

Impact Report

September 2026



You helped José, an elderly veteran and a hospice patient who needed a new washer. He and his partner were struggling to wash their clothes. With your support, we purchased a washer from a big-box store and had it delivered to his hospice team, who brought it to José's home and helped set it up.

"My heart couldn't help but cry!" José's social worker told us. "This veteran is in his nineties and has never had a new washer before. THANK YOU SO MUCH!"

That small relief—a reliable source for clean clothes—restored dignity to José's living situation, and it's all thanks to you.



Hospice Help
FOUNDATION

Helping Patients in a Hundred Different Ways

This past year has been tough for people in need. Low-income hospice patients and their families have been left vulnerable as virtually every product and service across the board becomes more expensive. **That's why we're especially grateful for your continued support.**

Over the last year, you've helped patients in need pay for **heating oil**, send **mortgage and rent checks**, and **keep the lights on** as electricity costs mount. You've ensured that hospice patients could have **functioning washers and dryers, toaster ovens and microwaves**, and **air conditioning units**.

You've provided quality-of-life equipment that Medicare or Medicaid wouldn't cover, such as **specialized recliners, hearing amplifiers, fall detection devices**, and **wheelchair ramps**. You've even fulfilled last wishes for patients that were modest in cost but priceless in their impact—ranging from **a TV to therapeutic massage to a small birthday party to the Bible on CD**. We're so thankful you stepped up and helped folks going through the most difficult time of their lives.

We will continue to face challenges. HHF is picking up more of the slack as social services are continually slashed. **But there's plenty of reason for optimism.** You inspire us with all you've done to provide comfort, dignity, and safety to patients in your community.

And we have much to look forward to in the coming year, including our spring gala—the Festival of Memories—which we're excited to share more about soon. **We can't wait to create deeper connections with you** as we move forward in service together.

With our heartfelt appreciation,

Marta Hurgin
President

Abby Sherwood
Executive Director

Hospice Help Foundation

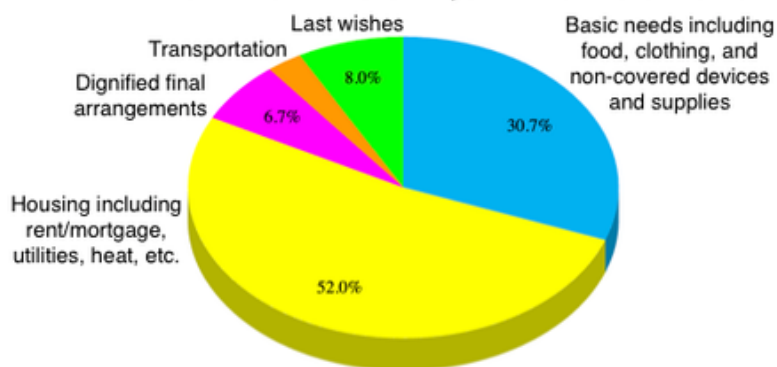
2026 AT A GLANCE

This year so far you've made a difference to low-income hospice patients in a dozen states, ranging in age from thirteen years old to ninety-eight. Your contributions helped improve the lives of patients throughout New England and reaching as far as Colorado, Texas, and Florida.

The average amount of the awards you made possible was \$613, up from \$480 last year.

Support for patients this year has ranged from as little as \$50 to as much as \$2000 in extreme circumstances of need. Here's a breakdown of how your support aided patients and their families in the first seven and a half months of the year:

AWARDS BY CATEGORY, JAN to AUG 2026



Hospice staff submit applications on behalf of their patients for help funding essential items that will have a direct impact on patients' comfort and well-being that they couldn't otherwise afford and that are not covered by insurance. **HHF donors help relieve patients from the stress of financial hardship so they can focus on living every remaining day to the fullest.**

YOUR IMPACT



Patricia, Adams County, Colorado

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the generous grant that will help pay the second half of my property taxes this year. Your kindness has lifted a tremendous burden from my shoulders, and I cannot express how grateful I am."



Mark, Grafton County, New Hampshire

"Hospice Help Foundation's generous help gives people like Mark not only some nourishment but a few hours outside to remember the joys of shopping and being in everyday life."

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TANGIBLE BENEFITS

**These numbers reflect data from January to mid-August 2026*



PATIENT SUPPORT

75 patients and their families have received essential support.



HONORING VETERANS

6 Veterans benefited from life-improving financial assistance.



DIVERSITY AND EQUITY

15 individuals from diverse and underserved communities received an extra layer of help.



Mary and Louis, Coös County, New Hampshire

"They were so appreciative of your gift to pay for their March mortgage."

NEW PRESIDENT AND BOARD MEMBERS

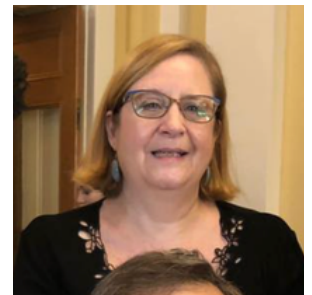
In 2026, **Marta Hurgin** took the reins as president of the HHF board of directors after previously serving as vice president and treasurer.



"People can often benefit so greatly from a modest financial grant," Marta said. "A small amount of money can help prevent a large amount of problems. It is so satisfying and refreshing to give money to people who need and deserve it!"

And joining the HHF board of directors are two new members:

Tina Cunningham, a human resources professional for over four decades, who works at Waypoint Maine in benefits and compliance.



Norma Marshall, a retired RN with a thirty-plus year career, who is also a board member for Aging in Place in her home community.



We truly appreciate the contributions these new members are making to the board!

FUNDED THROUGH AND SERVING THE COMMUNITY

HHF is a 501(c)3 charity that does not receive state or federal funding. Hospice Help Foundation's operating budget is supported through the generosity of private foundations, businesses, hospitals, banks, civic organizations, and individual donors. We serve low-income hospice patients in many of the same communities our donors represent.

HHF also maintains a philanthropic relationship with the hospice providers listed below left, who support the Foundation with the memorial donations they receive.



HHF is proud to participate in community-boosting events, such as the Seacoast Rotary Turkey Trot (2025).

KATHRYN THORNTON LEGACY FUND

Hospice Help Foundation is grateful to continue to receive critical donations through a fund dedicated to the memory of Kathryn Thornton.

After hospice nurse Kathryn's unexpected passing in 2019, her friends and family created the Kathryn Thornton Legacy Fund to honor her life and her commitment to her patients.



This month, the 7th annual Kathryn Thornton Memorial Picnic will be held in Pennsylvania. To date, Kathryn's family, friends, and colleagues have raised almost \$75K. These funds provide comfort and relief to vulnerable hospice patients, allowing her compassionate spirit to continue changing lives through the work of Hospice Help Foundation.



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A big THANK YOU to **Julie Stone** (Granite VNA) and **Michele Lovell** (Weeks Medical Center), who termed off in 2025.