

Generous Pledge Received for New Clinic Building



Southern Vermont Engineering is completing a topographical map of the Grace Cottage campus, in preparation for the new clinic building. Surveyor Pete Hanas conducted his work throughout winter weather.

Thanks to an extremely generous pledge from the Pollio Family Foundation of Grafton, restricted for construction of a new building for Grace Cottage Family Health, we're working hard to make this long-held dream a reality.

"The Pollios' deep commitment and tremendous generosity is truly transformative for Grace Cottage," said President & CEO Doug DiVello. "This

\$5 million pledge gets us started on what will be a very exciting and pivotal project for patient care. It will greatly increase efficiency and privacy for our patients, and will help ensure that we're able to continue to provide top-quality primary care."

Currently located in two houses that were built as private homes during the mid-1800s, Grace Cottage Family Health has been bursting at the seams for decades. With 13 medical professionals conducting over 20,000 patient visits per year in these two connected houses, the buildings have evolved over the years into a thriving primary care facility, after having been the original Grace Cottage Hospital and Stratton House Nursing Home for decades. The structures are showing their the effects of advancing age and heavy use!

Thanks to the Pollios' gift, initial planning for the new clinic has begun and the healthcare architecture firm Lavallee Brensinger was selected to design the project. An application will be submitted to Vermont's Green Mountain Care Board for a Certificate of Need and an Act 250 Land Use and Development Review will follow, along with a Capital Campaign to raise the substantial additional funds needed. It will be 2023, at the earliest, before a shovel is put into the ground. Preliminary drawings locate the new building to the north of the current Grace Cottage Family Health buildings.

"We want Grace Cottage to be the best it can be," said Joe and Terry Pollio when they made the pledge in September. "We hope that this new clinic will ensure top-quality medical care for everyone in this area for generations to come."

A grateful patient writes:

"We are so grateful for your caring staff and the wonderful care my husband received!,"

— Mary Stockwell, Brattleboro, VT

Juliette Carr Joins Grace Cottage

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Juliette Carr has joined Grace Cottage Family Health and is accepting new patients.



Carr holds a Master of Science-FNP degree from Georgetown University and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is Board Certified as an FNP and as a Maternal & Newborn RN. In addition, she is a Registered Herbalist with the American Herbalists Guild and holds an LGBTQ+ SafeZone Certification. She provides gender-focused, holistic care to adults and children.

In addition to seeing patients for general primary care and family medicine, Carr also has a subspecialty in Integrative Medicine and is a nationally recognized speaker and writer on holistic medicine. She is Co-Chair of the American Nurses Association of Vermont's Legislative Advocacy Committee and is a member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing. She is the recipient of both a Southern Vermont "Emerging Leader Award" and a "Rising Stars Award for Top 40 under 40" for community service in 2021.

Before joining Grace Cottage, Carr worked as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst College of Nursing and as an RN at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital.

Carr says that, "Working at Grace Cottage allows me to serve my neighbors as part of the best primary care team in Windham County, which is a wonderful feeling."

Carr lives on a farm in South Newfane with her family. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, gardening and skiing.

Welcome Back, Dr. Jesper Brickley



Dr. Jesper Brickley is planning to return to Grace Cottage after three years of running his own practice in Townshend and Brattleboro. A native of Billings, Montana, he attended The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, and New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Portland, Maine. He received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree at Western University of Health

Science in Pomona, California, and he completed his residency at Rose Family Medicine in Denver, Colorado.

Dr. Brickley and his wife, Cara, who owns Cara Wolff Jewelry in Brattleboro, have two children. He enjoys skiing and mountain biking. He will be initially working in Grace Cottage's Emergency Department, and he will begin seeing patients again at Grace Cottage Family Health in June.

A Word From the CEO

Despite the current massive flare-up of Omicron, I am very optimistic that 2022 will be a better year in terms of the pandemic. Historically, pandemics have ended after two waves of transmission, each wave having less severe impact, in terms of hospitalizations and deaths, than the prior. We have been through two waves. Pandemics burn themselves out when the virus has trouble finding “willing” hosts.

Having said this though, COVID will be with us for the rest of our lives. Just like the common cold or the flu, this virus will become endemic. We are now in the transition phase between the pandemic and the endemic. Meanwhile, we must continue to adjust and pivot as we learn how to live with this most recent virus, gradually and very cautiously resuming pre-pandemic activities.

The only thing that’s certain about this pandemic is uncertainty and it can be incredibly frustrating and exhausting to navigate through the constant changes in our day-to-day lives, making decisions about what to do and what not to do, constantly factoring in the beliefs and viewpoints of others who may not agree with what we’re doing (whether they think that we’re being too cautious or not cautious enough). All of this is stressful. How do we safely maneuver through all of this?

The word that comes immediately to mind (perhaps because of where I work!) is GRACE. If we all strive for grace under pressure (Ernest Hemingway’s definition of “courage”) during 2022, we’ll be better off,

and so will those near to us.

I bring this up because, as we enter year three of the pandemic, frontline workers, including healthcare professionals, store clerks and cashiers, police, fire and rescue workers have experienced pandemic-fueled anger from those they are trying to help. Taking one’s frustration and anger out on those who cannot remain safely at home only adds to angst, and solves nothing.

It may be helpful to put this pandemic into historical perspective. Those born at the turn of the last century lived through WWI and the Spanish Flu epidemic during their teenage years, the Great Depression during their late 20’s and early 30’s, WWII during their early 40’s, the Korean War during their 50’s, and the Vietnam War and the Cuban Missile Crisis during their 60’s. This too, like all of these other major events, shall pass. Take a deep breath. Be kind. Be graceful.

— Doug DiVello, President & CEO

Grace Cottage CEO Doug DiVello e-mails an informative Message to the Community once a month. To receive this communication, send an e-mail to info@gracecottage.org with the subject line “Add me to your Message to the Community.”



Sarah Vangel Joins Grace Cottage Hospital Board



The Board of Trustees of Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital is pleased to welcome attorney Sarah Biolsi Vangel to the Board. A native of Brookline, VT, Vangel attended Leland & Gray Middle/High School, and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Wheaton College in Norton, MA. She began her legal career as a paralegal at Fisher &

Fisher Law Offices in Brattleboro before attending Western New England Law School, where she received her Juris Doctor in 2009. After clerking in Bennington Superior Court, she was a partner at Kramer & Vangel focusing on real estate law, litigation, probate, and

criminal defense matters. Vangel was appointed to the Vermont Ethics Commission in 2018 and joined the law firm of Costello, Valente & Gentry, PC in 2020.

Vangel lives in Townshend with her husband and two young daughters. Her hobbies (in what precious free time she has aside from being a lawyer and a mom!) include skiing, running, yoga, reading, and “enjoying the outdoors in this beautiful state we live in.”

“Grace Cottage was my healthcare provider throughout my childhood and has always served my family and me well,” said Vangel. “I look forward to being able to contribute to the future of Grace Cottage, such a valuable asset to our community, by my service on the board.”

Wendell Perkins Joins Grace Cottage Foundation Board

The Grace Cottage Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Wendell Perkins has joined the Board.

After attending the University of Warwick in Coventry, England, Perkins graduated with a BA from Colby College. In 1992, he received his MBA in Finance from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation from the CFA Institute in 1995.

Perkins began his career as an Equity Trader at an investment firm in Portland, ME. He then worked as a Credit Analyst at Westinghouse Credit Corp. in Chicago, then was a Quantitative Analyst for the State of Wisconsin Investment Board. He was the Founder and Principal Owner of Optique Capital Management in Milwaukee from 1997-2011 and advisor to the Johnson Foundation at Wingspread. He was Senior Managing Director and Senior

Portfolio Manager at Manulife Investment Management in Boston, MA, until his retirement in 2019.

Perkins and his husband Mark O’Meara, a Registered Nurse at Grace Cottage, own a farm in Andover, VT, where they tend sheep, poultry, rabbits and honeybees.

“As an investment professional, I have worked with numerous foundation boards over the years. I am very pleased to be able to add my expertise to that of the other Foundation Board members in overseeing the investment of Grace Cottage’s Endowment Funds,” said Perkins. “This is a wonderful opportunity to serve an outstanding organization.”



A grateful patient writes:

“I just love everything about Grace Cottage. Everyone is so personable and professional. I can’t say enough good things. Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital is absolutely the best.” — Jackie Gaines, Gaines Farm, Guilford, VT

Grace Cottage employees gathered outside the hospital this fall, in support of our LGBTQ+ community. Grace Cottage's Equity Team consists of Grace Cottage Physicians, Physician Assistants, Family Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, support staff, community members Scott Heller and Dave King of Frog Meadow Farm in Newfane, and JoAnne Blanchard of West River Valley Assisted Living.



#GIVINGTUESDAY

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our GivingTuesday campaign on Tuesday, November 30th the most successful ever! Generous donations totaling \$50,998 from 110 supporters (in 12 states!) will go toward the construction of a new portico to cover the Emergency Department entrance and an updated admittance area designed to ensure patient privacy and improve security and efficiency. We hope you never need our Emergency Department, but we're here if you do, thanks to support such as this! We'll keep you informed of the progress of this project; we're currently working on the new design with Environments for Health Architecture (E4H).

New Kosmos Ultrasound



Thanks to the generosity of Peter & Nina Klein and John & Sue Eastwood, Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital has a new state-of-the-art ultrasound. Although primarily housed in the Emergency Department, this very portable unit can be used in the clinic and hospital as well. "We're thrilled about this piece of equipment," said Chief Medical Officer Dr. George Terwilliger. "It's being used to diagnose cardiac, abdominal, lung, and bone issues, and we've even used it to perform echocardiograms. The quicker we can make a diagnosis, the quicker we can get a patient to the appropriate level of care, whether it's here or elsewhere. The fact that we are now able to have technology that would have been available only at major medical centers 10 years ago is mind-boggling!"

Phil Schafer, Emergency Department Physician Assistant, was among the many Grace Cottage providers who received two days of in-house training on the new Kosmos ultrasound in December.

♥ Wishes Granted...

- Heather Prescott made a donation for the purchase of a heavy-duty steam cleaner for the Housekeeping Department and a new infrared thermometer for the Dietary Department.
- Norm & Carol Pacun made a donation for the purchase of wall-mounted diagnostic equipment for Grace Cottage Family Health.
- Jean Danilow, Peter & Patty Saunders, and Dan Holt donated the funds for the purchase of a plasma freezer for the inpatient laboratory.
- David & Stephanie Boyer, Victoria Kohler, and Elliott & Pam Greenblott made a donation toward the purchase of an ultrasound and cart for the Outpatient Rehabilitation Department.
- Lynne Carey and Michael Gardner donated the funds for the purchase of Alimed treatment stools for the Rehabilitation Department and an over-the-bed table for hospital inpatient use.
- John & Susan Eastwood and Peter & Nina Klein made a donation for the purchase of a new ultrasound for the Emergency Department.
- Elliott & Pam Greenblott made a donation for the purchase of a variety of equipment needed by the Outpatient Rehabilitation Department.
- The Brattleboro Women's Golf Association made a donation for the care of patients in Grace Cottage's Hospice Suite.
- Stacie Brooks made a donation for Hospice care.

♥ Wishes Made...

- The Dietary Department is in need of a dish/tray caddy. \$985.
- New sturdy waiting room chairs are needed for Dr. Shafer's waiting room and the mental health waiting room. Three are needed at \$280 each.
- Jumbo and regular-size bolsters for physical therapy are needed by the Outpatient Rehab Department. \$185.
- The Housekeeping Department is keeping us sparkling clean, but they need a new Shark Rocket Stick Vacuum Cleaner, \$150, and a 6-bushel laundry cart \$705.
- The Outpatient Rehab needs a total body trainer. \$4,815.

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

Grateful patients write:

"We can sincerely say that all of our visits to your ER have been above excellent, from start to finish."
— Stuart & Ellen Archambault, Londonderry, VT

"Grace Cottage has very kind and compassionate staff!"
— Gretchen Hartmann, Grafton, VT & Blue Hill, ME

Tee It Up for Health Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 11, Haystack Golf Club in Wilmington

We'll be "back at the 'Stack'" this year ~ Haystack Golf Club, which offers a classic layout with beautiful greens and breathtaking scenery. Many of our golfers return to this fun event year after year, and new golfers are always welcome! Funds raised at this 13th Annual Tee It Up For Health Golf Tournament will benefit Grace Cottage's Emergency Department renovations.



DATE: Saturday, June 11, 2022; noon Shotgun Start

LOCATION:
Haystack Golf Club
70 Spyglass Lane
Wilmington, VT 05363

REGISTRATION: \$150 per golfer / \$600 per team includes greens fees, several contests, cart, golf balls, box lunch, and awards dinner.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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- Silver Sponsor (\$1,000, includes flag, hole sign, one free golfer, lunch & dinner, logo wear, publicity)
- Hole Sponsor (\$500, includes flag, hole sign, and publicity)
- Bronze Sponsor (\$250, includes flag and publicity)
- Flag Sponsor (\$125, includes embroidered flag with your name or business name, displayed at Grace Cottage and then at the event)

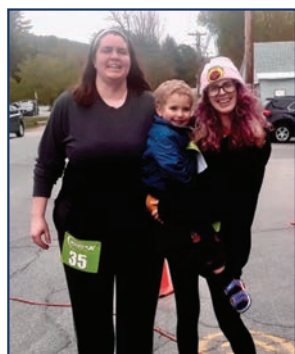
We're grateful to all of our 2021 sponsors, including Event Sponsor, The Richards Group. Sponsorship publicity includes press in the *Brattleboro Reformer* and *The Deerfield Valley News*, and on our event webpage throughout the year. All sponsors are mentioned in our hospital newsletter, *Cottage Door*, which is mailed to more than 7,000 households.

For more information, visit our website at gracecottage.org; call 802-365-9109; or e-mail info@gracecottage.org.

13th Annual Spring Into Health 5k

Are you dreaming of Spring? We are, and looking forward to our 13th annual *Spring into Health 5K* on Saturday, May 7th. Last year's hybrid event allowed participants to opt to run, walk, roll, or stroll their 5K in person with staggered start times for safety; or at a time and place of their own choosing. So many participants liked the flexibility that we've decided to offer the option again!

Registration, whether virtual or (if we're able) in person, is \$15 per participant (children under the age of 18 are free), and registration is open now, at gracecottage.org/events. Stay tuned to Grace Cottage's website and Facebook page for more details!



Jennifer Matheson and her daughter, Corrin Broussard, joined the fun with their grandson/son.



Michelle Knapp and her horse, Mesa completed a virtual 5K from their home in Townshend, VT.

Gearing Up for Tour de Grace 2022

The 17th Annual *Tour de Grace* will be held on Saturday, June 25 and will, we hope, mark a return to our traditional scenic 19-mile ride from Stratton Mountain to Grace Cottage.

The \$30 advance registration per rider (or \$40 after June 22nd) includes a *Tour de Grace* performance t-shirt (for the first 100 registrants), four wonderful rest stops along the way, refreshments, a bus ride back up the mountain (or park at Grace Cottage and reserve an early spot on a bus to the starting point), beautiful scenery, great camaraderie, and fabulous outdoor exercise (although it is mostly downhill!) on what we hope will be a beautiful summer day. Riders start at Stratton anytime between 8-10 a.m. (it's not a race, but a rally), and the ride generally takes about 90 minutes or less.

It's a wonderful event for the entire family; riders ranged in age from 3 to 75 last year! Visit gracecottage.org/events for more information and to register.

"Everything was so well organized and I learned about trails I didn't even know existed!" said 2021 rider Annie Bessette. "It was perfect!"



Meg Gonzalez, Sandra Superchi and Tonya Maurer.

A grateful patient writes:

"I received the best care in your ER!! I loved how thorough the provider was with my tests and treatment. I felt that every concern of mine was very well taken care of. Thank you!" — *Michelle Vicary*, East Dover, VT

72ND ANNUAL FAIR DAY

Saturday, August 6, 2022

Townshend Common, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Free Admission | Free Parking | Free Entertainment

We are optimistic that a full Hospital Fair Day will be possible this summer on August 6, so please mark your calendars! We rely on our Annual Hospital Fair Day to raise funds for crucial items at Grace Cottage. And although the last two Hospital Fair Days were all or mostly virtual due to the pandemic, your generosity helped us make important infrastructure improvements throughout our facility and purchase six new Stryker hospital beds!

The success of Hospital Fair Day depends on donated items. Do you have any of the following to share?

- **Books:** Fiction or nonfiction in good condition; hardcover or paperback. No textbooks or encyclopedias, please.
- **Cars/Trucks/Motorcycles/Boats:** these always generate a lot of interest and money for the hospital.
- **Furniture:** large and small, in good condition for the Auction. Chairs, tables, bookcases, armoires, desks, bedframes, etc. No mattresses or upholstered furniture, please.
- **White Elephant Items:** Dishes, bric-a-brac, decorative items, kitchen goods, glassware, Christmas decorations.
- **Jewelry:** Fine or costume. Necklaces, rings, watches, bracelets; also hats, purses, scarves, wallets.
- **Toys and Sporting Goods:** in good condition.
- **Plants:** Annuals and perennials.

Beyond raising much-needed funds, Hospital Fair Day is a chance to bask in the warmth and happiness of being together—seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

We've missed this most of all.
Want to get involved? Fair Day is only possible because of many volunteers of all ages.

For more information about Fair Day items or how you can get involved, call Eileen Fahey at 802-365-4030 or e-mail thequeenoftownshend@gmail.com.



A Charitable Gift from Your IRA

Have you considered supporting Grace Cottage from your IRA? You will be in great company; in 2021, Grace Cottage received almost \$55,000 from generous supporters who saved money by giving it away!

If you are age 72 or older, the IRS mandates that you must take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA each year, which can result in higher taxes. To avoid the taxes of this extra income, you may instead make a tax-free gift directly to a qualified charity, like Grace Cottage.

And although the required distribution doesn't kick in until age 72, you may start giving from your IRA as early as age 70 ½ years. Your IRA administrator can help you roll over some or all of your RMD to Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital (Tax ID 03-0177161).

Make a difference for our patients today, and save on taxes at the same time. You'll feel great knowing that your IRA distribution is helping this little hospital with the big heart. For more information, call Andrea or Charma at 802-365-9109.



USDA/BDCC Grant Funding Received

Grace Cottage has been awarded a \$5,095 U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Facilities Technical Assistance grant by the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC). The BDCC Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program is designed to help qualified projects and applicants with project development and management, and to prepare them to apply for USDA Community Facilities project loans and grants.

This Technical Assistance grant will be used toward the cost of architectural fees for Grace Cottage's Emergency Department redesign.



(l to r) Jennifer Fitch, Commissioner of VT Department of Buildings and General Services, Grace Cottage Grant Writer C.J. King, and Vermont Governor Phil Scott at the award ceremony on the Statehouse steps in December.

Grace Cottage Receives VT BGS Grant

The Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services "Building Communities" awarded Grace Cottage an \$18,900 grant toward the cost of significant upgrades made to the sidewalk in front of the Grace Cottage Family Health Clinic.

The grant allowed Grace Cottage to replace a narrow asphalt sidewalk that was in need of repair with a safer concrete sidewalk that meets current Federal handicap-accessibility standards. In addition to being wider, the new sidewalk also has an attractive concrete and stone retaining wall which provides outdoor seating while patients wait for their rides. Recessed lighting along the length of the wall was included for increased nighttime visibility.

Evans Construction and the Grace Cottage Maintenance Department completed the work on the project in November. Additional funding for this project was contributed by the Irwin & Dorothy Nessel Foundation and an anonymous donor.

Efficiency Vermont Awards Grant

Efficiency Vermont has awarded Grace Cottage a \$10,000 grant toward the installation of mini-split heating and cooling systems in the Community Wellness Center/Heins Building. The remainder of the funding for this project came from a generous distribution from the Harry Wolff Trust.

Efficiency Vermont estimates that this project will save approximately \$2,960 per year (at current energy rates), which represents a savings of 18,250 kWh of electricity, and 20,371 pounds of carbon emissions per year.



A grateful patient writes:

"The biggest 'Thank You' for once again rehabbing another of my joints. Without help from the best Physical Therapists in southern VT, I would not be able to return to my favorite water sports. When asked how I've recovered so well, I always say that the physical therapists, assistants, and the office staff at Grace Cottage are the best around, encouraging and taking a genuine interest in getting you back to living your life fully."

— Margaret Carusona, Townshend, VT

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Call Andrea Seaton or Charma Bonanno at (802) 365-9109.

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Memorial Gifts

Donations have been received between September 1 and January 4 in memory of the following individuals:

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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, the donor is thanked, and the next of kin is notified of the gift. (The amount given is never divulged.)

A grateful patient writes:

"As my husband and I recuperate from COVID, we are grateful for Grace Cottage and the remarkable care we have received from the beginning of the pandemic: accessible, well-organized vaccinations replete with apple juice during wait-time; available, accessible PCR tests; and, most recently, extraordinary follow-up to our positive tests. We couldn't be in better hands! While this bout is no walk in the park, neither are we intubated and connected to a ventilator because we are both fully-vaccinated and boosted, largely thanks to the epic technological advance of the vaccine and the caring patient services at Grace Cottage. We are as well as could ever be hoped for. Many thanks to all at Grace Cottage!"

— *Suzanne Welch*, Grafton, VT



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Grace Cottage's "Cabin Fever" Online Auction February 14-27, 2022 www.32auctions.com/CabinFeverAuction2022

Picture your future self on a vacation at a Caribbean resort or on a South African safari! Or perhaps you're ready to change the view with some new artwork, or a new item for your home. Or maybe you'd like a dinner out this summer.

Grace Cottage's annual Cabin Fever Auction offers over 150 items donated by generous businesses and individuals, with all proceeds benefitting Grace Cottage's Emergency Department.

From 8 a.m. on February 14, until the clock strikes 8:00 p.m. on February 27, you can browse and bid on items for every taste and budget, including treasures you can't buy anywhere else. Auction items range in value from \$20 to priceless, including gift certificates to favorite local restaurants and businesses, overnight stays in area inns, jewelry, gift baskets, jams and syrup, and plenty more! Bid low and get notified when someone outbids you, or "Buy Now" and make it yours right away! Either way, you'll feel good supporting this annual fundraiser, knowing that it's going to help Grace Cottage.

Items are being added through February 14th and beyond. Check out the growing selection at www.32auctions.com/CabinFeverAuction2022 and register to bid so that you can hit the ground bidding on Valentine's Day!



Grateful patients write:

"From the moment we called, to arrival, check-in, and entire treatment, your ER was a wonderful experience. And, unlike other ERs, it wasn't hours of waiting. Very efficient and professional with great care and attention. Despite it being Thanksgiving Day, your staff made me feel important and well cared for. They got me back to my holiday festivities in no time, and my cut healed beautifully. You can't even see a scar!"

— *Hilary Tanner*, Fairfield, CT and Stratton, VT

"Everyone at Grace Cottage is so wonderful. They make you feel very comfortable. When I had surgery in October, I told the people at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center that they shouldn't bother looking anywhere else for my rehab care because I wanted to go to Grace Cottage and nowhere else. This place feels like coming home."

— *Tina Emery-Howe*, Dummerston, VT

"I rate the care given to both myself and my wife in your Emergency Department as top notch! Everyone was professional and took our care personally, as if we were family. The staff is exceptional, knowledgeable, and efficient. A 10 out of 10!"

— *Michael Cariello*,

Riverhead, NY & West Wardsboro, VT