

## NEW HAMPSHIRE HEALTHCARE PROFILES

# Lifting Life

**Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health offers compassionate, patient-centered care to help people live their final chapter fully.**



## PEMI-BAKER HOSPICE & HOME HEALTH WANTS YOU TO KNOW:

- Home hospice care is covered by Medicare and most insurance companies. Patients and their families pay nothing for top-tier, compassionate medical care, medication, and even equipment.
- A physician referral isn't required; patients and families can simply call Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health to receive a thorough—and free—assessment.
- Hospice isn't about helping people die, it's about helping them live—as long, as comfortably, and as fully as possible.

**F**or Danielle Paquette-Horne, registered nurse and executive director of Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health, all too often families wait too long to take advantage of the benefits that hospice care provides. “Waiting until a loved one is on their death bed leaves so little time for the patient and family to adjust to the upcoming transition,” she says.

Paquette-Horne and her team have made it their mission to educate the community about the medical expertise, comfort, and comprehensive support they provide for those who have six months or less to live. “Our organization has been helping people in central and northern New Hampshire since 1967, but there's still so much confusion about what we do,” she says. “Hospice is a distinct medical specialty that focuses on the care and support of people who are nearing the end of life.”

Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health's physicians and advanced practicing nurses are board certified in hospice and palliative care. Nurses and their assistants provide exceptional medical and loving care. Social workers collaborate closely with patients and families, connecting them to local

services and assisting with advanced care planning. Chaplains provide spiritual counseling, if desired, and volunteers offer meals, companionship, assistance with tasks, and various therapies. There's even a special program that honors veterans. Patients living in nursing homes can also receive end-of-life care from the staff.

“Our team collaboratively cares for patients progressing toward life's end,” says Paquette-Horne. Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health's palliative care services assist people, often in their own home, who are living with serious illnesses and need help managing symptoms and side effects.

It's all part of this nonprofit's mission to rally with love and respect around people who are near life's end so they can transition painlessly, peacefully, and comfortably at home with their loved ones.

### Hometown Advantage

Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health's focus is distinctly local, helping people in and around Grafton County as they navigate life's final journey with comfort, grace, and meaning. “We are neighbors serving neighbors, caring for people we may have known all our lives,” says Paquette-Horne. “Everyone on our staff shares a deep connection to this area.”

Paquette-Horne both cherishes and shares the spirit of independence and resourcefulness New Englanders are known for. “Many of us cut our own firewood and grow our own food. We might live on the side of a mountain where no fire truck could reach us, but when death is near, it is a time to ask for help. It is so hard to witness community members struggle,” she says. “The sooner we get involved, the better. Tell us what you need, and we will find a way to help.”



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