

Clinic Project Gaining Momentum

It's a very exciting time at Grace Cottage, as we work hard to achieve our \$20M fundraising goal for the new clinic project. Thanks to the efforts of Vermont Congresswoman Becca Balint, we were awarded a \$1.5 million appropriation for the project, as part of the FY24 federal budget. When the Congresswoman delivered a ceremonial appropriation check to us in April, she said: "It is so exciting to be able to deliver some hope and help to the area! I know Grace Cottage is such a focal point for so many people in the Route 30 corridor. I talk to so many people when I'm out and about who tell me just how much this hospital means to them. We understand that this makes a big difference, not just for this organization, but for the people who are served by it."

The federal appropriation is one of many gifts that has been received for the project, in addition to a large number of pledges ranging from \$5 million to \$500. In April, an anonymous donor made a \$1,000,000 pledge, and another anonymous donor made a gift of \$100,000; many local businesses and individuals have generously stepped up to help, as have quite a few second homeowners.

"This once-in-a-lifetime project is truly transformational for our community and our patients," said President & CEO Doug DiVello. "In fact, I would go so far as to say that the future of Grace Cottage's primary care practice depends on this building – we just can't continue to provide 31,000 patient visits per year for too much longer in two houses that were built in the 1840s. These large gifts from the federal government and individuals mean so much to us, but so do the smaller gifts, because they all add up. When people dig deep into their pockets to contribute any gift, no matter what the amount, it brings tears to my eyes because I know that they understand the importance of the new clinic and they are giving what they can to ensure that future generations will get the care they need in this rural area."

For more information about the project, go to gracecottage.org/future or call 802-365-9109 to schedule lunch and a tour.



Grace Cottage's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. George Terwilliger; Board Vice President, Ed Druke; Board President, Martha Dale; and Congresswoman Becca Balint display the \$1.5 million ceremonial check from the federal government for the new clinic project during Balint's visit to Grace Cottage in early April.

Best Places to Work in Vermont



Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital has been named by *Vermont Business Magazine* as one of the Best Places to Work in Vermont in 2024! This is the second year in a row that we have received this prestigious award, and again the only hospital; we were ranked fourth of 14 medium-sized businesses to receive this designation. The statewide survey and awards program was designed to identify, recognize, and honor the best places

of employment in Vermont. This award recognizes Grace Cottage's policies and practices, with a primary focus on employee satisfaction.

The first part of the award qualification process consists of evaluating each nominated company's workplace policies, practices, and demographics. The second part is an employee survey to measure the employee experience, which comprises approximately 80% of the total evaluation. The combined scores determined the top companies and the final ranking.

"Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital would not be eligible for this award without our incredible group of loyal, dedicated, compassionate, and hard-working employees," said Doug DiVello, President & CEO. "My favorite quotes in the anonymous employee surveys were: 'Grace Cottage is like a family, only not as dysfunctional!' and 'Employees of Grace Cottage go above and beyond in patient care because, as an employer, Grace Cottage goes above and beyond.'"

A grateful patient writes:

"I'm 'medical phobic' and avoided health care for years, until I no longer could. Grace Cottage is so homey, with kind and very competent staff. I've been telling everyone I know that Grace Cottage is the best!" – *Lisa Place, Wilmington, VT*



A Word From the CEO

When I came to Grace Cottage to fill the CEO position more than six years ago, there was no doubt in my mind that this would be the last stop in my career, and I hoped it would be the best. In fact, my time at Grace Cottage has far exceeded my high hopes and expectations. This organization is truly “a gem in the woods” as one of our supporters said. What is it that makes Grace Cottage such a unique and special place?

Quality: The quality of care here is unparalleled. Patients are not a number, they are people – individuals who are treated with respect. They are listened to and heard by everyone here, whether providers, nurses, rehab therapists, receptionists, housekeeping, dietary, pharmacy, maintenance, and billing. They are treated as family, as friends, as neighbors and, often, they are!

Employee Satisfaction: The quality of our patient care stems directly from high employee satisfaction. Our Human Resources Department and Leadership Team work hard to engage employees and to demonstrate to every employee, no matter what their position here, how greatly their work is valued and their commitment to Grace Cottage’s patients, and to one another, is appreciated.

Patient Satisfaction: Satisfied employees lead to satisfied patients. Our patients give Grace Cottage high patient satisfaction scores because they feel cared for. We strive to do our best to make every patient encounter a successful one and, if something doesn’t go right, we work to fix it so that it won’t happen again.

Access: I think everyone can agree that access to any healthcare, whether it be primary, rehab, speciality, or hospital care can be problematic these days. Here at Grace Cottage, we’ve prioritized access. What good is the best healthcare if you can’t get it? We strive to do all that we can to provide our services to patients on a timely basis. This is why we have 15 providers in the primary care clinic and 20 rehab therapists, but it’s also why we need to build a new clinic building and move outpatient Rehab into the Heins Building, where they’ll have more space to continue to provide quality patient care.

I am confident that I am leaving Grace Cottage in a better position than when I came, and I know that the culture of caring and professionalism here is so strong that it will continue, for generations to come. The person who follows in my footsteps as CEO will find, as I did, that it’s both an honor and a privilege to lead this dedicated and devoted group of employees in such a supportive community.



— 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.”

CEO Search Update

After CEO Doug DiVello announced in mid-December that he would be retiring at the end of September, the Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital Board of Trustees assembled a Search Committee comprised of employees and Board members. The Committee engaged an executive search firm, WittKieffer, to help find Grace Cottage’s next CEO. The firm has presented a preliminary slate of candidates who were vetted, and three finalists are being interviewed this month. We will keep you posted!

Community Health Needs Assessment

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In order to prioritize resources and to meet IRS requirements, non-profit hospitals in the U.S. gather information and publish a report on community health needs every three years. Working in partnership with Brattleboro Memorial Hospital and the Brattleboro Retreat, Grace

Cottage Family Health & Hospital is in the process of creating a 2024 report on the health needs of Windham County. Survey results and a comprehensive Community Health Needs Assessment report will be made available by the end of 2024 on each of the partners’ websites. To get an idea of how comprehensive this report is (grab a cup of coffee first – it’s 96 pages long!), go to gracecottage.org and click on Community Health Needs Assessment at the bottom of the home page to view the report from 2021.

Cottage Door

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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.

A grateful patient writes:

“I needed to make a visit to the Grace Cottage Emergency Department recently, and everyone was so warm, welcoming, and pleasant. I had brought a book, thinking it might take a while, but I was in and out in two hours, even with a CT scan. I was relieved to have a diagnosis for my pain and am feeling much better!

I always receive excellent care at Grace Cottage!” — *Helen Eddy*, Stratton, VT

Employee Milestones



30 YEARS

Pamela Coburn, *Rehabilitation*

25 YEARS

Denise Choleva, *Foodservice*

Deborah Parker, *Finance*

Tanya Noyes, *Laboratory*

15 YEARS

Amber Ahearn, *Dietary*

Dewey Barry, *Pharmacy*

Cindy Kenyon, *Rehabilitation*

Bill Roohan, *Rehabilitation*

10 YEARS

Christina Chase, *Nursing*

Crystal Durocher, *Nursing*

Doug Ellis, *Pharmacy*

Lorraine Gleason, *Social Services*

John Kim, *Pharmacy*

Beth Pierson, *Pharmacy*

5 YEARS

David Coker, *Diagnostic Imaging*

Hannah Croft, *Family Health*

Jaime Donovan, *Environmental Services*

Mary Gregg, *Nursing*

Katherine Herman, *Pharmacy*

Susan Kapral, *Business Office*

David McCormack, *Family Health*

Marcy Moody, *Business Office*

Kayla Mulready, *Pharmacy*

Jodi Perkins, *Nursing*

Paul Ruscak, *Nursing*

Aline Shipp, *Finance*

Angel Squires, *Medical Records*

Dr. George Terwilliger, *Chief Medical Officer*

Julie Wolf, *Nursing*

Outpatient Rehab on the Move

As more patients are traveling from far and wide to receive top-quality care from our expert team of physical and occupational therapists, Grace Cottage's Outpatient Rehab Department is bursting at the seams in the Wolff Outpatient Building. In order to provide additional space to meet the ever-increasing demand, the Rehab Department will be relocating to the Heins Building by the end of the year (the large white house with black shutters located next to the hospital driveway on Route 35). In order to make this possible, extensive renovations will be made to the interior of the Heins building by Brunelle & Son this summer and fall. After the Outpatient Rehab department has been moved into the Heins Building, the Grace Cottage Foundation, Human Resources, and Quality Departments will move into the Wolff Building; signage will direct you to the temporary locations of these departments during construction. Grace Cottage's Community Wellness classes (Strong Bones and Tai Chi) will take place on the West Crispe Porch on our campus, adjacent to the cafeteria.

We thank you for your patience as these much-needed renovations and relocations take place!



*Physical Therapist
Jake Spring*



Wishes Granted...

- The Deerfield Valley Rotary donated the funds towards the purchase of a new stretcher for Emergency use.
- The Town of Dummerston approved the funds for the purchase of a Theragun Percussive Treatment Massage Gun.
- Nora Wilson made a donation for the purchase of a Caretec IV unit for Outpatient Rehab, in honor of physical therapist Melissa Walker.
- The Daffy Charitable Fund made a donation for a transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulator along with other items needed by the Outpatient Rehab Department, and a commercial conveyor toaster for the Dietary Department.
- Lauren & Betsy Cox made a gift for the purchase of commercial-grade utility carts for use by the Dietary Department.
- Dr. Richard & Alice Thall and the Thall Family Foundation made a generous gift for equipment for the new clinic building.



Wishes Made...

- A hi-lo therapy table is needed for the Outpatient Rehab Department. \$1,900.
- The Dietary Department would benefit from a Volrath soup warmer. \$700.
- The Housekeeping Department needs a wire cart for the transport of hospital linens. \$280.
- The Outpatient Rehab Department is in need of a stair climbing assist cane. \$130.
- The Housekeeping Department can use an additional carpet shampoo machine. \$600.
- The Outpatient Rehab Department needs an Iron Neck to help patients who suffer from neck pain and muscle imbalance; this device improves range of motion and increases neck strength. \$500.

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

A grateful patient writes:

"When I fell and broke my hip last year, I spent 12 days as an inpatient at Grace Cottage. I felt very well cared for!" — *Anne Fines, Putney, VT*

Make Tracks for Health

Our first-ever snowshoe and cross-country ski event, held at the Stratton Nordic Center on March 2, was a great success thanks to the 35 participants and volunteers who joined us despite the gloomy forecast (fortunately, the rain held off until after the event). There was enough snow on the trails for snowshoeing, although it was a bit too icy for cross-country skiing. Thank you to our event sponsors: M&T Bank, Rawsonville Market, River Bend Farm Market, River Road Pizzeria, Solstice at Stratton, Stratton Mountain Market, Stratton Resort, and Von Bergen's Jewelry. The



nearly \$3,000 raised will go towards construction of the new primary care clinic.

Save the date for next year's *Make Tracks for Health* at the Stratton Nordic Center:
Saturday, March 1, 2025, 10 - noon.



Cabin Fever Online Auction

We say this every year, but it was the best Cabin Fever Online Auction yet! Thanks to generous businesses and individuals that donated a staggering 190 items, as well as 263 enthusiastic bidders, our February auction raised nearly \$25,000 for our new Primary Care Clinic project. With a great variety of items from the practical to the sublime, and ranging from \$12 to \$3,000, the Auction included art, vacations, gift certificates, pottery, jewelry, furniture, plants, and much more. We appreciate all who support Grace Cottage in this way. Stay tuned for next year's Cabin Fever Auction, February 14-26 - it's a great way to beat those mid-winter blues!



15th Annual Tee It Up For Health Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 8; noon shotgun start, Haystack Golf Club in Wilmington

We have at least 136 golfers joining us for *Tee It Up For Health* this year; almost all of them have golfed with us before, some for more than 10 years! The proceeds of this year's event will go towards the construction of the new primary care clinic.

Thank you to our Sponsors to date, including:

EVENT SPONSORS: The Richards Group; Haystack Golf Club

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*Don't see your name above? We'd love to have you join our family of supporters for this important fundraising event!
Please call Andrea or Charma at 802-365-9109 or e-mail info@gracecottage.org.*

A grateful Fairgoers writes:

"My husband and I have been attending Hospital Fair Day for several years. The effort, attitude, and the truly good cause behind this event hits home to us. We want to be supportive. We have been looking at the events on the hospital web page and have read about the Campaign for the Grace Cottage Family Health facility. This is an excellent cause and, thanks to the Pollio family pledge, the building of the facility looks to be on the horizon. We would like to contribute to this worthy effort. Please find a check enclosed to be used to support the building efforts." — *Jim & Pat Gonet*, Monument Beach, MA

74TH ANNUAL FAIR DAY

Saturday, August 3, 2024

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

What's your favorite part of the annual Grace Cottage Fair? Do you crave the excitement of bidding at the Auction? Do you look forward all year to the goodies available at the Pies and Baked Goods booth? How about picking through the Pictures, Frames and Art and/or Jewelry booths looking for a treasure no one



CEO Doug DiVello

else has spotted? Are you telling your friends about how you leave with more books and plants than you can carry? Or does watching Auntie-Depressant stroll through the Common make you giggle? It's a tough question, and luckily it is one that you don't have to answer- you can come to the 74th Annual Grace Cottage Fair Day on the Townshend Town Common and decide then.

In our years of volunteering on Hospital Fair Day we have met so many wonderful people who give their time, skills, and passion for the future of the hospital. We have learned that it truly takes a village to put on a fair of this size, and we rely on the generosity and goodness of volunteers throughout the year, and in the weeks leading up to the Fair, on the day itself and, equally importantly, for cleanup the day after the Fair.

Leading up to August 3, there is a lot of storing and sorting to be done. If you are interested in finding out more about volunteering, please call us at (802)365-4455 or e-mail gracecottagefair@gmail.com. We gleefully accept help from anyone and everyone, whether you're a year-round resident, a second homeowner, a camper, or a visitor to the area. The proceeds of this year's Fair will go towards construction of the new primary care clinic building!

Meanwhile, in addition to volunteers, we are asking for donations of items to sell at the Fair, and we accept these items now through mid-July.

Art: Framed art is very popular at the fair; watercolors, acrylics, oils, pen-and-ink drawings.

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 provide a tax write-off for the donor.

Furniture: Large and small, in good condition for the Auction. Chairs, tables, bookcases, bedside tables, benches, outdoor furniture, armoires, desks, bedframes, etc. No mattresses, fitness equipment, computers, or upholstered furniture, please.

White Elephant Items: Dishes, bric-a-brac, decorative items, kitchen goods, glassware, baskets, Christmas decorations.

Jewelry: Fine or costume. Necklaces, rings, watches, bracelets; also, accessories such as hats, belts, handbags, scarves, and wallets.

Toys and Sporting Goods: in good condition, including puzzles.

Plants: Annuals and perennials. Want a volunteer to come dig them from your garden? If you live nearby, we can arrange this.



Dr. Moss Linder

For the third year in a row, Brian Tebo of Heart Felt Antiques in Bennington will be our Auctioneer extraordinaire.

Music will be provided throughout the day by two ever-popular groups who are donating their time and great talent: Ralph Sherman and the Slow Ponies, and Luminous Crush.

The raffle will offer a beautiful queen size quilt by a local quilt-maker, a 50/50 raffle, a wonderful stuffed toy from the classic Mary Meyer Toy Company, and an Adventure Pass from Bromley Mountain.

As the new co-chairs for the Fair, we are excited to lead the beloved institution we have valued throughout our lives. Grace Cottage has meant so much to us, and the Holt Family. Our father and uncle, Stan Holt, a former Fair Day Chair, demonstrated to us the importance of giving back to the local hospital that plays a vital role in our community and we look forward to continuing his work.

See you at Fair Day!!

— Helen and Connie Holt



Here's a list of our Booth Chairs, who would happily welcome new volunteer helpers. If you're interested in volunteering, call Connie Holt at 802-365-4455 or e-mail Connie at gracecottagefair@gmail.com.

Auction: Andy Coyne and Heart Felt Antiques & Auction Service

Bingo: Deb Record

Birthday Parade: Patsy Bemis

Books: Kate Morrow

Corn/Watermelon: Diane Bousquet & GCH Rehab Dept.

Cotton Candy: Marcy Moody

Face Painting: Steven & Karren Meyer

Fish Pond: Greg Dean & Cub Scout Pack #448

Food Booth: Mike Seaton/Tim Seals/Carrie Banford

Fried Dough: Scott & Michelle Rohde/Dana West

Gourmet Food: Jean McIntire

Hole-in-One: Sindy Hassig

Ice Cream: This could be you! Call 802-365-4455

Jewelry: Heather Boucher

Lemonade: Sue Belgard-Marquis

Parking: Kirk Petty

Pictures, Frames & Art: Natalie Donovan & Carrie Schafer

Pies & Baked Goods: Jodi Perkins

Plants: Pat Howell

Popcorn & Balloons: Sally Winchester

Raffle: Grace Cottage Foundation

T-Shirts & Hats: Barb Barber

Toys: Natalie Harding & Donald Houle

Treasurer: Stephen Brown

White Elephant: Conne Holt, Helen Holt, Elenka Wilson

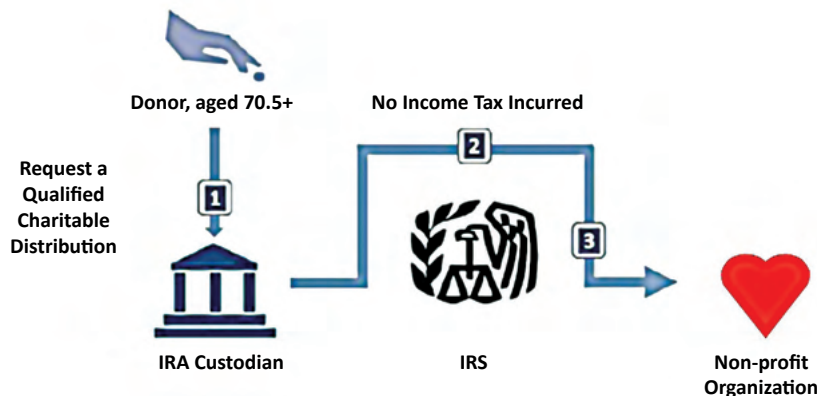
Want to Lower Your Taxes?

If you have a traditional IRA and are age 70½ or older, you are eligible for a special tax benefit: giving a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA to a charity such as Grace Cottage, tax-free.

While withdrawals from traditional IRAs are taxable income, QCDs are not and can satisfy some or all of your annual required minimum distribution (RMD) if you're age 73 or older. But reducing your account before you are required to take distributions can mean paying less in taxes later on. QCDs can also be used whether you take the standard deduction or itemize deductions.

You may also direct a one-time Qualified Charitable Distribution to a charitable remainder trust or charitable gift annuity as part of recently passed federal SECURE Act 2.0 legislation. Either of these will generate annual income for you, and interest rates are very favorable for charitable gift annuities at this time. For example, the fixed rate for a single-life Charitable Gift Annuity for someone who is 75 years old is 7%, and 8.1% for age 80. The minimum amount for a Charitable Gift Annuity at Grace Cottage is \$10,000, and it's an easy one-page document to fill out and sign. Payments from Grace Cottage to charitable annuitants are made quarterly, and are usually direct-deposited into the annuitant's checking or savings account.

Ask your financial advisor or tax consultant about how you can help Grace Cottage and yourself at the same time.



Word About Grace Cottage Spreads Far and Wide:

“Our longtime friend, Bob Wadsworth, a former Townshend resident, and his wife, Carol, now live in Missouri, where Bob visited a physician. During the visit, Bob said that it was quite evident that the specialist was a caring and compassionate doctor, which reminded him of a doctor he used to know. Bob mentioned that this doctor, Dr. Carlos Otis, had founded a hospital called Grace Cottage in little Townshend, Vermont.

Bob was shocked when the specialist said that he knew of Dr. Otis and Grace Cottage Hospital. When the specialist was a medical student at the University of Chicago, teachers and doctors there used Dr. Otis and Grace Cottage as an exemplary model of how medicine should be practiced, and how hospitals should treat and interact with patients and their families. This is an amazing story about the reach and influence that Dr. Otis and his hospital have had on the practice of medicine.”

— *Carleen Otis Pelsue & Bucky Pelsue*, Newfane, VT

Grateful family members write:

“After my father received neglectful care at a facility in a nearby state this winter, my family decided to have him transferred to Grace Cottage. I have been an employee here for almost seven years, so I was obviously aware of how unique it is here. However, I still found myself overwhelmed by the warmth, compassion and real individualized care the doctors, nurses, therapists, case workers, and dietary staff provided to my father. Not to mention the empathy and respect my mother was shown during this stressful time. It makes me feel so proud and lucky to be associated with a place like Grace Cottage, on a professional and personal level. If only every place could care for its patients and their families the way Grace Cottage does.”

— *Lindsey Smith*, Newfane, VT

“There are not enough words to express how we feel about Grace Cottage and the care that my husband received. During his first ER visit, the nurses were exceptional. The next day we were back, and he was admitted to the hospice family room. The caring ER staff and others made the transition easy for him. The nurses and other staff made Bob and our family feel at ease through it all. A special thank you to Dr. Wyll Everett. His compassion and kindness in explaining what was ahead was such a help to me. His advice helped so much, you are lucky to have him on staff. We miss Bob, our beloved husband and father, but thank you so much for the care you provided at the end of his days.”

— *Norma, Sean, and Bruce O'Brien*, Jamaica, VT

The Tremendous Gift of Community Support

The CEO of the University of Vermont Medical Center, Dr. Sunil “Sunny” Eappen has been visiting all of Vermont’s hospitals and, during his tour of Grace Cottage, he noted that “the strong culture here is amazing.” As one of our physicians said to Dr. Eappen, “I chose to work here because it’s a very special place.”

Grace Cottage wouldn’t exist without strong community support, and this has been the case throughout our 75-year history. But now is a transformational moment – for the organization and for our community. There will come a time, not so far off, when we can no longer operate our primary care clinic in two houses built in the 1840s. This is why our Campaign for the Future is so crucial. If you have ever considered donating to Grace Cottage, now is the time that your gift of any size will make the biggest impact, helping to ensure that primary care continues to be available in the West River Valley. High-quality primary care not only reduces health care costs, it also increases the likelihood that a serious health condition will be detected sooner rather than later, so it can be treated before it gets worse.

There are many ways in which you can give to Grace Cottage. A gift of highly-appreciated stock has tax advantages for you, as does a donation of real estate. Gifts in the form of cash, checks, or credit cards are standard ways to contribute, in addition to distributions from donor-advised funds or Individual Retirement Funds. If you’re not in a position to give, perhaps you know someone who is? We’re happy to chat with anyone, anytime, about the importance of this transformational project. Just call Andrea or Charma at 802-365-9109 or e-mail info@gracecottage.org.

The Gift of Giving



Alexandria Bosna

Grace Cottage was recently notified of a generous bequest from Alexandria Bosna (also known as Sandy and Sandra).

Born in North Bergen Township, New Jersey, in 1939, Sandy went to Glassboro State College (now Rowan University) and graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Education. After teaching in a public school, she joined her parents, who were living in Italy at the time, and taught at a U.S. military base. Upon her return to the U.S., she began a career with the New Jersey Department of Human Services’ Aging Services, where she remained until retirement in 2002.

Sandra and her life partner, George Rosenthal, met in 1975 and made Winhall, VT their second home in 1999, supporting the community as volunteers at the Bondville Fair, delivering Meals on Wheels, and exploring Vermont until George’s passing at Grace Cottage Hospital in 2018. Sandy died at Grace Cottage on November 21, 2023. She is greatly missed, but she has left a wonderful legacy, remembering not just Grace Cottage, but other non-profit organizations in Vermont as well.

Donations Were Recently Received In Honor Of:

Ames Hill, Marlboro Community Members ♦ Denise Choleva ♦ Claire Gottlieb ♦ Grace Cottage Rehab Staff
Grace Cottage Volunteers ♦ Dr. Joseph & Mary Ryan Indenbaum ♦ Laurie Indenbaum ♦ Brian Mayher
Andrea Seaton ♦ Dr. Timothy Shafer ♦ Melissa Walker

Memorial Gifts

Donations have been received between January 20-May 1 in memory of the following individuals:

Alwin & Joyce Ameden ♦ Alexandria Bosna ♦ Farren Bratton ♦ Gladys Brown ♦ Marigene Butler ♦ Polly Casanova
Chris Coleman ♦ Phil Coleman ♦ Brian A. Evans ♦ Nat & Irene Fillow ♦ Patti French ♦ Roland Gould
Whitney Hamilton ♦ Don Hazelton ♦ C.J. Heilig ♦ Nathan & Florence Henin ♦ Julia Holland ♦ Dotty Johnson
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John Nardone ♦ Bob O’Brien ♦ Dr. Carlos Otis ♦ Bob Phelps ♦ Barbara Pofcher ♦ Charlie Robb ♦ Marion Robinson
Hank Sanders ♦ Abe Schuster ♦ Luke Smith ♦ Russell Smith ♦ Christine Spaulding ♦ Jada Spaulding ♦ Bill Staats
Shepard & Charlotte Stone ♦ Catherine N. Stratton ♦ Bill & Leona Tabell ♦ Richard Taylor ♦ Ede Thomas
George & Mary Tomlinson ♦ Muriel Wallaert ♦ Christine Wilson

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:

"Everyone put my wife and me at ease in the Emergency Department. They were warm and friendly and made our stay actually enjoyable."

— Rob Kinslow, Townshend, VT



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High-Tech Diagnostic Imaging Services at Grace Cottage

Perhaps because it's behind closed doors, Grace Cottage's best-kept secret is that we have an excellent Diagnostic Imaging Department, with nine radiologic technologists, and an ultrasound technologist on staff or on call. We hope you never "meet" any of this equipment, but it's nice to know it's here if you need it!



Our Philips CT scanner was recently upgraded to 128 slices (to put this into perspective, our first CT scanner, acquired in 2012, was 4 slices!).



In early 2024, we upgraded our X-ray room and machine to a state-of-the-art facility.



Our portable X-ray is used for patients who aren't able to be moved from the Emergency Department or from inpatient beds.



Grace Cottage's ultrasound machine is used to help diagnose the causes of pain, swelling, and infection in the body's internal organs.



Our portable ultrasound machine is used primarily in the Emergency Department.