



As an important member of our HopeHealth family, your help and support over the years has ensured compassionate hospice care on the Cape and Martha's Vineyard, providing a critical service to this unique community.

As you are aware, healthcare has become a more complex and demanding environment. In order to continue providing a full complement of services for our patients, their families and friends, we've decided that now is the time to consolidate for greater strength and service to this very special patient population.

**Today we are announcing that HopeHealth on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard will become a part of Cape Cod Healthcare and the VNA of Cape Cod.**

As you might know, HopeHealth and Cape Cod Healthcare have explored opportunities to come together on many occasions over the past two decades. As the Cape's only two non-profit hospice providers, our two organizations are committed to a patient-centered, wholistic approach to care.

This is an important consolidation for maintaining and growing critical services on the Cape and Martha's Vineyard. Under Cape Cod Healthcare's strong umbrella, a full complement of services for patients, their families and friends, will be maintained, now with enhanced resources.

Through the Board's careful stewardship of resources, HopeHealth's hospice, dementia and Alzheimer services, and the McCarthy Care Center will be excellent additions to Cape Cod Healthcare. From this position of strength, the consolidated program will have important resources for developing a comprehensive, lifelong continuum of care with improved coordination and continuity. The talented and dedicated employees of HopeHealth are especially well suited to bringing this vision to life, honoring the HopeHealth legacy.

Here are some important points for you to know:

- Our organizations share the same vision and approach to hospice care. A consolidated program can build a sustainable, life-long continuum of care for Cape and Vineyard patients and their families.
- All services currently provided by HopeHealth will continue to be provided by Cape Cod Healthcare, including hospice, support for individuals with serious illness including PediPal, and dementia and Alzheimer's care programs.
- The McCarthy Care Center will continue to serve our community as the only hospice inpatient facility on Cape Cod. Cape Cod Healthcare is committed – and well-positioned - to complete the necessary renovations to the McCarthy Care Center. As part of the transition, the McCarthy Care Center, will close temporarily in late January for renovations and will re-open several months later as part of Cape Cod Healthcare.
- Cape Cod Healthcare recognizes the unique support provided to caregivers by our Dementia and Alzheimer Services and is committed to raising funds for the continuation of the program which is supported 100% through philanthropy.
- We expect that most if not all HopeHealth employees on Cape Cod will have an opportunity for employment at Cape Cod Healthcare.

What does this mean for you, our donor?

- Cape Cod Healthcare will establish a “Hope Fund Advisory Committee” which will include individuals who have served on the HopeHealth board of directors to advise on the use and distribution of HopeHealth charitable reserve funds.
- All charitable funds gifted to HopeHealth in the past will continue to be used for the specific purposes for which they were given and will live on in a strengthened end-of-life continuum of care for residents of the Cape.
- Should you choose to continue to support essential hospice services, the McCarthy Care Center and dementia and Alzheimer’s services as part of Cape Cod Healthcare, please direct your gift accordingly. If you do not want your gift information to transfer to Cape Cod Healthcare please contact Pauline Neves, HopeHealth’s Vice President of Philanthropy at [PNeves@HopeHealthCo.org](mailto:PNeves@HopeHealthCo.org) or (508) 957-0257 by February 1, 2019.

HopeHealth has a wonderful history in our community and we are now well positioned to continue our mission of caring for those who are seriously ill and impacted by loss for many years to come. Thank you for your commitment to making a difference in the lives of our patients and their families.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Board of Directors