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**Cottage Hospital... Dedicated to the Community**

Woodsville, NH - As the state of Vermont paused to participate in the Town Meeting process on March 2, 2010, so did Cottage Hospital's CEO Maria Ryan. Maria joined the town of Bradford for their town meeting and lunch at the Grace United Methodist Church.

As the local community hospital, Cottage Hospital recognizes the importance of these community forums and took this opportunity to address the town on the commitment Cottage Hospital has for their healthcare needs.

During the lunch break, Ryan addressed the residents about the Charity Care that Cottage Hospital had given for the previous fiscal year totaling \$1,458,415.00 for all the population served and \$43,789.00 for over 500 occurrences in Bradford alone. She also shared this information at the town meeting during the afternoon session.

Ryan explained to the audience that "Cottage Hospital is committed to being there for you so if you have a choice... Choose Cottage Hospital."

Cottage Hospital is a 25 bed, critical access hospital serving the beautiful Upper Connecticut River Valley. For additional information regarding Cottage Hospital and any of our services, visit us on the web at [www.cottagehospital.org](http://www.cottagehospital.org), or call (603)747-9000.

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