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CVHHH Partners with City of Barre for Emergency Backup Plan

Barre, VT – Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice (CVHHH) and The City of Barre have entered into an agreement, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), that grants CVHHH permission to use a portion of the Barre Auditorium (AUD) as an alternate facility site so that CVHHH may continue to operate and provide care for central Vermonters in the event of a natural disaster or emergency. Lucas Herring, Mayor of the City of Barre (pictured below, left), with Jeff Bergeron, Director of Buildings & Community Services (pictured below, right), were present as Sandy Rouse, CVHHH's President & CEO, counter-signed the MOU on January 21 at the AUD.



“The City of Barre has agreements with a number of local groups, including the Red Cross, UVMHN-Central Vermont Medical Center, and the Vermont Department of Health to use the AUD as a shelter in the case of a catastrophic emergency,” says Herring. The City of Barre has a history of welcoming Vermonters in need, including during the flooding in 2011 and 2015, and more recently, during an ice storm that left many residents without power. “We have a lot of supports in place for our residents and neighbors if they need

something,” adds Herring. Sandy Rouse says, “The Barre Auditorium is a place that fosters community all year long, for sporting and other events. Partnering with our municipality to ensure that CVHHH can continue to operate in the event of an emergency is an important way that we, and the City of Barre, can join together to support central Vermonters.”

About CVHHH

Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice (CVHHH) is a full-service, not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Association committed to providing high-quality, medically-necessary home health and hospice care to all central Vermonters, regardless of ability to pay. CVHHH also provides long-term care and health promotion services. To learn more about CVHHH's services, visit www.cvhhh.org.