

THE Foundation

Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital

UPCOMING EVENTS

Concerts on the Lawn

5:30-7:30 pm

July 30: LP Acoustic

September 3: All Without the Bass

Centennial Summer Carnival

CVPH Front Lawn

August 15, 11 am-5 pm

Centennial Retiree Gatherings

CVPH Boardroom

September 18, 10 am-12 pm

Girls Night Out

Strand Theatre

October 13, 7 pm

Candlelight Ceremony

CVPH Circle of Healing & Hope

December 6, 4 pm

For information, contact Michelle Senecal at (518) 314-3359 or msenecal@cvph.org.

Our Mission

The generosity of our caring community enables us to advance initiatives that are important to the health of the North Country.

All donations stay in our local community.

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Connecting You

A Friendly Visit, A Shared Story, A Simple Conversation

With support from The Foundation of CVPH, the hospital's Volunteer Services team and Psychiatry Consult Service have partnered to create a new program bringing comfort, companionship and connection to patients who may be facing long hospital stays or limited family support.

The CVPH Patient & Volunteer Connections Program carefully matches trained volunteers with patients, helping ease feelings of loneliness and brighten difficult days. For volunteer Kristine Changelo, the impact is easy to see.

"Sometimes they just want to talk, and that helps out," she says. "It just makes their life a little happier and a little easier."

The program makes a difference for volunteers, too. Patients often look forward to visits, a card game, or simply having someone who will listen.

"You go home and just feel good that you could help somebody," Changelo says. "And then they feel good because sometimes they really help us."

By supporting programs like this, donors help create meaningful moments of connection that improve the patient experience and remind people they are never alone on their health care journey. For information about volunteering, contact Sarah Hardy at 518-562-7595 or visit uvmhealth.org/give-back/volunteer.



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Trained volunteers currently participate

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Foundation Office staff are happy to help with any questions you may have about making a gift or learning more about our programs. Please feel free to contact us.

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From Heartbreak to Hope

Cindy and Jim Evans turned their daughter's legacy into lifelong giving

When Cindy and Jim Evans were presented with the 2026 Larry W. Jeffords Legacy Award, they were recognized for decades of helping others. Through their partnership with The Foundation of CVPH, they have turned their own experience of receiving support into a legacy of giving that continues to touch families throughout the North Country. Their journey began with their daughter, Kaitlin.

Shortly after she was born at CVPH, Kaitlin was diagnosed with a rare and life-threatening heart defect. She was transferred to Boston, where she received a heart transplant and became the youngest heart transplant recipient at the time.

As young parents facing an uncertain future, Cindy and Jim were carried by the kindness of others. Before they left, a counselor handed them \$50 to help with expenses. Back home, friends, coworkers and community members rallied around the family. Through The Foundation of CVPH, the Kaitlin Evans Fund was

established to help with travel costs and ongoing medical care.

"That first act of kindness stayed with us," Cindy remembers. "We experienced so much support from so many people. It made a difference when we really needed it."

Although Kaitlin thrived for several years, she passed away at just 8-years-old. Determined to honor her memory, Cindy and Jim worked with The Foundation to transform the Kaitlin Evans Fund into Families Helping Families, a program that provides comfort items, emergency cash and travel assistance information to parents whose children need specialized medical care.

Over the years, the Evanses have assembled thousands of care packets and helped countless families navigate difficult moments.

"We wanted to pay it forward," Jim says. "If we could help another family feel supported the way we did, then we knew we were honoring Kaitlin."

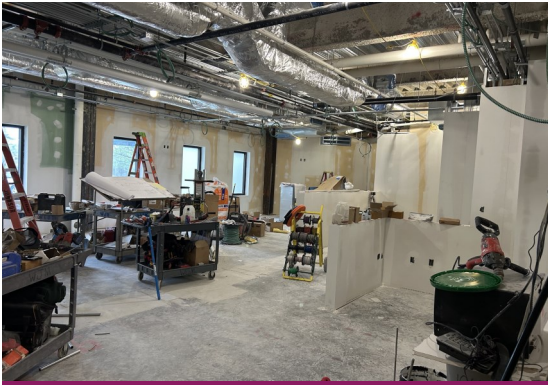
Today, that spirit of generosity continues to bring comfort, hope and support to families when they need it most.



Cindy Evans holds newborn daughter Kaitlin.



Items included in packets provided through the Families Helping Families program.



- ▶ **\$1.37 million raised**
- ▶ **Twice the space of the current rehabilitation facility**
- ▶ **Expanded services include a new Pulmonary Rehabilitation program**

Bigger Space for Recovery

New rehab center closer to completion

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors, construction is moving forward on CVPH's new Cardiac & Pulmonary Rehabilitation Center. After reaching the project's \$1.37 million fundraising goal, work is well underway on a larger facility that will help more patients recover from heart and lung conditions close to home.

The new center will be approximately twice the size of the current rehabilitation space, allowing more patients to participate while creating room for expanded services, including a new Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program. It will also provide space for graduates to continue exercising and maintaining the healthy habits they've developed.

Every gift helped make this project possible, creating a lasting impact for North Country patients and families for years to come. We look forward to opening the center in fall 2026.



Transition Success

Supporting Safe Mobility

When an outpatient physical therapist recommended an upright walker for a patient with a history of falls, insurance would not cover the cost. Through the Transition Success program, The Foundation of CVPH purchased the walker, helping improve the patient's safety and reduce the risk of future falls and injuries. A simple piece of equipment can make a big difference in helping someone remain healthy, independent and out of the emergency room.

Bridging the Gap

Financial hardship left one patient unable to consistently fill prescribed medications, raising concerns about her health. The Foundation stepped in to cover a short-term medication need until she could meet with a specialist and enroll in a pharmacy assistance program. This timely support helped ensure she stayed on track with treatment and avoided unnecessary health complications.

How You Can Support Care

Every gift helps improve lives close to home. Learn about patient assistance programs, caregiver support, scholarships, wellness initiatives and more below and in our Resource Guide. Scan the QR code to explore the many ways your donation can support care across the North Country.



QR Code: https://www.uvmhealth.org/sites/default/files/2026-04/Resource_Guide_2026_CVPH.pdf

The Foundation General Fund



Flexible support for patients, caregivers, community health

The Foundation General Fund provides support where it is needed most. Gifts help fund direct patient assistance, caregiver education and scholarships, medical equipment, and community wellness programs. By giving to the General Fund, you help ensure patients receive the care, resources, and support they need close to home, when they need it most.

FitzPatrick Cancer Treatment Center Fund

Providing comfort, hope and support throughout treatment

A cancer diagnosis affects every part of a patient's life. Donations help ease financial burdens related to transportation, housing, food and medical care, allowing patients to focus on healing. Gifts also support enhanced services, equipment, education and programs that improve care, comfort and hope throughout the cancer treatment journey.



Workforce Development



Supporting the people who care for you

Exceptional patient care starts with exceptional caregivers. Donations help employees and community members pursue education, training and professional certifications that strengthen our health care workforce. By investing in those who provide care, you help ensure patients have access to skilled, compassionate health care close to home—today and for years to come.

Patient Travel Funds

Easing the burden of travel for treatment and care

For some patients, the care they need is miles from home. Donations help individuals and families manage the costs of travel for specialized treatment, organ transplants, cystic fibrosis care and pediatric medical needs. By reducing financial stress, these funds help patients focus on what matters most—healing and recovery.



Out in the Community

Your support is helping improve lives across the North Country

Our events are about more than bringing people together—they're about improving lives. Thanks to your participation and generosity, we have raised nearly \$100,000 in the first half of 2026. That money is going directly into patient-centered programs. Thank you for showing up, giving back and having a tremendous impact on our patients and the community. We look forward to seeing you at more events later this year! Below are some of our favorite moments from 2026 so far!



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Friday the 13th Brings Good Fortune

Friday the 13th is supposed to be unlucky, but this past March it turned into a day of generosity for The Foundation of CVPH. Three separate gifts, totaling **\$13,000**, arrived the same day and are helping support a variety of important patient-centered programs. Plattsburgh High School National Honor Society students Kara Kretser and Soumar Bachawaty (pictured to the right) raised **\$2,000** for the Alice T. Miner Women & Children's Center. They organized a tubing and skiing event at Beartown this winter. And a heartfelt thank you to CB Electric for donating **\$1,000** and Team Crosley of Crown Home Mortgage contributing **\$10,000**, both in support of the Cardiac & Pulmonary Rehab project.



Make Your Impact Today

The gifts featured above are proof that every donation matters. Whether it's \$10, \$100 or \$10,000, your generosity helps improve the lives of patients and families throughout the North Country. Scan the QR code to the right to make a gift today and support the programs and services that mean the most to you.

Donate Now



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