



A Home For All

- When you or your loved one needs more end-of-life care than can be provided at home, we're here.
- When your spouse or family isn't able to serve as your primary caregiver, we're here.
- When dying at home isn't best for you and your family, we're here.

The McClure Miller Respite House is here for you when you need us most.

The McClure Miller Respite House: A Treasured Resource for Our Community

Since 1991, the McClure Miller Respite House has provided high quality, compassionate hospice care for our community. **Vermont's only Medicare-certified inpatient hospice residence**, the Respite House is a home-away-from-home for people with terminal illnesses, providing the peaceful comforts of a home-like environment alongside the highest quality holistic care. Our skilled nurses, social workers, spiritual caregivers, bereavement counselors, and volunteers empower patients and promote dignity and quality of life during a person's final months, weeks, and days.

Each year, more than 300 individuals and their families turn to the Respite House for care and comfort. **From the beginning, community support has lifted and sustained the non-profit mission of the Respite House.** Philanthropy allows the Respite House to remain open to every family who walks through our doors. Together, we can meet the growing demands of our community and protect the future of this special community resource.

Your support makes compassionate care possible.
To care for everyone who need us, we must act now.

The Right Care at the Right Time

Three Wings of Care:

The data is clear: to meet the needs of our community, we need a 21-room Respite House. When our house is fully open, more of our neighbors can receive the hospice care they deserve. Re-opening our third wing means we can care for **50 additional residents each year** and accommodate a longer length of stay for all residents. This matters - for our residents, their families, and our community.

Every additional room we make available to the community adds to our expenses, and costs are rising. **Philanthropy is key to continuing this vital resource.**

Preparing for our Aging Population:

The amount of Vermonters age 85+ grew by 28% from 2000 – 2023. As our population ages, we must be ready to meet the growing demand for hospice services.

Increasing Hospice Utilization:

Hospice use and length of hospice care in Vermont are among the lowest in New England. This means that too many of our neighbors die without receiving the proven benefits of hospice care.

Hospice addresses medical, emotional, and spiritual needs with a focus on empowerment, informed decision-making, and alleviating pain and provides optimal benefits the earlier an individual chooses hospice. **An investment in the McClure Miller Respite House increases access to this important care.**

Care in the Most Appropriate Setting:

When possible, most people choose to die at home or in home-like settings like the Respite House. **Costs to our healthcare system are lower when we provide exceptional end-of-life care at the Respite House rather than in a hospital setting.** When our neighbors receive the care they need at the right time and in the right setting, everyone benefits and our community is stronger.



50%

of our residents receive full or partial fee reduction.

Philanthropy makes this possible.



A Pathway to Sustainability

Every day, neighbors and families tell us how **grateful** they are that the Respite House was here when they needed it most.

We know how vital this resource is for our community and are **committed** to keeping it fully open and available to people who need it, regardless of ability to pay.

Our commitment to a full Respite House comes with costs.

Reimbursements from private and public insurance, which help pay for the Respite House, lag far behind the cost of staffing and maintaining the house. Staffing accounts for 90% of our annual Respite House expenses, limiting our ability to control costs.

To sustain the Respite House long into the future, we must:

- Grow home health and hospice throughout our service area
- Explore alternate reimbursement models that account for the value the Respite House brings to our health system
- Carefully steward our resources
- **Increase philanthropy**

Estimated Annual Finances

*Based on 16 room average occupancy

Annual Revenue: \$6,871,687

Annual Expenses: \$7,204,016

Difference: \$332,329



“Coming to McClure Miller Respite House was the moment I could stop being a caregiver and just be his wife again. This place let us step into the final part of his journey with grace. It was peaceful. He wasn’t in pain. He was ready, and we were held.”

– Kate Mitchell

Photo Caption: Kate and her late husband, Greg “Mitch” Mitchell

A House Built By Our Community, For Our Community



Philanthropic support built the Respite House and is what keeps it open every day, for every family who walks through our doors.

While bricks and mortar create the space, it is philanthropy that allows us to provide compassionate, dignified end-of-life care year-round. **Each year, a minimum of \$525,000 in philanthropic funding is required to sustain the Respite House, covering staffing, clinical care, family support services, and essential operations.**

Our three-year campaign seeks to raise \$2.5 million to ensure both immediate stability and long-term sustainability.

The campaign will raise the \$525,000 needed in annual philanthropy for the three years of the campaign. In addition the campaign will create a \$925,000 Respite House Support fund to provide support for the next five years as we build to a level of support in our community that can routinely meet the needs.

Campaign Goal: \$2,500,000

Three years of philanthropic funding to support operating needs: **\$1,575,000**

Respite House Support Fund: **\$925,000**

We invite you to reach out and explore pathways for giving that are meaningful to you:

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The Respite House Fund will:

- **Support** expenses related to expanding and re-opening our 3rd wing, including physical upgrades and staff training
- **Fund** necessary updates to maintain the quality of the House, in accordance with regulations and standards of care
- **Provide** a buffer for unforeseen expenses and investments
- **Ensure** financial stability as we expand access and grow philanthropic support