

## *Hospice Volunteers of Waldo County*

In Waldo County, no one need die nor grieve alone.

We provide free, confidential, non-medical support and assistance to those at the end of life, their families, and the bereaved; we offer relevant education within the community.

**W**hile this second pandemic year leaves many feeling weary, our volunteers have, once again with commitment and grace, risen to the challenge of extraordinary community service.

We expanded our services in ways that make us truly proud. Our volunteers provided the equivalent of more than four full-time staff in 2021, providing free services to hundreds of people across the county.

But it's the person-to-person support, not the statistics, that reveal the heart of who we are. From bedside companionship to providing caregivers with respite and practical support, our volunteers found a way to meet the need.

We provided rides to cancer patients for treatments so that they avoided the risk of exposure on public transportation during the pandemic. We held our first Covid loss support group and continued providing community support groups for those suffering loss through these pandemic times. Under sometimes severe pandemic restrictions, we found creative ways to help navigate the last years of life and support those facing illness and death.

This could have only been achieved with the help of many people. Please consider joining us in our vision of being companions to those facing the end of life and those dealing with grief.

Jane Beers  
BOARD PRESIDENT

### *Board Members and Staff 2021*

**PRESIDENT:** Jane Beers, Belfast  
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## *JOIN US!*

- ♥ Tell your friends who maybe facing end of life issues or who have experienced a loss that we are here to help.
- ♥ Join us as a trained volunteer: our training offers the chance to grow in your knowledge of end of life issues.
- ♥ Join us as a community volunteer: help with fund raising, other projects, or join us to support a patient.
- ♥ Consider a financial gift: now is always a great time to give.
- ♥ Invite us to speak to your business, school, service, or church group to learn more about preparing for the end of life and how to support people grieving.

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# *Hospice Volunteers of Waldo County*

2021  
ANNUAL REPORT

~ *Our 2021 Year in Review* ~

***Hours in 2021—the equivalent of over four full-time staff***

- ♥ Provided 3,275 hours of patient and family support in homes, Waldo County General Hospital, and nursing homes
- ♥ Provided 2,732 hours of bereavement support
- ♥ Volunteers completed 1,907 hours of continuing and community education
- ♥ Administrative assistance (office work, fundraising, etc.) 1,520

***Here's what our wonderful volunteers accomplished***

- ♥ Supported 147 patients and families facing the end of life
- ♥ Supported 155 individuals in bereavement
- ♥ Held three support groups for the bereaved
- ♥ Held first Covid loss support group
- ♥ Ongoing bereavement support for young adults who experienced loss as young children
- ♥ Ongoing bereavement support for adults who experienced loss
- ♥ Provided grief support for local mental health providers
- ♥ Held two education workshops on end-of-life issues for the public
- ♥ Partnered with Waldo County General Hospital to provide 61 rides to medical appointments and the vaccination clinic
- ♥ Continued partnership with the City of Belfast through the Ring of Caring Program providing shopping and rides and companionship to vulnerable people in our community
- ♥ Ran 130 grocery errands
- ♥ Partnered with Belfast Flying Shoes to provide eight outdoor concerts at Tall Pines with live musicians and Hospice Fairies in attendance
- ♥ Personally shopped weekly for Tall Pines residents
- ♥ Gifted 50 personal bouquets of spring flowers to staff at Waldo County General Hospital
- ♥ Gifted regular seasonal cut flowers to Waldo County General Hospital and Tall Pines
- ♥ Gifted 15 hand-sewn quilts to Waldo County General Hospital
- ♥ Gifted 40 hand-sewn pillow slips to patient families at Waldo County General Hospital
- ♥ Assisted with funeral planning and led ceremonies
- ♥ Assisted 29 people to complete their Advance Care Planning
- ♥ Purchased new books and DVDs for our public lending library collection
- ♥ Partnered with local musicians to provide live music for homebound patients
- ♥ Named “Best of the Best” hospice providers in Village Soup poll
- ♥ Remained 100% compliant on quality measures

***Our 80+ Community Partners***

- ♥ Aging Well In Waldo County
- ♥ Bell the Cat Deli Restaurant
- ♥ Belfast Area Rotary Club
- ♥ Belfast Bay Fiddlers
- ♥ Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce
- ♥ Belfast Area Friends Meeting
- ♥ Belfast Coop
- ♥ Belfast Flying Shoes
- ♥ Belfast Free Library
- ♥ Belfast Lions Club
- ♥ Belfast Police Department
- ♥ Belfast Public Health Nurse
- ♥ Belfast United Methodist Church
- ♥ Best Café
- ♥ Blake Veterinary Hospital
- ♥ Carver Memorial Library
- ♥ City of Belfast
- ♥ Camden National Bank
- ♥ Coyote Moon
- ♥ Delvino’s Grill & Pasta House
- ♥ Darby’s Restaurant
- ♥ Department of Veterans Affairs
- ♥ First Church in Belfast
- ♥ First Congregational Church of Searsport
- ♥ Friendship Sampler Quilters
- ♥ Front Street Shipyard
- ♥ Glow Salon
- ♥ Greater Belfast Area Ministerium
- ♥ Green Store
- ♥ Harborwalk Restaurant
- ♥ Hannaford
- ♥ Hammond Lumber Company
- ♥ Harbor Hill Center
- ♥ HeartSong
- ♥ High Street Graphics
- ♥ Hospice Care Connection
- ♥ Images Belfast
- ♥ Jack’s Grocery
- ♥ Katwalk
- ♥ Liberty Library
- ♥ Little River Redemption
- ♥ Little River Veterinary Hospital
- ♥ Macleod Furniture
- ♥ Maine Community Foundation
- ♥ Maine Cancer Foundation
- ♥ Maine Hospice Council
- ♥ Old Professor Book Store
- ♥ Paddling the Rapids, Deb Burwell
- ♥ Palermo Community Center
- ♥ Penobscot Bay Dentistry
- ♥ Penobscot Shores Retirement Community
- ♥ Perry’s Home Furnishings and Design
- ♥ PICA Design
- ♥ Private Home Care, Inc
- ♥ Rauch Instrument Co
- ♥ Riposta Funeral Home
- ♥ Rollie’s Bar and Grill
- ♥ RSU 71
- ♥ RSU 3
- ♥ RSU 20
- ♥ Sandy Point Congregational Church
- ♥ Senior College at Belfast
- ♥ St. Francis of Assisi Church
- ♥ St. Margaret’s Episcopal Church
- ♥ Stockton Springs Community Library
- ♥ Swan Lake Grocery
- ♥ Tall Pines Health Care Community
- ♥ Towns of Waldo County
- ♥ Tozier’s Family Market
- ♥ Tarrantine Tribe # IORM
- ♥ UCC Lincolnville
- ♥ United Midcoast Charities
- ♥ United Methodist Church, Belfast
- ♥ Unitarian Universalist Church, Belfast
- ♥ University of Maine at Orono
- ♥ Unity Barn Raisers
- ♥ Unity Area Rotary Club
- ♥ Viking Inc
- ♥ Villageside Farm
- ♥ Vinolio
- ♥ Waldo County General Hospital
- ♥ White Cap Builders

***2021 Financial Stats***

**Income Sources and Amounts:**

Individual donations	\$21,039
PCP Loan Forgiveness	13,958
Investment income	16,990
Program income	11,389
Grant funding	12,250
Community organizations	9,381
Fund raising events	<u>2,460</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$87,467</b>

**Expenses by category:**

Staffing	\$74,908
Program	5,555
Insurance/Fees	4,753
Office	3,163
Fund raising events	<u>2,000</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$90,379</b>