome, \$15 for adults, \$10 for children for those who pre-register before midnight on Wednesday, May 7; \$20 for adults and \$15 for children to register at the event. Registration forms are available now at www.gracecottage.org/events. The popular Free Fun Run for children ages 8 and under will begin at 9:15 a.m. on the Common. The first 150 participants to register will receive a free running shirt, designed by a Leland & Gray student. Questions? Call 802-365-9109.



Grace Cottage Hospital recently hosted two breakfasts for many area legislators, to help inform them about issues that impact small, rural hospitals in general and Grace Cottage Hospital in particular. The discussion was animated and informative for all.

# Sixth Annual Tee It Up for Health

Cottage's sixth annual *Tee It* 

Up for Health, sponsored by The Hermitage Club at Haystack Mountain and The Richards Group, will be held on Saturday, June 13, at The Hermitage



Golf Club at Haystack Mountain in Wilmington, VT. Tee off time will be 1 p.m. Registration, which includes greens fees, cart, lunch, dinner, logo-wear, golf balls, and contests, is \$150 per golfer. One of the teams participating in last year's event said that it was "without a doubt the best golf tournament ever!" All proceeds benefit Grace Cottage Hospital's Patient Care Fund. Go to



www.gracecottage.org/events for more information and to register, but do it soon, as registration will close on Sunday, June 7, and is limited to the first 128 golfers who sign up. Don't have a team? We'll match you up!

#### **GRACE COTTAGE INCREASES ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

**GRACE COTTAGE HOSPITAL** and Green Lantern Group have entered into an agreement to collaborate on a 500 kilowatt community solar array, to be operational early this year. The electricity generated by this array, located in Pittsford, VT, will serve the main Grace Cottage Hospital buildings, generating significant savings for the hospital over the twenty-year term of the agreement.

"The economic, environmental, and social benefits from projects such as this are meaningful for our hospital and for our community," said Roger Allbee, Grace Cottage's CEO. "This project with Green Lantern will provide most of Grace Cottage's annual power needs, thereby reducing our annual operating budget, and it fits perfectly with our goal to work towards environmental sustainability in all of our operations."

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In another move towards energy efficiency, Grace Cottage Hospital was able to replace all light fixtures and bulbs with LED lights during the past two months. This \$60,000 project was made possible by funding from a very generous Grace Cottage donor and a grant from Efficiency Vermont.

# **AUXILIARY NEWS**

# 65TH ANNUAL HOSPITAL FAIR DAY

**ET READY** for the biggest, best Hospital Fair Day yet, on Saturday, August 1st, on the Townshend Common. Free admission, free parking, 22 bargain booths, entertainment, foods of all types, fun for all ages. Many area

residents and visitors arrange their annual family reunions around this event year after year, so if you've never been, come find out what you've been missing all these years!

Auction and household items are already being collected, including a 1995 Lincoln Town Car and a handmade dollhouse. Save the date, and if you're interested in volunteering anytime between now and August 1st, call 802-365-9992 or e-mail me at lauras9992@svcable.net.



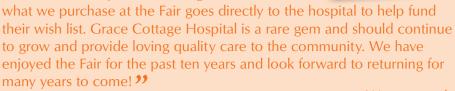
– Laura Smith President, Grace Cottage Auxiliary & Fair Day Chairperson

# GRACE COTTAGE HOSPITAL FAIR DAY

**Generation BOUT TEN YEARS AGO** my husband and I with my girlfriend and her husband 'stumbled' onto the annual Grace Cottage Fair. We were driving through Vermont and there it was....a wonderful little Fair on a Green of an idyllic Vermont village complete with gazebo and B&B's! That day our plans didn't allow us more than a brief stop. That was all it took to get us 'hooked' on the Grace Cottage Fair. We live in Syracuse,

NY and have since made it our annual vacation trip with our friends who are from Latham, NY. We love everything about the Fair especially the interaction with the hospital doctors, nurses, staff and volunteers. You couldn't ask for more dedicated, enthusiastic, kind people. Our day includes all of the events, White Elephant, Auction (my day is spent there), art show, food tents, plant sale and the wonderful chicken barbeque.

We can't think of a better way to spend our vacation. It is very heartwarming to know that



Warm regards, Theresa and Paul Wrobel Jean and Ray Webster Syracuse, NY



# Tour de Grace

THE 10TH ANNUAL *TOUR DE GRACE* bicycle ride (17.7 miles, mostly downhill, from Stratton to Grace Cottage Hospital) will be held on Saturday, July 11. Last year's family-friendly event was the best ever, riders agreed, especially the mini cinnamon rolls provided at the Jamaica rest stop by the Three Mountain Inn! The first 100 participants to register will receive a free shirt. \$25 registration in advance; \$30 after midnight on July 8th. For more information go to www.gracecottage.org/events.

## A grateful patient writes:

I thank the entire staff for their wonderful care during my stay. Your skill and kindness to me as patient were truly appreciated and I have missed your care and friendship since returning home. I am a walking advertisement for Grace Cottage Hospital, spreading its reputation in mid-coast Maine. Thank you all for your skill and commitment your patients.<sup>39</sup>

Sally Carignan Brunswick, ME

#### A grateful patient writes:

I can't speak highly enough of Grace Cottage. You should be so proud of what you all do. Doctors, nurses, even the kitchen staff, everyone is so marvelous, and I tell everyone I know. ??

> *Julie Merrigan* Brattleboro, VT

#### Grateful patients write:

Grace Cottage's ER staff is so kind, so quick in taking care of patients, and so reassuring and gentle. Our doctors, Moss Linder, Maurice Geurts, and Ewa Arnold, are amazing people and care for us in the most professional and personal way. How lucky can we get?

> Marion Dowling & Sidney Johnson Newfane, VT

#### DUMMERSTON COMMUNITY CHEST



Six members of the Dummerston Community Chest joined Grace Cottage employees for lunch and a comprehensive tour, in thanks for their many years of contributions that they have raised and donated to Grace Cottage for patient care. Front row: Margaret Evans, Art Benedict. Back row: Bob Evans, Janet Duke, Charles Ranney, Pamela McFadden.

#### A grateful patient writes:

"What a wonderful place to recover. I had so much attention and so much good care! "

> Chuck Ratte Saxtons River, VT

# FOUNDATION WELCOMES NEW TEAM MEMBER

SHEILA SCHEUERMAN has joined Grace Cottage Hospital as Development & Community Relations Manager, effective October 1st. "Sheila's been a wonderful addition to our team," said Andrea Seaton, Executive Director of Grace Cottage Foundation. "She's been working closely with C.J. King and me on all aspects of Foundation activities, including fundraising and marketing. She will be

spearheading the hospital's upcoming Community Health Needs Assessment, our Cabin Fever Auction, other events, and Grace Cottage's social media presence."

Sheila and her husband, Jeff Karlin, recently moved to Townshend from Charleston, SC, where she was a professor at the Charleston School of Law. Prior to her academic life, Sheila practiced law with Arnold & Porter LLP in Washington, D.C. Sheila's father, Bill Scheuerman, was a long-time Townshend resident and Grace Cottage supporter.

"I saw firsthand that Grace Cottage goes beyond patient care



during my father's hospital stays. I became a fan of Grace Cottage when I saw the personal care and attention that every doctor, nurse, and staff member provided to my Dad when he was a patient," she stated. "Jeff and I fell in love with Vermont, and I

was excited at the opportunity to join Grace Cottage Hospital. It is such a vital part of the Townshend community, and I believe in its mission."

Sheila earned her B.A. from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA, her J.D. from Washington University in St. Louis, and her LL.M. from Temple University Beasley School of Law in Philadelphia. She is a licensed attorney in Washington, D.C. and Missouri.

# The Gift of Giving

#### Dan & Peg Arguimbau

"In 1988, our family was on vacation at Townshend Cottages and our children (then 6 and 8) were playing catch when our daughter misjudged a flyball and it came down on her eye. We headed to Grace Cottage Hospital, where Dr. Shafer scooped our little girl up into his arms to comfort her. After he x-rayed her,

Dr. Shafer stayed with us until he was sure that all was fine. It was such a calming experience for us and left such an impression that we have continued to support Grace Cottage every year. The unbelievable thing is, every time, we receive a wonderful thank you note. For the amount of our donation, bigger hospitals would never even bother. This summer, when we stopped to meet the author of these notes, she took us for a quick visit to Dr. Shafer, in almost the exact same place in the building that we were 27 years ago! We assured Dr. Shafer that, as paperwork seems to take over purpose and passion for the job, his way of caring matters to many, many people over many, many years.

We plan to continue supporting all the wonderful employees at Grace Cottage, in hopes that they can continue their good work for many years to come."

Peg & Dan Arguimbau Sharon, MA

#### GIFT IN MEMORY OF TOWNSHEND LISTERS:

Effie Chamberlin, Luigi Folsom, Howard Lott, Merrill Redfield, Bob Schreiner, Janet Stowell, Joan Zully

#### GIFTS WERE RECENTLY RECEIVED IN HONOR OF:

Aging Gracefully **\*** Dan Arguimbau Dr. Ewa Arnold \* Dr. Robert Backus Nelson & Charlotte Bond Rita Chadwick **&** Darlene Clark Greg Dean & Barry & Marie Fornuto Grace Cottage Hospital Employees Dr. Maurice Geurts Ian & Liz Harrison Marieke Lewis & Jason Brock Dr. Moss Linder Father Francis MacMahon Louise McDevitt & Galen Pinkham David Plants **\*** Andrea Seaton Andrew Semegram  $\diamond$  Dr. Timothy Shafer Wardsboro Rescue David Williams Marguerite Wyman

Grace Cottage Hospital & Grace Cottage Foundation are 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations. The mission of Grace Cottage Foundation is to raise funds on behalf of Grace Cottage Hospital.

> Donations to Grace Cottage Foundation are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. Grace Cottage Foundation's Federal Tax ID # is: 03-0343282.

Donations may be made by cash, credit card, check, stocks, bonds, or other tangible assets. Call Andrea Seaton, Executive Director, at (802) 365-9109.

An audit of Grace Cottage Hospital & Grace Cottage Foundation is available upon request.

#### ♦ Memorial Gifts ♦

Donations have been received between September 15, 2014, and January 1, 2015 in memory of the following individuals: David Abolafia 🗞 Victor Agostini 🗞 Richard Albert 🗞 Harlan & Jessie Allbee Alwin Ameden & Kjell Anker & Gene & Marie Avenia & Frances Baldvins Chris Ballou & Russ Barber & Margaret Barry & Mollie Beattie & Raoul Bedard Priscilla Booth Behnken 🚸 Cecil Bills 🚸 Stanley & Margaret Bills 🚸 Edwin Bristol Arthur & Gladys Brooks **\*** Irene Brooks **\*** Mike Brooks **\*** Mort Brooks Roy & Margaret Brooks & Clarence Brown, Jr. & Eugene Brown & Gladys Brown Dr. Robert Bruen 🗞 Dennis Butchko 🛠 Susan Capanelli 🛠 Francis Capen Charlene Clayton Carey & Effie Chamberlin & Nancy Chard & Adele Citarella Raymond Clayton & Chris Coleman & Phil Coleman & Harry & Luella Conklin Neva Corse & Wendell Covey & Dorothy Coyle & Miriam Crispe & John Daigle Audrey Davis & Dr. Forbes Delany & Richard Dexter & John Dittrich Bonnie Dowley & Ken & Stella Dowley & John & Geraldine Easton Marjorie Eginton 🚸 Don Elliott 🚸 Brian Evans 🚸 Bryan & Ruby Evans Doug & Alice Evans & Edith Field & Nat & Irene Fillow & Jean Pratt Fisher Kenneth Flynn 🚸 Marion Fontaine 🚸 Nelson Fontaine 🚸 Mary Evans Fox John & Dorothy Fornuto 🚸 Sheila Friedli 🚸 Bertha Frothingham 🚸 Ellis Greenwood Val & Betty Guimond **&** Richard Haas **&** William Haley **&** Louise Hickey Florence Hicks & George Holden, Jr. & George & Thelma Holden & Luetta Holden Herbert & Louise Howard & Edward Hurley & Silver Husky & Arnold Judd, Jr. Arnold & Claire Judd & Eda Kent & Carlton (Pug) Kenyon & Willard Kenyon Melba Harlan King & Dorothy Kingsley & Don Kissel & Beatrice Taub Kleppner Otto & Beatrice Kleppner & Charles & Ruth Knights & Joseph Kohout Barbara Koval 💠 Gerda Krajewski 💠 Warren Kronemeyer 🔶 Norman Lake Jack Lambert & Beverly Landman & Richard Lapan & Merrill Lawrence & Don Leigh Wesley Liebeler 🚸 Barbara Litchfield 🚸 Howard Lott 🚸 Jamis Lott 🚸 Steve Lott David Lowe 💠 Eleanor Lowe 💠 Warren Lutz 💠 Jack & Ruth Lyman 💠 Lois MacArthur Helen Dexter MacDonald & Taylor MacDonald & Gertrude MacDougall Freda Maggio 🚸 Dr. Bill & Joan Martin 🚸 Gary Martin 🚸 Larry Martin Lucille Martin & Lester & Susan Mayer & Barbara McMennamin & Frances Melis Ray Merrigan & Frank & Betty Merrill & Hans & Mary Meyer & Carolyn Moon Florence Moore & Kathleen Moore & Connie Nelson & Tom Nicholson Lisa Young Noble & Herbert & Evangeline Osborn & Dr. Carlos & Ruth Otis Lore Parks 🚸 Marion Parks 🚸 Phyllis Patrick 🚸 Jeremy Paulus 🚸 Charles ("Red)" Pearson Neil & Ruth Pelsue \* Kim Perry \* Iver Peterson \* Oliver Iver & Esther Peterson Oliver Peterson & Irene Phelps & Gordon Phillips & Edward Piascik & Earl Pickering Barbara Pinkham & Oscar & Bernadette Plumley & Richard Plunkett & Eli Prouty Jim Quillard 🚸 Betty Radens 🚸 Gerhardt Rast 🚸 Joseph Reagan 🚸 Connie Redford Lois Penner Riley 🚸 Frank Russ 🚸 Marguerite Ryan 🚸 Henry (Hank) Sanders June Schlachman & Patricia Seaton & Robert Short & Rose Marie Short Anne Slater 🚸 Barbara Slocum 🚸 Mildred Smith 🚸 Susan Smith 🚸 Elizabeth Sorensen Eric & Gertrude Spafford & Elizabeth Spencer & Olin Stephens & Della Stowell Janet Stowell & Catherine N. Stratton & Jakov & Iva Sucic & John Temple Swing Donna Taft 🗞 Lillian Thayer 🗞 Dr. Harry Trask 🛠 Dr. Jim & Dr. Marjorie Trousdell Cecile Vachon & Mary Towne Veysey & Dr. Bill Wallace & Euphemia Wallace Henry Wallstein & Alan & Barbara Webster & Leonard & Bernice Welch Harold (Bud) Wenker & Mona West & Bill & Barbara Wilson George & Jean Winston & Jane Worden & Joyce Wright & Richard Zahacewski We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of these loved ones, and our appreciation to those who have given in their memories. When memorial gifts are received by Grace Cottage Hospital, the donor is thanked, and the next of kin is notified of the gift. (The amount given is never divulged.)

#### A grateful patient writes:

To all you dear, wonderful people at Grace Cottage:

THANK YOU!!! for saving my life on Tuesday, August 12th. Thank you for getting me to Baystate Hospital in Springfield, MA. You all did an amazing job. I am now back in Connecticut almost 100% better.

You should all be very proud of your professional skills. I am. I have been blessed.<sup>29</sup>

> Judith G. Martindale BLOOMFIELD, CT



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## GRACE COTTAGE HOSPITAL'S "CABIN FEVER ONLINE AUCTION"!

**IRED OF WINTER?** Would you rather dream of warm Caribbean beaches or summer baseball games? Check out the annual Grace Cottage Hospital Online Auction: www.32auctions.com/gracecottagehospital. This annual event benefits Grace Cottage's Patient Care Fund, which helps the hospital to provide free care to those lacking adequate resources. Auction items include 7 nights accommodations at St. James Club in St. Lucia, tickets to the Flynn Center in Burlington or the Lyric Stage in Boston, a South African Photo Safari



for two, Red Sox tickets, unique items by Vermont artisans, mention in an Archer Mayor book, and much, much more!

We are excited to feature a "Made in Vermont" category this year. This new category includes hand-crafted works by local Vermont artisans, such as Caryn King Studio, Edel



This wonderful giclee print of "Amelia" by Caryn King is mounted on an elegant 6"x6" wood painter's panel.



Baby Boy Gift Collection donated by Mary Meyer Toys.

Byrne Art Glass, Halladays Harvest Barn, Blake Hill Farms, and many more!

The auction closes on Sunday, March 1st at 9:00 p.m. Register and start bidding now, and "thank you" in advance on behalf of all the patients who depend on this small community hospital that is the heart of health care here in the hills and valleys of southeastern Vermont.