

2025 GRATITUDE REPORT

Finding Hope in Our Community

UVM HEALTH – HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE

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The Right Care at the Right Time

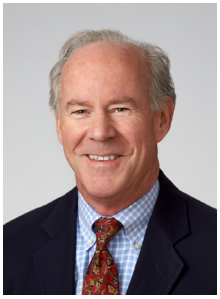


For 120 years, neighbors caring for each other has defined UVM Health – Home Health & Hospice. In 2025, you carried that tradition forward and helped us deliver skilled and compassionate care for more people who need it. Because of your support, we improved quality across our agency, cared for more residents, clients, patients and participants, and innovated to meet the growing needs of our aging community. This Gratitude Report shares how your generosity continues to ensure the right care, at the right time, in the right setting. Thank you.

In Gratitude,

Christine Werneke

Christine Werneke, MS
President & Chief Operating Officer



On behalf of our Board of Trustees, thank you for the generosity, trust and compassion you show Home Health & Hospice. Because of you, care happens where it matters most—at home. The impact you make possible is felt every single day in homes throughout Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties. When you support Home Health & Hospice, you join with hundreds of others—from right here in our community and across the country—who believe in our mission. Thank you.

Chuck Wiebe
Chair, Board of Trustees

HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE BY THE NUMBERS



Generous Friends Old and New

27%

of our 2025 donors have been giving for **20+ years!**

39%

of our 2025 donors were **new** to our organization!



4,364

Patients served at all ages and stages of life



3,843

Days of care provided at McClure Miller Respite House



2,122

Number of donors



219

Volunteers (Hospice)



42

Gifts received from donors living in 42 states



12,964

Skilled volunteer hours



830

Visits with interpreter assistance



90%

Home Health clients who avoided re-hospitalization



845

Number of children served



What You Made Possible in 2025





Every program at Home Health & Hospice addresses a distinct need in our community, but they all share one critical foundation: **your generosity**. With your support, we are able to innovate, expand and deliver exceptional care to neighbors in need.

The stories and highlights in the next few pages are some of the direct results of your investment. Read on to learn more about the impact your giving had on our community this year, including empowering new mothers like Kyra Taberman and relieving the burdens of caregivers like Kate Mitchell.



Kyra Taberman and her daughter, Juniper

KYRA'S STORY:

Bringing Confidence to New Parents

Like many new parents, Kyra Taberman experienced anxiety and felt overwhelmed when preparing to welcome her daughter, Juniper. Luckily, Kyra was connected to our Nursing and Family Support team within our Family and Children's Program. Before Kyra even gave birth, Chloe Ohme, RN, reached out to let Kyra know how we could support her and Juniper.

"It was a lot of confidence building," remembers Kyra. "She would come visit me and would give me peace of mind when it came to this little one. I would ask questions and she would confirm that Juniper was following guidelines and meeting milestones. Chloe put me at ease without making me feel stupid."

Family and Children's Program

High-quality, compassionate care for pregnant and postpartum people, children and families in the comfort of their home. Your generosity funds:

- Care for children with chronic conditions and developmental delays
- Parenthood preparation and guidance for new families
- Rehabilitation therapies, including physical, occupational and speech-language therapies.

SHAUN'S STORY:

High-Tech Care in the Comfort of Home



Kelly McGuire (left) and her brother, Shaun McGuire, at their home in South Burlington, Vermont

Shaun McGuire of South Burlington lives at home thanks in part to high-tech nursing, a critical home health service that keeps patients out of the hospital while providing invaluable support for families throughout Vermont.

Shaun suffered a traumatic brain injury almost two decades ago and developed other chronic conditions. He cannot walk or stand and relies on a ventilator, a tracheostomy tube and an ostomy bag.

"Caregivers who provide care around the clock don't necessarily have the opportunity to be a family," says Jennifer Pennington, RN, specialty care team clinical manager. "We go in and provide help with nurses who make sure their loved one is well cared for."

Read Shaun's full story here:
uvmhealth.org/high-tech

Adult Home Health Program

Comprehensive home health care to support recovery from surgery, hospitalization or a chronic condition. Your generosity funds:

- Home visits from skilled nurses, therapists and social workers
- Equipment to manage complex conditions safely from home

Growing Together through Community Support at Adult Day Program

What used to be an overgrown fenced-in patio is now a thriving garden at our Adult Day Program in South Burlington. Participants work with program staff and volunteers from the UVM Master Gardeners Program to tend the garden bed, growing vegetables that become part of the nutritious meals provided every day.

A grant from **The Fanny Allen Foundation** provides support for the garden and other engaging and fun activities for participants.

Adult Day Program

Our daytime program serving older clients, adults with disabilities and individuals with Alzheimer's disease or other cognitive impairments. Your generosity funds:

- Nursing and personal care services
- Engaging activities that promote social connections
- A safe and supportive environment for vulnerable adults







Adult Day participants work in and enjoy the garden space

CHRIS' STORY:

Independence, Well-Being and Safety at Home



Long-Term Care client Chris Jacobs

Many of us wish to remain at home as we age—and will need help to do so. In fact, a study conducted by Harvard University suggests that 70% of those who reach age 65 will require long-term care for at least three years.

Our team is here for our neighbors who need support to remain safely in their home. In 2025 we cared for 217 clients, providing more than 18,000 hours of care over more than 9,000 visits.

Long-Term Care client Chris Jacobs reflects on his experience: "It saved my life. I never knew there were so many things available for people like me. I thought I was on my own. Now, I'm not in pain. I'm so blessed to have your help."

Long-Term Care Program

Nonmedical services to support independence, well-being and safety at home for people who meet income, age and/or disability criteria. Your generosity funds:

- Personal care services like bathing and dressing
- Household maintenance, including grocery shopping and laundry



Hospice nurse Gale Smith provides care and comfort

Donor Support Enhances Hospice Training

Support from a generous community member allowed us to partner with Dr. Lynn McPherson of the University of Maryland, Baltimore, to develop specialized training for staff caring for hospice patients with Alzheimer's and other memory impairments.

Nancy Long, MD, hospice medical director, reflects: "there are so many things that I am grateful for when I think about this training. What stands out most is that we had the opportunity to learn and share together as a team. There is no topic more important to our community than compassionate family-centered care for people with Alzheimer's."

Hospice and Palliative Care

Comprehensive, patient-centered care for people at the end of life and their families. Your generosity funds:

- Holistic care addressing patients' medical, emotional, social and spiritual needs
- Bereavement care for patients and families
- Volunteer services, including companionship, meal delivery, pet support and much more

"Mom's hospice team felt more like family than health care providers. They all genuinely cared for Mom and it showed."

- Family member of hospice patient

KATE'S STORY:

A grateful family member's commitment to care

"From Nov. 2024 to Sept. 2025 my husband, mom and dad all had the gift of dying at the Respite House. They died with dignity, grace and blessings offered by the very caring staff and volunteers. Once at the Respite House, our family was able to simply be family again. We could use our energy to focus on all the love, the final words, the tears and even the laughs because our loved ones were fully cared for with such tenderness. The Respite House and HHH will always be a part of my charitable giving and in time I hope to also give back as a volunteer."

- Kate Mitchell

McClure Miller Respite House

A home-away-from-home for people at end of life and Vermont's only Medicare-certified home for the terminally ill. Your generosity funds:

- Charitable care to ensure access for all
- Respite for families and loved ones
- Maintaining our peaceful and welcome space and grounds



Kate and her late husband Greg "Mitch" Mitchell

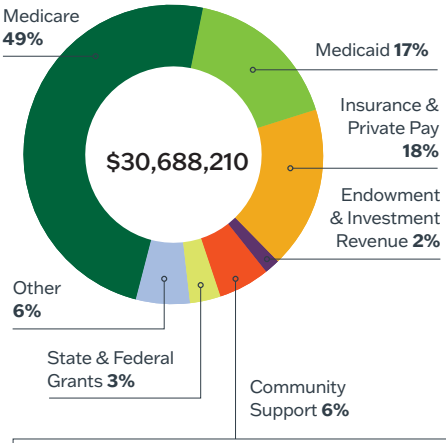
Financials

Thank you to everyone who supported our work last year! With the help of more than 2,000 individuals, businesses, foundations and cities and towns in our services area, we cared for more than 4,300 neighbors last year and provided more than $1 million in charitable care.

We ended Fiscal Year 2025 (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025) facing a systemic funding gap: it simply costs us more to deliver exceptional care than what standard reimbursements cover. This is not unusual for home health and hospice organizations, and your philanthropy plays a vital role in helping to close that gap. We remain focused on carefully stewarding our resources to consistently deliver the high-quality, compassionate care we are known for. **Philanthropy plays a key role in making sure that every neighbor receives the care they deserve.**

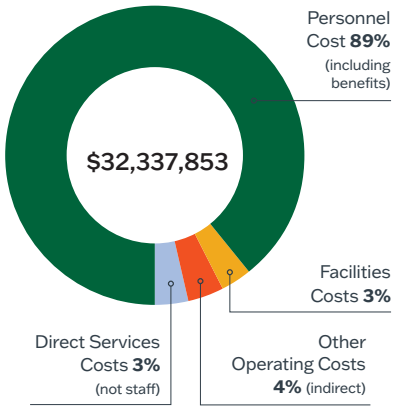
REVENUE

October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025



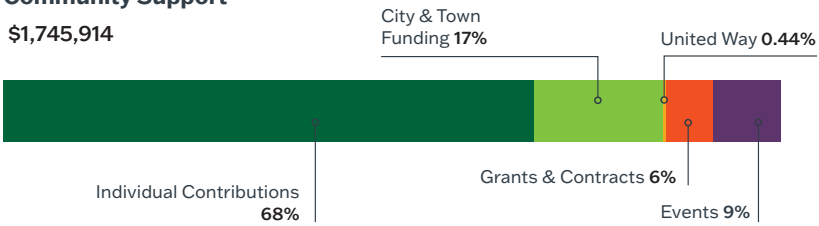
EXPENSES

October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025



Community Support

$1,745,914



Please note: Starting this year, all data included in this report follow our most recent fiscal year. Previous reports reported on calendar year data.

A healthy community begins with us.

You help make compassionate care possible. Thank you.

Every gift ensures that our neighbors receive the support they need—wherever they call home.

Find ways to make a meaningful impact at uvmhealth.org/HHH/giving or by contacting **donate@uvmhomehealth.org.**



Leave Your Legacy

Members of our **Julia Smith Wheeler Founder's Society** shape the future of our mission with a gift through their will or estate plan. Their generosity ensures that compassionate care remains available for generations to come.

To explore how you can make a lasting difference through your will, trust, IRA, or appreciated stock, contact our Development Office at **donate@uvmhomehealth.org.**

Jiggety Jog

5K RUN•WALK

Thank you to everyone who joined us May 30 for the **2026 Jiggety Jog**, our annual fundraising event for the McClure Miller Respite House! You can still support the event by making a gift at **uvmhealth.org/jog.**

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