



Dear Friends of CVHHH,

We feel incredibly fortunate and honored to have been asked to be the Honorary Chairs for this year's fall appeal. We've been supporting CVHHH for over 10 years as donors, volunteers, and as participants in the fall fashion show, Seasons of Life. Shaline, in her work with her business Shaline Bridal, has loved creating and preparing her beautiful and distinctive creations to showcase on the runway. For my part, I've happily lugged many racks of wedding gowns and accessories into the venue and back to the car at the end of the night. My company, rbTechnologies, has sponsored the event in different ways for many years. We always have a great time and look forward to attending every year. We had already been supporting CVHHH and the fashion show for a couple years when our youngest child was born. Lacey was only 10 days old when she attended her first show as a helpful and eager assistant to Shaline as she got her models ready to go on the runway. This year, for the second time, Lacey, now 9, modeled herself!



Over the years, we have seen numerous friends and neighbors receive services at home from CVHHH. Through their stories and the deeply personal stories shared at CVHHH events, we've come to understand the incredible healing power that is provided by allowing people to recover, or pass in comfort, surrounded by their loved ones, in their own homes, and on their own terms. This just scratches the surface of how CVHHH cares for and supports central Vermonters. In addition to hospice and palliative care, CVHHH provides a full array of services for people at home. These include personal care for help with light housework, meal prep and companionship, skilled nursing, wound care, and rehab therapy, and lactation and other postpartum support. In addition, there are public foot-care clinics year-round and public flu clinics in the fall.

As someone who works in the technology field, I see daily how much technology has changed our lives. Shaline and I grew up pre-Internet and have watched the world evolve into our current, always connected state. And just as our role at rbTechnologies has grown from the days of "if you know how to turn it on, you're a computer expert" to today's high demand, mission-critical IT, the technology driving medicine has changed drastically, and remarkably, for the better. As we continue our march toward ubiquitous high-speed Internet connections, the opportunities for telemedicine and other technological advances that enable organizations like CVHHH to deliver high quality, personal, and when appropriate, remotely administered health care will continue to grow.

Technology is here to stay and will continue to change how we communicate and how we provide essential services like healthcare. It's clear that CVHHH embraces these changes and adapts to the needs of the central Vermont community it serves. We know that the services CVHHH provides are important and we hope you will join us in supporting this exceptional, much needed organization this fall.

Sincerely,