



**Central Vermont
Home Health & Hospice**
A Century of Caring and Quality

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To: Town of Waitsfield
From: Sandy Rousse, CVHHH President and CEO
Date: September 23, 2013
Subject: 2014 Town Funding Request



Please accept this as Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice's written request to be listed on your March 2014-15 warning/ballot for town funding in the amount of \$3,350, the same amount approved by voters in the past year.

Our mission is to provide high quality, medically-necessary home health and hospice care to all Central Vermonters regardless of their ability to pay.

The health care industry is changing dramatically. Hospital patients are being discharged home "quicker and sicker", more people are choosing to receive their end-of-life care at home, and there is a growing demand for community-based long term care services. Yet, while labor and transportation costs are increasing, CVHHH is faced with continuing Medicare rate cuts and inadequate funding for many crucial programs.

Therefore, town funds are more important than ever to support critical health promotion programs, home health, hospice, and support services to the residents of Waitsfield who are uninsured, underinsured, or otherwise unable to pay.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me or Lindsay Kurrle, our Community Relations Coordinator, at 223-1878.

Thank you for your kind attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Sandy Rousse
President and CEO