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## **MEMORANDUM**

To:

Town of Waitsfield

From:

Judy Peterson, RN, BSN, CVHHH President and CEO

Date:

October 1, 2009

Subject:

2010 Town Funding Request



Please accept this as Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice's written request to be listed on your March 2010 warning/ballot for town funding in the amount of \$2,600.

There is no change in the amount of this funding request, as this is the same amount approved by Waitsfield voters the past two years.

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 Barbara Butler, our Community Relations and Development Director, at 223-1878.

Thank you for your kind attention to this request.

### PS

As always, by mid January 2010 CVHHH will forward our Annual Service Report of the services rendered to Waitsfield residents for FY 2009 (Jan 1- Dec 31, 2009). Please plan on providing this information in your Town's Annual Report. Thank you.



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Barbara Butler, Community Relations Director

## 2009 ANNUAL SERVICE REPORT

### TOWN OF WAITSFIELD

**January 5, 2010** 

Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice (CVHHH) is a 99-year-old full service, not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Association governed by a local voluntary Board of Directors. Serving the residents of 23 Central Vermont towns in the comfort and privacy of their own homes, CVHHH is committed to providing high quality, medically-necessary home health and hospice care to all Central Vermonters regardless of their ability to pay, geographic remoteness or complexity of health care needs. The agency also promotes the general welfare of local community members with long term care and health promotion activities including flu and pneumonia vaccinations, health screenings, foot care clinics, international travelers' health and caregiver support. In addition to direct patient care, our hospice program offers comprehensive bereavement services and volunteer training.

# Twelve Month Report of CVHHH Services to the Town of Waitsfield December 1, 2008 - November 30, 2009

| Program                             | # of Visits |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Home Health Care                    |             |
| Skilled and High-Technology Nursing | 828         |
| Home Health Aide Service            | 990         |
| Physical Therapy                    | 514         |
| Occupational Therapy                | 40          |
| Speech Therapy                      | 17          |
| Medical Social Service              | 61          |
| Hospice Care                        |             |
| Nursing                             | 119         |
| Aide Service                        | 93          |
| Therapy                             | 30          |
| Trained Hospice Volunteer           | 2           |
| Caregiver Support Contacts          | 19          |
| Bereavement Contacts                | 19          |
| Long Term Care                      |             |
| Case Management                     | 116         |
| Aide and Attendant Care             | 1,129       |
| Maternal Child Health               | 17          |
| TOTAL VISITS/CONTACTS               | 3,994       |
| TOTAL PATIENTS                      | 89          |

Town funding will help ensure CVHHH continues these services in Waitsfield through 2010 and beyond. For more information contact Judy Peterson, President/CEO, or Barbara Butler, Community Relations and Development Director, at 223-1878.