

## ***Highlights of the past year***

### **Cottage Hospital Auxiliary celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018**

*In January 1968 Cottage Hospital Auxiliary was formed to provide volunteer services and hospital work through fund-raising, publicity, membership mailings or transportation committees.*

### **Cottage Hospital Auxiliary was recognized by the New Hampshire Association of Hospital Auxiliaries as the 2018 Group of the Year Award**

*Cottage Hospital said there is no limit to Cottage Hospital Auxiliary's level of commitment, service and teamwork. They are the heart of the hospital. \$18,500 raised over a two-year period.*

### **A recruitment focus and initiative resulted in six new members**

*An informational evening meeting was planned with word-of-mouth invitations and a newspaper announcement which resulted in a successful outcome.*

Fund-raising endeavors resulted in \$9,800 being donated to the hospital for the purchase of a surgical smoke evacuator and a bariatric up & down examination table. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Big Ticket" Raffle was successful due to ticket sales and tremendous support from area businesses in sponsorships. A fourth prize of \$250. was added to the cash prizes of \$1,500., \$1,000., and \$500. A new, Handbag and Jewelry fundraiser, was added to the numerous fundraising efforts. The Easter Basket Raffle raised nearly \$1,000. The I-91 Rest Stop event hosted many July 4<sup>th</sup> travelers rather than leaf-peepers this year and raised \$630. The Memory Tree continues to be successful bringing in approximately \$500-\$600 annually. Book and gift sales as well as the Thanksgiving Bake Sale continue to help support the Auxiliary's endeavors.

Our non-fundraising events include a Uniform Sale in the Spring and Fall which has been very well received by area health care employees with the vendor discount being passed on to the employees. Auxiliary members help ensure the hospital becomes festive for the Christmas holiday with tree-trimming, wreaths and kissing balls throughout the external campus. The Beautification Committee places summer plants and schedules watering and care throughout the summer. Due to a medical records conversion to a new system, several auxiliary volunteers have assisted with medical records

scanning over the past several months. Hospital sponsored blood drives continue to have Auxiliary volunteers greet and schedule donors.

Two members of our group were honored at our October pot-luck dinner. Lori Thompson was recognized for her many years of service and numerous leadership roles. Lori shared memories since joining Auxiliary in 1989. Ann Edson was also honored as our “behind the scenes” worker who tends the urns at the hospital’s entrance and ensures our various events have lovely table settings.