

“Your hospital is like an oasis in a bleak wilderness.”

*Lyle Frink,
Vernon, VT*



“The care, compassion, kindness, and personal attention that I received were far beyond that which I could ever have imagined.”

*Bill Quaine,
Grafton, VT*



“We all have many roads we travel. Mine has had a lot of stays in hospitals. I am pleased to say that of all the places I’ve been on my journey, Grace Cottage is without question the best!”

*Gary O’Neal,
Ashuelot, NH*



“To all you dear, wonderful people at Grace Cottage, THANK YOU for saving my life on August 12th!”

*Judy Martindale,
Bloomfield, CT*



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The body of a health care network functions much like the human body, needing a healthy, competent brain, a good heart, able limbs, and adequate blood to carry oxygen and nutrients to all parts of the system.

During the past year, the corpus of Grace Cottage Hospital has revitalized in multiple significant ways, under the kind, competent, capable leadership of Roger Allbee, the energized Board of Directors and, most importantly, by all who work and volunteer here. Every person in every corner of the system rose up to help us, including our generous supporters.

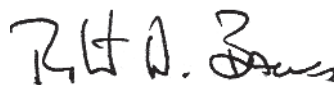
We are healthy financially; our provider network is growing; retention and ongoing education for all staff remains a key priority; and serving those who bless us by coming here is our enduring purpose.

The Grace Cottage Hospital Board, employees, and volunteers are working on such major ideas as: developing a Center for Aging Gracefully; bringing in telemedicine and appropriate electronic technology that facilitates excellence in care in all areas of Grace Cottage; and developing a service network to work with all of the existing groups in Windham County that help to keep people in their homes. With sufficient funding, these programs can be developed and would be a perfect fit for us and for all residents of one of the oldest counties in the country (including the author of this letter). As well, we must continue to attract the brightest and the most dedicated employees to our little hospital with the big heart.

We are on the cusp of something wonderful here. We are small, nimble, well led, and willing to expand into areas of ‘new medicine’ that are appropriate and very useful to our patients. Your financial support is critical to our mission, even more so now, as we stand on the cusp of something quite remarkable. We will thrive with a “can do” spirit and your support of Grace Cottage.

Bless you and thank you for helping us to help our community.

Sincerely,



Bob Backus, Rural Family Doctor