

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire **2023 Year End Update**

Thank you for empowering the people behind Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire to make a difference in the lives of thousands of neighbors across our region. With your support, patients and families benefit from care delivered within the comforts of home, tailored to their individual goals and values.

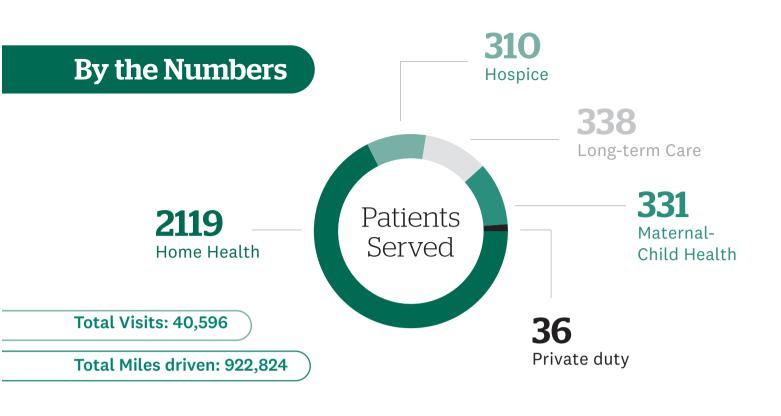
The need to receive world-class, personalized care outside of a medical setting is fundamental. This is true for hospice patients, for new mothers and children, and for anyone needing long-term care or rehabilitation. It is all the more true in rural Northern New England, where many people struggle with access to transportation and technology. Despite the fact that home care is typically far more cost-effective than alternatives, reimbursements from Medicaid, private insurance, and other sources do not sufficiently cover costs. Your generosity makes our mission possible.

Philanthropy is essential to the day-to-day operations of all of our work. One key example is our maternal and pediatric teams, which serve many patients who are reliant on Medicaid. Buoyed by your compassion, nurses are able to see mothers, children, and other caregivers in their homes, at the times when it matters most. They address health concerns and relieve stress by providing education on an array of topics. Their results, including improved breastfeeding outcomes and decreased rates of maternal morbidity and child abuse, carry benefits felt far into the future.

Gifts of all sizes also enable us to fund new programs that benefit patients and staff.

Both our newer and longstanding programs take us to every corner of the Upper Valley, with staff logging nearly 1 million car miles spanning more than 40,000 visits. Philanthropy is especially beneficial in getting to those most remote locations, for which travel time and mileage costs are significant. It's challenging work, but immensely rewarding. Recently, a part-time traveling nurse, Tom Harmon, accepted a full-time supervisor position on our home health team. His journey is a testament to how strong our organization has become thanks to our generous supporters.

Put simply, it is because of the kindness of the community we all share that Visiting Nurse and Hospice is able to provide fully integrated services, adaptable to the evolving needs of those we serve and delivered across a lifetime. We cannot thank you enough for helping us to be there for our neighbors at the beginning of life, the end, and everything in between.



Hear From Our Team



My dad died on our hospice program a year ago. He had been with his partner for 42 years, but they never married. One of his last wishes was to marry before he died, and we began to plan a simple wedding at their home. Unfortunately, he became very sick and wasn't going to make it to the weekend. Our chaplain came to the house late in the evening and married them, just hours before he died. I will be forever grateful to our team for all they did for my dad and his wife, Diane."

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A home health nurse admitted a new baby to medical visits following hospital discharge. The child's weight gain was monitored, and the first-time parents received education on child growth, development, and parenting. Lactation education was also provided, allowing the mother to be successful in meeting her breastfeeding goals, which have been found to improve maternal and pediatric outcomes."

— Stephanie Mozzer, MSN, RN Director, Maternal-Child Health