

*Cottage Door

Townshend, Vermont • Spring 2023

Plans for New Clinic Progress

As announced in Cottage Door a year ago, Grace Cottage is working towards building a new clinic building next to the existing Grace Cottage Family Health building, thanks to a \$5 million pledge from Joseph & Elizabeth Pollio of Grafton. With more than 31,000 patient visits annually (up from 20,000 patient visits in 2018), the clinic, located in two adjoining houses built in the 1850s, is bursting at the seams.

During the past year, we have been working diligently on the steps required to make this long-held dream a reality. Following a public bidding process, we selected the healthcare architecture firm of Lavallee Brensinger and, subsequently, Engelberth Construction. Southern Vermont Engineering conducted geotechnical studies in order to help determine the building site, which will be adjacent to the existing clinic building, connecting to the hospital building.

Thanks to extensive feedback from employees who work in the clinic, space and flow needs were identified and incorporated into the interior architectural plans, which are now complete, along with the exterior design for the new 23,000 sq-ft. building.



Architect's rendering of the new Grace Cottage Family Health building.

The next step is the completion and submission of an extensive Certificate of Need (CON) application to Vermont's healthcare regulatory body, the Green Mountain Care Board. After the CON is approved, an Act 250 application will then be submitted to the Vermont Natural Resources Board's District Environmental Commission.

These next steps will take some time, and we will keep you and our entire community informed as this project proceeds.

Welcome Back, Dr. Moss Linder!



We're very pleased to announce that Dr. Moss Linder will be returning to Grace Cottage Family Health in March!

Dr. Moss and Dr. Elizabeth Linder worked at Grace Cottage for 23 years before the couple embarked on a 3-month cross-country bicycle trip in July, 2021, after which they spent the winter in Hawaii. Ultimately deciding that "there's no place like Grace Cottage," Dr. Elizabeth Linder

returned to Grace Cottage Family Health in 2022, seeing patients in our same-day clinic. And having worked elsewhere for a time, Dr. Moss Linder is returning as well; we couldn't be more delighted to have them both back "home" where they belong!

Emergency Department Expansion Underway!



The Emergency Department remains open during construction.

Grace Cottage's Emergency Department will continue to be open 24/7, but we're excited that construction on the muchneeded 17' x 42' expansion began during the first week of January! The temporary ED entrance is now located in the Nessel Pavilion; signage for parking and the new entrance has been erected for the convenience of all patients. We hope that the construction process will proceed without a hitch, and we'll be cutting the ribbon on a newly-expanded Emergency Department in May.

A grateful patient writes:

"I've gotten the very best care of my life, here at Grace Cottage."

— Mary Jane Finnegan,

West Dover, VT



A Word From the CEO

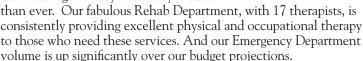
I don't know about you, but it seems to me as if the year 2000 (and all the hoopla over Y2K!) was just a few years ago – and, yet, here we are, already in 2023, just two short years away from finishing the first quarter of the 21st Century!

With a new year comes a new start and, here at Grace Cottage, we are very excited about the upcoming year. We have an intense focus on our mission to keep our patients as healthy as possible and, with the worst of the pandemic behind us, we're looking forward to continuing to move Grace Cottage into the future. We made significant capital improvements during the pandemic, including the addition of TeleEmergency and TeleNeurology services; a portable ultrasound and high-flow nasal cannula for the ED; the installation of new generators; improvements to various buildings on campus, including new heat pump systems, new boilers, and new windows; and many other smaller but significant projects.

Meanwhile, we continue to work towards the realization of the dream of a new Grace Cottage Family Health Clinic building. A Certificate of Need application will be submitted to the Green Mountain Care Board in March, and we will await their decision.

As we continue to look ahead, we're very excited about the longdreamed-of and much-anticipated Emergency Department expansion project. Patient privacy, comfort, and security will all be improved with this addition which will (we hope) be completed by May.

And, last but far from least, we begin 2023 with a full complement of medical providers in our ED, hospital, and clinic. We are accepting new patients in the clinic and, with the closing of two nearby independent pharmacies (Brattleboro Pharmacy and Hotel Pharmacy), our Messenger Valley Pharmacy is busier



We are thankful, here at Grace Cottage, to have come out of the pandemic stronger than ever, looking towards a bright future for our patients, our employees, and the rural community that we serve.

- 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."

Meet Our Emergency Department Team

Actually...we hope you never have to meet these wonderful part-time and full-time medical professionals in our Emergency Department, but they're here, along with our per diem Emergency Department employees if you do need them!

Brittney Book, PA-C

The newest member of our ED team, Book moved from Gaylord, MI to work at Grace Cottage (thanks to recruiting efforts by co-worker Phil Schafer). A graduate of King's College in Wilkes-Barre, PA, she most recently worked at Otsego Memorial Hospital. Her specialty is Emergency Care.



Andrew Semegram, APRN

A graduate of VT Technical College, William Paterson University, and Rutgers University School of Nursing, Semegram has been at Grace Cottage since 2011, first as a Registered Nurse in the hospital and ED. He obtained his Advanced Practice Certification and Master's in 2017.



Josh Rosenblum, PA-C

A graduate of Keene State College and Franklin Pierce University, Rosenblum is a part-time police officer for the Winhall Police Dept., a paramedic/ski patroller for Stratton Mountain Rescue, and a volunteer with the Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad, in addition to working in the Grace Cottage ED.



Rachel Spengler, PA-C

Spengler has worked as an Emergency Medicine Physician Assistant for 30 years. A graduate of the University of Vermont and the Albany-Hudson Physician Assistant Program, she has worked at Albany Memorial Hospital, Springfield Hospital, Mount Ascutney Hospital, and Mountain Sports Medicine at Mount Snow Ski Resort. She is also a



Phil Schafer, PA-C

Schafer moved from Gaylord, MI, to work at Grace Cottage in 2021. A graduate of the Paramedic Program at St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw, and with a certificate of Physician Assistant Studies at Kettering College of Medical Arts in OH, Schafer worked in the ED at Otsego Memorial Hospital and St. Mary's Medical Center in MI.



Benjamin Woodard, NP-C

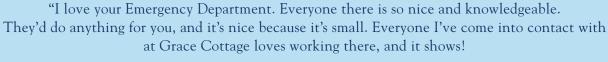
A graduate of Naropa University in CO, Virginia Commonwealth University, Sonoma State University in CA, and Yale University, Woodard has been a nurse practitioner for 9 years, working in rural clinics, primary care, and emergency medicine. He's an assistant professor and Co-



Director of the Rural Health Scholars Program at UMass Medical, and a Fellow of the Academy of Wilderness Medicine.

co-owner/clinician with Emergency Services of New England, Inc.

A grateful patient writes:







Thanks to You, Giving Tuesday Surpasses Goal!

Thanks to 90 generous supporters from 14 states and Canada, our Giving Tuesday campaign on Tuesday, November 29 was the most successful yet! Donations totaling \$71,523.42 took us to an astonishing 143% of our \$50,000 goal. All Giving Tuesday donations are being put towards the expansion of our Emergency Department (see page 1), which we hope will be completed by May.

Legislative Breakfast at Grace Cottage

Our first in-person Legislative Breakfast since 2019 was held in early December. Members of the Windham County delegation, including Representatives Mollie Burke, Leslie Goldman, Emily Long, Kelly Pajala, Laura Sibilia, and Senators Wendy Harrison and Nader Hashim asked many insightful questions and were quite interested in the responses from our Leadership Team. It was a wonderful opportunity for an animated dialogue, and our delegation is very aware of the challenges faced by small, independent hospitals such as Grace Cottage. We are confident that they'll take our message to Montpelier.





Wishes Granted...

- John & Susan Eastwood made a donation for a phlebotomy cart for the Laboratory.
- In loving memory of Lillian & Charlie Slover, their family members made donations for the purchase of five wheelchairs for Grace Cottage Family Health.
- C.J. King made a donation for a measuring wheel for the Rehab Department, in memory of Dawn Franceschetti.
- Richard DeMoll and Mary Ann O'Hara donated the funds for the purchase of two cases of Fiesta plates for the Dietary Department's inpatient use.
- Heather Prescott made a donation for apron bibs for the Dietary Department.
- Lynne Carey and Michael Gardner made a gift for the purchase of a sit-to-stand transfer aid for hospital patients, and for a wide

- variety of supplies for the Rehab Department, Housekeeping, and Dietary, in honor of Kayla Carey Mulready.
- Jill Wolfe made a donation for supplies needed by the Rehab Department, in memory of Bob Wolfe.
- Lisa's Love Charitable Association made a donation for the purchase of materials for the Activities Cart for inpatients, in memory of Lisa Young Noble.
- Robert Gray made a donation for supplies for the Rehab Department.
- An anonymous donor made a gift for the purchase of new heavy-duty pots and pans for the Dietary Department.
- Many generous people made individual donations for our Emergency Department expansion. For a full list, go to gracecottage.org.



Wishes Made...

- The Dietary Department needs a 20-quart stainless steel heavy-duty stockpot with lid. \$85.
- Grace Cottage Family Health needs 7 new exam stools. \$136 each.
- The Housekeeping Department needs a variety of new mop buckets. \$270 in total.
- The Rehab Department needs a hand therapy table. \$1,785.
- The Laboratory is in need of a new centrifuge. \$3,140.
- With the number of respiratory illnesses we're seeing, the Emergency Department needs an additional nasal cannula. The cannula is also helpful to ease the breathing of patients in palliative care and infants with RSV. \$3,900.

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

Grateful patients write:

"I love your hospital. It's so homey and the people are so nice and caring."

- Jane Cullen, Keene, NH

"The staff at Grace Cottage is wonderful. Everyone is so nice and helpful."

- Helga Piel, New York, NY



Tee It Up for Health Golf Tournament Saturday, June 10, 2023 - Haystack Golf Club in Wilmington

Many of our golfers return to this fun event year after year. and new golfers are always welcome! Funds raised at this 14th Annual Tee It Up For Health Golf Tournament will benefit Grace Cottage's Patient Care Fund.



Kevin Rogers, Phil Schafer, Michael Rave, and Dennis Degnon

DATE: Saturday, June 10, 2023; Noon Shotgun

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

- Platinum Sponsor (\$2,500, includes flag, hole sign, four golfers, lunch & dinner, logo wear, publicity)
- Gold Sponsor (\$2,000, includes flag, hole sign, two free golfers, lunch & dinner, logo wear, publicity)
- 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 2022 sponsors, including the Event Sponsor, The Richards Group. Sponsorship publicity includes a press release in the Brattleboro Reformer, The Commons, and The Deerfield Valley News, and on the 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.

14th Annual Spring Into Health 5K – May 13, 2023

Spring is just around the corner, so mark your calendar now for our 14th Annual Spring into Health 5K on Saturday, May 13th on the Townshend Common. We're happy to welcome back Dr. Moss Linder to the megaphone, along with a team of Grace Cottage's runners.

Registration is \$20 per participant (children under the age of 18 are free with signed parent/guardian permission), and registration is open now, at gracecottage.org/events

walk, roll, or stroll your 5K with us at 8:30 a.m. on the Townshend Common or, if you prefer, virtually at a time and place of your

2022 Spring Into Health Starting Line Second Wind will be on hand for official timing, and you are welcome to run, own choosing. The idea is to take charge of your own health and to get moving!

The 2022 Spring Into Health 5K was sponsored by M&T Bank, Linda Bastian, Big Picture Farm, Blake Hill Preserves, Cota & Cota, River Bend Farm Market, and WEEI 93.5 FM Sports Radio.



A Fond Farewell to Tour de Grace

After 17 years, the time has come to discontinue our annual Tour de Grace bike rally from Stratton to Grace Cottage. Safety must be our first priority and, since the inauguration of the ride in 2005, there has been a significant increase in car, truck, and RV traffic along the route, combined with a disconcerting increase in the number of distracted drivers. It saddens us to have to make this decision, but the risk to our participants now outweighs the benefits of the event.

Our sincere thanks to David Plants, the founder of *Tour de Grace*; the many participants and volunteers who have helped with Tour de Grace over the years; and our loyal sponsors: Stratton, Solstice at Stratton, M&T Bank, Linda Bastian, Cota & Cota,

Equipe Sports, Three Mountain Inn, and West River Provisions. It's been a great ride!

Stay tuned for news about a new family-friendly event being planned, perhaps at Stratton, during the winter of 2023/24.



A grateful patient writes:

"Many thanks for your care, concern, and help with Mark's recovery when he was in Grace Cottage Hospital. You have a lovely hospital and your efforts are very much appreciated." - Mark & Stasi DiMiceli, Williamsville, VT

Saturday, August 5, 2023

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

It may be chilly today, but thinking about August 5th, 2023 warms me from head to toe. That's the date for the 73rd Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day! This is the day each year when we get to tell all the folks at Grace Cottage Hospital how grateful we are for our wonderful, small, independent community hospital. We get to show our thankfulness by donating all the proceeds of Hospital Fair Day for the improvement of our hospital.

There are two ways you can help: We need volunteers and we need donors. I encourage you to be both.

Volunteers, we'd love to have you, whether you can give an hour or several days. There are, literally, hundreds of jobs needing to be done to make the Fair a success.

Now donors, don't feel left out! We rely on donations, great and small, to fill our booths and auction tent. Just a reminder, we accept:

- Large (planes, trains, or automobiles) and/or valuable items for our auction. We can't accept anything upholstered, but other furniture is welcome. We can't accept exercise equipment either.
- Plants, Books, Art, Jewelry, Pictures & Frames, Toys and, of course, items for our White Elephant Booth.

Because it worked so well last year, I will again be vetting White Elephant items at my house in downtown Townshend prior to storing them for the Fair in my barn. The sole purpose for this is to keep our disposal costs down again this year.

If you want to volunteer, or have something to donate, or have any questions, please get in touch with me and I will do my best to help.

I am so looking forward to another spectacular Grace Cottage Fair Day. Come along, it's a wonderful ride!

Eileen F. Fahey, Hospital Fair Day Chairperson (802) 365-4030

Email: thequeenoftownshend@gmail.com











Emergency Department Donations

Grace Cottage is grateful for all of the generous donations that are funding the Emergency Department expansion project (see story, page 1). Donations from Hospital Fair Day, Giving Tuesday, Cabin Fever Auction, *Tee It Up for Health*, plus many generous individuals, and the following foundations are making this important renovation possible: David Greenewalt Charitable Trust, Deerfield Valley Rotary, John & Sue Eastwood, Harry Wolff Trust, Irwin & Dorothy Nessel Foundation, Price Chopper's Golub Foundation, Red Sox Foundation, West River Westies, and Windham Foundation, (see all donors at gracecottage.org/givingtuesday.). Thank you all for helping to make Grace Cottage's ED safer and more private and comfortable for patients.

Gift of Giving

Shirley Strysko-Covey

Grace Cottage was recently the recipient of a bequest from Shirley Strysko-Covey, who passed away in August at the age of 92. "I want to be at Grace Cottage when I die," Shirley had said repeatedly after her husband, Wendell, died at Grace Cottage. "Wendell's end-of-life care was excellent, and I know



mine would be too, if I'm able to get there." Thanks to her family, her last wish came true, and she passed away peacefully at Grace Cottage, in the same room in which Wendell died 12 years ago.

A native of Buckland, MA, Shirley moved to Brattleboro and worked at King's Department Store, the former Giant Store, and, for 18 years, at the former Ames Department store. After the death of her first husband, Myron Strysko, Shirley married Wendell Covey in 1994.

Because Shirley had informed us of her bequest in 2013, we were able to thank her repeatedly, over many years, for her generosity.

Louise Williams

A longtime supporter of Grace Cottage, Louise Williams died peacefully in September, in Chapel Hill, NC. Louise and her husband, Emmons, who lived in Dover, MA, owned a second home in East Dover and then on Adams Hill in South Newfane, VT, for many decades. Emmons was with Old Colony Bank in Boston, and then became the Director



of Development at Amherst College until his death in 2003. Louise continued to be very active in the Smith College Alumni Association, even after she relocated to Carol Woods Retirement Community in Chapel Hill years ago.

In thanks for care their family had received here over the years, Louise established the Emmons (Gus) Williams and Hilary Williams Pike Endowment Fund in 2014, contributing to the fund every year until her death, when her bequest gift was added in.

"Grace Cottage is a miracle," Louise wrote when she established the Williams/Pike Endowment Fund. "I am so pleased to be able to support this wonderful little hospital in this way."

A Mystery to Solve!

For the past two years, Grace Cottage has been receiving generous donations from Givinga Foundation in Wellesley, MA. Givinga is able to tell us that these are matching gifts from someone who works at the pharmaceutical company Sanofi, but they are unable to provide us with the donor's name. Is it you?



Can you let us know, so that we can thank you for your generosity?

A grateful patient writes in the Brattleboro Reformer:

"I have no memory of the bicycle accident on Sept. 27, 2022 that landed me in the hospital for two months, or of the quick response of the Bernardston EMS folks, along with my brother, who helped stabilize me.

What I do remember are some wonderful people on my journey to recovering. It's with huge gratitude that I want to thank Baystate Medical and two amazing surgeons, Dr. Smit and Dr. Burns. I also want to thank Rescue, Inc. They have a great crew who delivered me safely to and from appointments. I want to thank Grace Cottage Hospital and the Rehab department. I don't think I'd be where I am today in my recovery without each and every one of them. They are incredibly kind, nurturing, and knowledgeable.

My husband, Bruce, and I have felt such an outpouring of support from this community. Thank you."

- Kate Conway, Williamsville, VT

Cottage Door

is published by Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital 185 Grafton Rd. (Route 35) Townshend, VT 05353

(802) 365-7357 | info@gracecottage.org | gracecottage.org 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.

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 or Charma Bonanno at (802) 365-9109.

Donations Were Recently Received In Honor Of:

Dan & Peg Arguimbau & Dr. Robert Backus & Norman Bills & Bob Bingham & Charma Bonanno & Jennifer, Hayden, and Grayson Brooks Dr. John Chard & Darlene Clark & Phil & June Dibble & Lisa Eaton & Dr. Wyll Everett & Dr. Maurice Geurts & Stephen Goldberg Grace Cottage Dietary Department & Grace Cottage Emergency Department & Grace Cottage Employees & Grace Cottage Nurses Grace Cottage Rehab Department & Grace Cottage Volunteers & Richard Hamilton & Natalie Harding & Jeff Hudon & Lawrence, Eliza, Ryen & Jace Jatsek & C.J. King & Rebecca LaPointe & Marion Lewis & Dr. Moss & Dr. Elizabeth Linder & David & Nancy Martin Peter & Kathleen Martin & Seth & Devona Martin & David McCormack & Messenger Valley Pharmacy Staff & John Miller Dr. Jeremy Morrison & Kayla Carey Mulready & Steven Nieminen & Thang Huynh & Bucky & Carleen Pelsue Winthrop Pennock & Alyssa McClenning & David Plants & Jen Quilty & Andrea Seaton & Dr. Tim Shafer & Deborah Luskin Elaine Swift & Dr. George Terwilliger & Dr. Ron Vallario

Memorial Gifts

Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Allen * Alwin & Joyce Ameden * Hank & Phyllis Anderson * David Austin * Gene & Marie Avenia

Donations have been received between August 24-January 19 in memory of the following individuals:

Fred Bacon & Ken & Beulah Bailey & Thomas Baldvins & Larry & Pat Ballou & Ballou Family Members & Harold & Florence Barber Russ Barber * William Bastian * Mollie Beattie * Betty P. Benson * Jack & Shirley Benson * Dr. Arthur Bergner * Bill Berry Cecil Bills & Fred & Val Blake & John Blake & Helen Bowen & Susan Bristol & Arthur & Gladys Brooks & Barbara Brooks Irene Brooks ♦ Michael Brooks ♦ Mort Brooks ♦ Roy & Margaret Brooks ♦ John Brosnan ♦ Elizabeth Brown ♦ Eugene Brown Gladys Brown ♦ Joy Mayes Brown ♦ Russ Campbell ♦ Shirley Chapin ♦ Nancy Chard ♦ Charlie Chevalier ♦ Donna Chickering Vaughn Clark 🍫 Jean Coburn 🌣 Chris Coleman 🧇 Phil Coleman 💠 Phyllis Coleman 💠 Ralph Coleman 💠 Harry & Luella Conklin Gail Cooper * Neva Corse * Shirley Strysko Covey * Dottie Coyle * David D'Agostino * Catherine Dauchy * Gary Delius Elsie Detjen * Richard & Mary Dexter * Betty Druke * Jimmy Dulude * Herbert & Melissa Eisenberg * Don Elliott * Victor English Kathy Ernst ♦ Brian A. Evans ♦ Brian D. & Nancy Evans ♦ Bryan & Ruby Evans ♦ Doug & Alice Evans ♦ Jim Faas ♦ Cora Fletcher Nora Fletcher * William Fletcher * Tim Flynn * John Follett * Shaun Fosburgh * Mary Evans Fox * Dawn Franceschetti Bertha Perkins Frothingham * Gunther Garbe * Richard Gill * Louise Godt * Roland Gould * Ellis Greenwood Frank & Frances Grout Alexander Hadden Ellen Hamilton Ioseph Hamilton Gaywood Hartshorne Iill Noss Hayes Carolyn "Bunny" Hazelton • Shirley Hendrick • Sally Herring • Bruce Hesselbach • Florence Hicks • Lee Hines Lester & Anna Hohmann * Vance Hosford * Cameron Howard * Herbert Howard * Eris Howe * The Howes of East Jamaica Andrew Hudock 💠 Michael Hull 💠 Ursula Hull 💠 John "Pat" Hunt 💠 Edward Hurley 💠 Silver S. Husky 💠 Ray Ingram 💠 Harry Jensen Hope Johnson ♦ Joel Johnson ♦ Pauline Johnson ♦ Robert & Joyce Jones ♦ Joseph & Joan Keefe ♦ Leon "Skeet" Kenyon Dee Kinzel & Leyeyo Kipamba Adam Kleppner Otto & Beatrice Kleppner Charles & Ruth Knights Warren Kronemeyer Doug LaBarr * Joan Lake * Dot & Lindy LaMarche * Jack Lambert * Richard & Barbara Lamprey * Jerry & Ruth Lamprey Richard Lang, Jr. ❖ Richard Lapan ❖ Maurice Laselle ❖ Merrill Lawrence ❖ Don Leigh ❖ Christine Leigus ❖ Levesque Family & Friends Helen Lewis ❖ Laurie Linley ❖ Richard Liston ❖ Albert Litchfield, Jr. ❖ David Lowe ❖ Reginald Lowe ❖ Richard W. Lyman Gertrude MacDougall * Doug & Bea MacFarland * Freda Maggio * Jeanne Marion * Dr. Bill & Joan Martin * Elton McCausland Rev. Allan McDowell ❖ Patricia McGalliard ❖ Melissa McHenry ❖ Lenore McIntosh ❖ Joyce McLaughlin ❖ Larry McLaughlin Walter Meyer 🌣 Francis Momaney Sr. 🌣 Art Monette 💠 Jacqueline Mongeau 🌣 Henry Moseley 🌣 Ernest & Edith Nagel 🌣 Lisa Young Noble John O'Connor * Dr. Carlos & Ruth Otis * John & Ethel Patenaude * Warren & Phyllis Patrick * Jeremy Paulus * Tom Payne Edward Pease * Kathleen Peck * Neil & Ruth Pelsue * Mildred Danielski Petelle * Iver Peterson * Karl Pfister III * Bob Phelps Richard Plunkett * Maude Polo * Ernest & Virginia Pomroy * Elaine Prouty * Victor Rabinowitch * Walter & Hazel Radcliffe Betty Radens Leonard & Mary Helen Randall Mary Lou Raymo Betsey H. Regan Lois Penner Riley Wilfred & Edie Rounds 🌣 William & Florence Rounds 🌣 Ken & Marguerite Ryan 🌣 Sam 🌣 George & Jean Scott 🌣 Lee Severance Eva Sherman & Ruth Shiller & Heidi Shine & Barbara Slocum & Charles & Lillian Slover & Mildred Smith & Philip Smith Aaron Snell ♦ Jean Sorrentino ♦ Elizabeth Spencer ♦ Targ Spicer ♦ Catherine N. Stratton ♦ Jakov & Iva Sucic Michael Sinclaire Sutton * Bill & Leona Tabell * Walter Tarbell * Porter & Lillian Thayer * Dr. Jim & Dr. Marjorie Trousdell Ron Underwood & Reginald Vessey & Irene Victoria & Maude Horner Vogel & Dr. Bill Wallace & Euphemia Wallace Muriel Wallaert ❖ Henry Wallstein ❖ Bill Walters ❖ Michalina Wasung ❖ Mary Weiner ❖ Alma Welker ❖ Philip Welker Wanda Welker * Bernie Wells * Garry West * Mona West * Karl & Elvina White * Jan Whitney * David Williams Louise Williams & Jean Wilson & Merton & Hazel Wilson & Robert Wolfe & Art Wondrofski & Helen Young & Joan Zully

A grateful patient writes:

Ode to Grace Cottage

To all at Grace Cottage we send our thanks The Salomon Girls & especially Dad Frank A great health facility in such a little town? Really? Most folks would skeptically frown.

Administrators, doctors, nurses, et al Are the BEST & always there & on call. Such nice & gifted people are hard to find Even the food: you think you've fine dined.

If you have to get sick, it's the place to go The care, the people, the setting is just so! So, we raise our glasses to the GC team They are the ideal about which we dream.

Lisa, Yana, and Frank Salomon,
 Brattleboro, VT





P.O. Box 216 Townshend, VT 05353-0216 NON-PROFIT U.S. POSTAGE PAID PUTNEY, VT PERMIT NO. 1

Grace Cottage's Cabin Fever Online Auction February 14-27, 2023 32auctions.com/CabinFeverAuction2023

Grace Cottage's annual Cabin Fever Auction offers over 100 items donated by generous businesses and individuals, with all proceeds benefitting Grace Cottage's Patient Care Fund.

From 8:00 a.m. on February 14, until 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, from the practical to the sublime.

Bid to win a stay in a luxurious Caribbean resort or a South African safari adventure, or gift certificates to favorite local restaurants, practical items like an oil change for your car, overnight stays in area inns, jams and syrup, and lots 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 care for our patients.

Items are being added through February 14th and beyond. Check out the growing selection at 32auctions.com/ CabinFeverAuction2023 and register to bid so that you can hit the ground bidding on Valentine's Day!

Grateful patients write:

"I've been very fortunate to have found Juliette Carr available to see new patients at such an amazing place like Grace Cottage. Her willingness to use herbal medicine as a first choice where appropriate really appeals to me."

- Brian Ireland, Brattleboro, VT

"I love Grace Cottage so much, so I was more than happy to help them by opening a Charitable Gift Annuity."

- Honey Loring, Brattleboro, VT

"When I came into your ER, I was about as uncomfortable as I have ever been. Your team was there immediately, no waiting. Phil Schafer, Rachel Spengler, and Sara Nystrom quickly worked together to make me comfortable, find the cause of my discomfort, and arranged transport to Dartmouth Health for surgery, which took place the following day. I knew I was in good hands from the start, and that was very comforting."

Jeanette Underwood,
 Wardsboro, VT