

The *Lilac* Ledger

Spreading roots in our community

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Innovation in Action

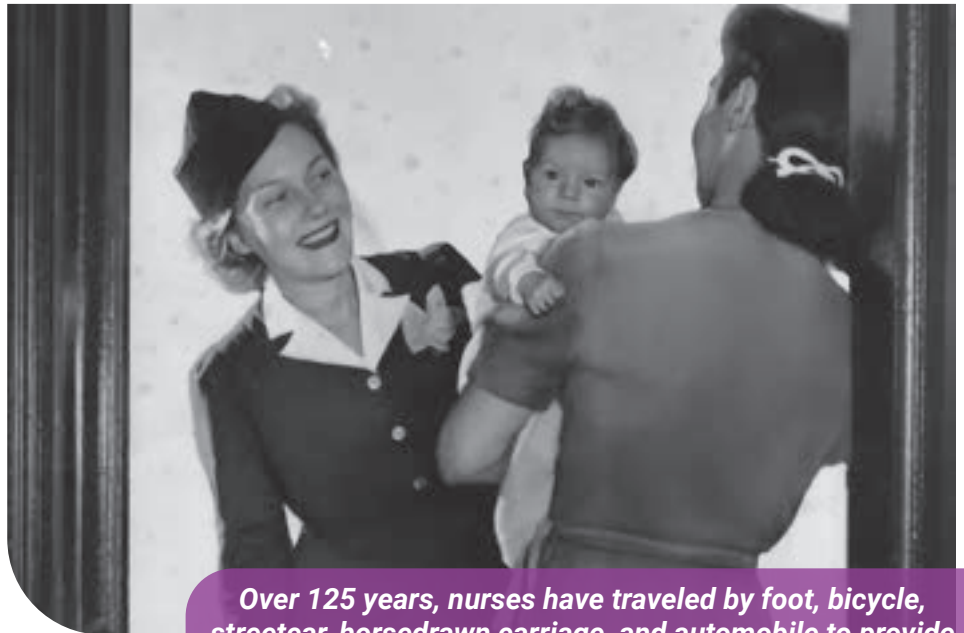
Granite VNA is now using Home Care Virtual Visits to enhance care and provide a complement to traditional nursing visits.

Thanks to support from a Concord Hospital grant, two virtual visit home care nurses are offering clinical support and education to patients, families, and all of our clinical teams.

Home Care Virtual Visits is an opportunity to increase quality of healthcare by reducing hospital admissions and emergency department utilization.

It increases clinical capacity that allows for strategically scheduled in-person visits and most effective use of team member resources.

Additionally, it enhances our ability to limit infectious diseases during quarantine environments. ❖



Over 125 years, nurses have traveled by foot, bicycle, streetcar, horsedrawn carriage, and automobile to provide home care, hospice, and community health services.

Celebrating 125 Years of Caring

It is a special year at Granite VNA as we celebrate our founding in 1899 as the Concord District Nursing Association.

Along the way, there have been many key dates. More than 30 years after the first hospice began in England, Central NH VNA & Hospice and Concord Regional VNA started providing end-of-life care. In 1994, Concord Regional VNA opened the first Hospice House in NH.

In 2020, while at the forefront of delivering care during the COVID-19 pandemic, we

developed a homebound vaccination program that became a model for other agencies in the state. The next year, the two agencies merged to form Granite VNA.

Our agency has constantly evolved to meet changing needs – from the influenza pandemic of 1918, to the AIDS epidemic of the 1980s and 90s, and today's complex healthcare. Our highly-skilled clinical teams travel thousands of miles each year, to provide home care, hospice, and wellness programs and clinics in 82 NH communities. ❖

Tax Credits to Support Community Space

In 2023, Granite VNA was awarded \$187,500 in tax credits from the NH Community Development Authority to support updates and repairs to its Laconia office. The funds will assist with renovations to the first floor including the entryway, restrooms, and meeting space. Once completed, the roughly 1,340 sq. ft. multi-use meeting space will be used to hold preventative wellness programs and bereavement support groups.

We are grateful to the following businesses who have purchased our awarded tax credits including Associated Grocers of New England, Inc., Grappone Automotive Group, Meredith Village Savings Bank (see picture on right), and Merrimack County Savings Bank.

For information on how your business can help, contact Melissa Howard, MBA, Director of Donor Relations at (603) 731-7757 or melissa.howard@granitevna.org. ❀



From left, Beth Slepian, Granite VNA President/CEO; Jessica Ruel, MVS brand and business development manager; Denise Hubbard, MVS vice president and mortgage loan program officer; and Joe Collie, MVS business development officer.

Get your game on...to benefit Granite VNA!

We are excited to announce that Filotimo Casino in Manchester has selected Granite VNA as a non-profit beneficiary. Casinos in New Hampshire operate as charitable entities, earmarking 35% of profits to non-profit organizations. In 2022, the company gave away \$3.8 million to non-profit organizations.

Whether you are a seasoned player or you're looking for a unique and fun night out, buy-in

to a game (or two) **Friday, March 22 through Tuesday, March 26** and a portion of all proceeds will benefit Granite VNA home health and hospice services and community wellness programming.

Filotimo Casino is located at 1279 South Willow Street, Manchester. The casino is open Sunday - Wednesday, 8 a.m. - 1 a.m. and Thursday - Saturday, 8 a.m. - 4 a.m. ❀

Mission

We enhance dignity and independence for people by delivering quality health care and promoting wellness in homes and communities through all stages of life.

Photography

Unless specified, photos are by Granite VNA. Pg 2 MVS Courtesy Photo; Pg. 3 photos by @davewhitephoto.com; Pg. 4 Passion for Caring photo by Cheryl Senter.

Mailing List

Our newsletter is published for community members and friends. If you wish to have your name removed from our mailing list, write us at Granite VNA, 30 Pillsbury Street, Concord, NH 03301, call (603) 230-5664, or e-mail info@granitevna.org. Please include your name and address exactly as they appear on this mailing with your request to be removed.

Nondiscrimination Statement

Granite VNA complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate in services and access to treatment, appropriate care or employment in its programs or activities on the basis of race, color, sex (pregnancy, sexual orientation, or gender identity), national origin, religion, disability, age, genetic information, marital status, source of payment, or the absence of advance directives.

Meeting Our Mission

Granite VNA invested \$5.2 million in charitable community programs and services to meet the evolving needs of the communities we served in fiscal year 2023 (October 2022-September 2023). Your donations play a key role in helping us provide our robust Community Benefits Program.

Community Benefit numbers include:



\$2,036,658

in subsidized health services at Hospice House, a warm, inviting home where people receive end-of-life care. ❖



\$137,590

in health and wellness opportunities for individuals to help them improve their quality of life and remain independent. ❖



\$98,845

to support community members where they live with services that align with their values and their provider's recommendations. ❖



\$92,212

in bereavement and grief support for families, friends and anyone in the community who have had loved ones pass away. ❖

Scan the QR code or visit www.granitevna.org to view Granite VNA's Annual Report and learn more about how Granite VNA is meeting its mission.



Lights, Life and Memories

Thank you for your support of Lights, Life and Memories!

The hospice awareness campaign honors and remembers loved ones who have died. Our agency displayed 492 doves and 1,412 names on this year's Honor Roll that were submitted by community members.

We are grateful for individual donors, as well as business sponsors and the 139 businesses who displayed a purple light in support of this campaign.

With your tremendous support, more than \$57,000 was raised for our Hospice Program. Additionally, thanks to our Community Remembrance Ceremony location hosts. ❖


*Lights, Life
and Memories*

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The **Lilac Ledger** is the quarterly newsletter for you, our supporters, to educate, inform, and share how your donations make a positive impact on the work of Granite VNA.



Save the Date!

Wednesday, May 1
Passion for Caring



The Barn at Bull Meadow, Concord
5:30 PM

Join us for a cocktail party and a silent auction.
All proceeds benefit Granite VNA.
Tickets on sale in March.

Wednesday, July 10
Hospice Home & Garden Tour



Wolfeboro and Tuftonboro
10 AM - 4 PM

Spend an afternoon touring beautiful homes
to benefit Granite VNA Hospice program.
Tickets on sale in May.

For more information on these events, please call (603) 230-5664.