



AROOSTOOK  
*House of Comfort*

# LASTING LEGACY

Aroostook House of Comfort Naming Opportunities





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# WELCOME MESSAGE

Abbey Clair, Executive Director

The Aroostook House of Comfort is more than a place—it is a promise. A promise that no one in our community will face life's final journey alone. Every corner of the Aroostook House of Comfort carries the stories of families and caregivers who have found comfort here, and every named space is a testament to the generosity of those who believe in the power of hospice care and our mission of service to Aroostook County.

To those who have already dedicated a space—thank you. Your kindness has created a lasting legacy, ensuring that the Aroostook House of Comfort remains a place of dignity, peace, and compassion for generations to come. Now, we have the opportunity to complete this legacy. There are a variety of remaining spaces which await dedication, offering you the chance to make an impact that will be felt by every family who walks through our doors. Whether you choose to honor a loved one, represent your organization, simply support a mission that touches so many lives, your contribution will forever be part of this home's foundation.

I invite you to explore the remaining naming opportunities and consider how you can leave a meaningful mark on the Aroostook House of Comfort. Your support is more than a name on a plaque—it is a symbol of love, compassion, and unwavering commitment to those in need.







# COMPLETE THE LEGACY

Aroostook House of Comfort Naming Opportunities

We invite you to join us on a meaningful journey to complete the legacy of the Aroostook House of Comfort by dedicating one of the remaining naming opportunities within our hospice home. Each named space is a tribute to compassion and the enduring impact of the Aroostook House of Comfort within Aroostook County and beyond.

As the only inpatient hospice home north of Augusta, the Aroostook House of Comfort is more than just a facility—it is a sanctuary where individuals and families find comfort, dignity, and peace during life's final journey. Since opening in 2018, we have served over 1,000 community members, standing as a beacon of hope and security for those facing the most challenging moments of life.

Through our Naming Opportunities Campaign, you have the unique opportunity to leave a lasting legacy by dedicating a space in honor of yourself, place of business, your family, or a loved one. Thanks to the generosity of our community, many areas have already been named, each representing their own story. Now, we aim to complete this initiative by ensuring that every remaining space is proudly dedicated. Your support through this campaign will not only leave a permanent mark on the Aroostook House of Comfort but will also help ensure that inpatient hospice care remains accessible to all who need it—now and for generations to come. Whether you choose to name a patient suite, a family gathering area, or another meaningful space, your contribution will make a profound difference in the lives of those we serve and those who surround them.

This catalog outlines the available naming opportunities, their significance within our hospice home, and the corresponding gift levels. Your generosity will be felt by every family who walks through our doors. Join us in completing this legacy of love and care.



"The Aroostook House of Comfort is a resource you do not realize you need until life throws unexpected challenges your way. We found ourselves there in March 2024 as we said goodbye to our father following a hemorrhagic stroke. During his final days, the staff provided support and comfort. There was a great peace knowing that a compassionate team was there to guide us at every turn. While I wish that no one would ever need such a facility, the reality is that many will. I cannot envision any other place meeting the needs of our community, our county, and even the state like the Aroostook House of Comfort does. Supporting AHOC can truly make a difference, whether through donations, volunteering, or simply sharing the remarkable work they do, in an attempt to ensure it is here for years to come, offering peace and solace to those who need it. It is a place where compassion is woven into every action, and where each family is treated with the highest respect and cared for in the most beautiful, tranquil home like setting.

While our hearts are full of great memories with Papa, we will forever cherish the last few days we had with him and that we were there when he was welcomed home surrounded by such love!"

- Jamie Guerrette

# YOUR GIFT AT WORK

Our Success is Due to the Support of Volunteers, Donors, and Our Local Communities

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1,000+ Lives Touched

Providing compassionate hospice care since 2018.

80 Maine Towns Served

Expanding access to vital end-of-life care.

\$52,650 in Charity Care

Helping patients in financial need.

2,613 Volunteer Hours

Dedicated time supporting patients and families.

Sustaining Excellence

Your gift helps maintain a state-of-the-art hospice facility, complete with six patient suites, a family living room, private gathering spaces, a chapel, and more.

Ensuring Long-Term Care

As the only inpatient hospice north of Augusta, the Aroostook House of Comfort relies on community support to provide compassionate care to those who need it most.

Honoring Loved Ones

Naming opportunities offer a lasting way to celebrate and remember loved ones while directly supporting hospice care for future generations.

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## HEALING HEARTS

Testimonials From Families and Loved Ones

"The Aroostook House of Comfort is true to its name, a place of genuine comfort, not just for the patients, but for their families as well. Prior to 2024, I was familiar with the Aroostook House of Comfort but had never experienced its care personally.

Then, in 2024, I found myself there twice, saying goodbye to two loved ones during their final days. Through my first experience, I witnessed firsthand the true meaning of comfort and compassion. I knew without a doubt that my sister and I would eventually take our stepmother, Katie, there when the time came. As a caregiver, it is important to talk about the end of life with your loved ones and have a plan, even if it is basic.

For us, it started with Northern Light Home Care & Hospice and then the Aroostook House of Comfort. From the moment we walked through the doors, a weight was lifted from our shoulders. We were met with kindness, warmth, and an unwavering commitment to making sure both Katie and our family were supported every step of the way. As Katie's daughters and caregivers, while also balancing our own young families and full-time jobs, the Aroostook House of Comfort gave us the greatest gift, the ability to simply be daughters. In those final days, we no longer had to worry about the physical and medical aspects of her care because we knew she was in the most compassionate and capable hands. Being at the Aroostook House of Comfort allowed us to focus on what truly mattered-being there for Katie, surrounding her with love, and giving her the support she deserved. The entire staff at the Aroostook House of Comfort was exceptional, treating



Katie with unwavering kindness, compassion, and dignity. Always ensuring that she was comfortable and peaceful. They were at their best when we needed them the most, guiding us through our 7-day journey with care and support. We spent precious time at her bedside around the clock, sharing stories and memories. The living room and kitchen areas provided a comforting space for our young families to gather, allowing us to be together in a home-like setting.

I cannot recommend the Aroostook House of Comfort enough to anyone facing the heartbreaking journey of saying goodbye to a loved one. My family is eternally grateful for the Aroostook House of Comfort, and they will always have our support." - Kristen Clark





# THE HEART OF HOSPICE

Leave a Lasting Legacy by Naming the Aroostook House of Comfort—\$1,000,000

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The Aroostook House of Comfort is more than just a building. It is a sanctuary of peace, dignity, and compassion. Within these walls, families come together to share precious moments, finding solace and strength in the face of life's most difficult transitions. It is a place where patients receive expert, compassionate care in a home-like setting, ensuring their final days are filled with comfort, respect, and love. This invaluable service is made possible by the unwavering generosity of our community, whose support continues to shape the future of hospice care in Aroostook County.

Now, a rare and extraordinary opportunity remains. The chance to name the Aroostook House of Comfort is an honor of the highest distinction, representing a profound commitment to providing compassionate end-of-life care. With a transformational gift of \$1,000,000, your name or the name of a loved one you wish to honor will be forever linked to a place that embodies kindness, dignity, and peace. This act of generosity ensures that the Aroostook House of Comfort will continue to serve our community for generations to come, offering a haven of care for those in need.

By embracing this extraordinary opportunity, you become part of something truly lasting. A symbol of compassion that will touch countless lives. Together, we can fulfill the promise of the Aroostook House of Comfort and build a future where every individual facing life's final journey does so with comfort, dignity, and unwavering support.



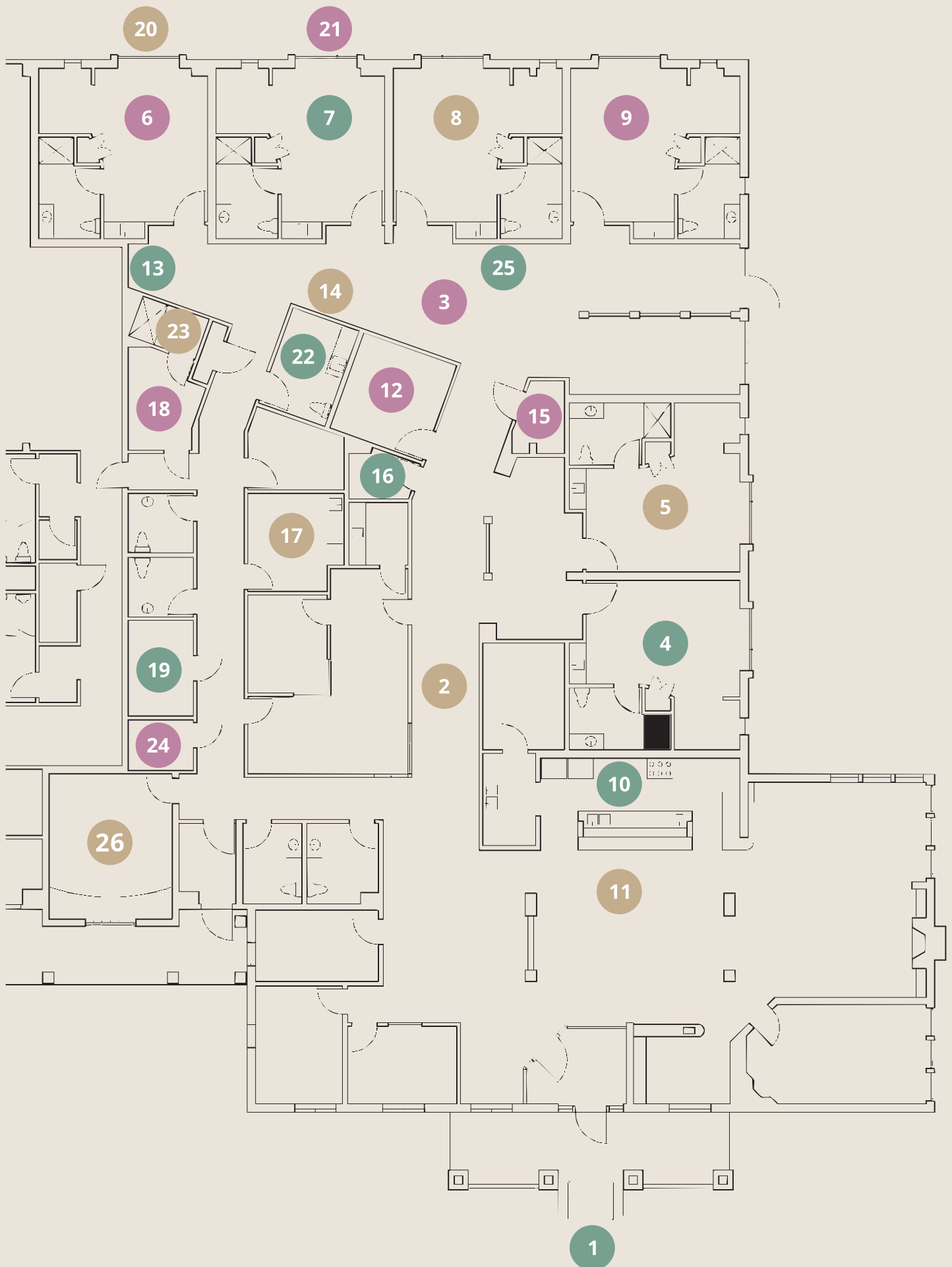






1	Aroostook House of Comfort Building	\$1,000,000
2	Patient Wings — Wing 1	\$200,000
3	Patient Wings — Wing 2	\$200,000
4	Patient Suites — Suite 1	\$50,000
5	Patient Suites — Suite 2	\$50,000
6	Patient Suites — Suite 3	\$50,000
7	Patient Suites — Suite 4	\$50,000
8	Patient Suites — Suite 5	\$50,000
9	Patient Suites — Suite 6	\$50,000
10	Family Kitchen	\$50,000
11	Family Dining Room	\$25,000
12	Clean Utility Room	\$5,000
13	Sitting Area	\$5,000
14	Sitting Area	\$5,000
15	Housekeeping Closet	\$2,500
16	Laundry Room	\$2,500
17	Medical Staff Break Room	\$2,500
18	Medical Staff Locker Room	\$2,500
19	Mechanical Room	\$2,500
20	Patient Window Gardens	\$2,000
21	Patient Window Gardens	\$2,000
22	Facility Services Room	\$1,000
23	Housekeeping Closet	\$1,000
24	Oxygen Room	\$1,000
25	Quilt Armoire	\$1,000
26	Chapel Chair Dedication	\$500







"At MMG, one of our six core values is family. Our commitment to that value includes making sure we help families in the toughest of times—both those connected to MMG and those who live in our region. We have seen firsthand the incredible impact of the House of Comfort, and we are proud to support them in all they do for our MMG and Aroostook County families."

- Matt McHatten, President & CEO MMG Insurance



# LEAVING YOUR MARK

Generosity That Supports Our Hospice Care Mission



"I support the Aroostook House of Comfort because of the staff's competence and compassion, both palpable at the front door and throughout the facility. I witnessed the impact of hospice care in my work as a Family Nurse Practitioner in Houlton and show my support through donations and service on the Board of Directors."

- Nancy York Putnam, MSN, FNP



"We at S.W. Collins are honored to support the Aroostook House of Comfort and the end-of-life care they provide to families throughout the county. Our commitment to being active and having a positive impact in our community aligns with the mission of the AHOC. The profound impact of the Aroostook House of Comfort is echoed through the heartfelt testimonies of the families it supports. We are fortunate to be able to contribute to the AHOC's mission, ensuring that quality, compassionate care continues to benefit our community for many years to come."

- S.W. Collins Company



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# PATIENT WINGS

A Sanctuary of Care and Comfort

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## Patient Wing 1 — \$200,000

The first wing of the Aroostook House of Comfort offers more than just patient suites—it provides a peaceful, welcoming space where families can find comfort and reflection during life's most delicate moments. This wing features Suites 1 and 2, a dedicated Nursing Station for attentive, expert care, a private seating area, and our beautiful Art Wall, adorned with vibrant, uplifting artwork that brings warmth and light to the space.

By naming this special part of the Aroostook House of Comfort, you'll be leaving a lasting legacy in an area that blends compassionate care with the healing power of art and connection. Your gift will ensure that every family who walks down these halls feels surrounded by both comfort and beauty during their time here.



## Patient Wing 2 — \$200,000

The second wing at the Aroostook House of Comfort is thoughtfully designed to provide families with much needed space and privacy. This wing is home to Suites 3, 4, 5, and 6, where patients receive expert, compassionate care in a serene environment. The layout of Wing #2 ensures that families can remain close to their loved ones while also finding moments of quiet reflection and connection.

By choosing to name Wing 2, you are leaving a meaningful legacy in a space that fosters comfort, connection, and tranquility. Your gift will help ensure that this wing remains a haven for families seeking both compassionate care and personal reflection during life's final journey.





# PATIENT SUITES

Where Hospice & Heart Come Together—\$50,000

Each of the six beautifully appointed patient suites at the Aroostook House of Comfort offers a serene, homelike environment where individuals and families can find peace, dignity, and comfort during life's final journey. These suites provide a deeply personal and meaningful opportunity to honor a loved one, celebrate a family legacy, or recognize the impact of hospice care in your life.

Thoughtfully designed with both comfort and beauty in mind, each suite is tastefully decorated to create a warm and inviting atmosphere. Handmade quilts and colorful bedding add a personal touch, while the beautiful wood-paneled ceilings and locally donated artwork bring character and charm to the space. Large windows overlook private gardens and feature bird feeders, inviting nature and tranquility into the room.

To ensure that families feel truly at home, every suite includes a kitchenette for preparing favorite meals and snacks, a full bathroom for privacy and convenience, and a pull-out couch bed in a private nook, allowing loved ones to stay close and share time together comfortably. Visitation is unlimited, and even beloved pets are welcome, reinforcing the belief that this space is more than just a room—it is a home. Patients are encouraged to personalize their suite with photos, music, and mementos, and families are welcome to bring in homemade food to create a familiar and comforting environment.

This is a powerful opportunity to honor a life, support our mission, and provide future families with the same sense of peace and dignity that defines the Aroostook House of Comfort.



"After nearly a six-year battle with colon cancer, my husband Ken spent his final hours surrounded by family and friends at the House of Comfort, as was his request when the time came. The staff provided us with the information we needed about his condition, then took over the caregiving role with great compassion for Ken and for us. The beautiful room gave us a sense of comfort and peace, even in a time of loss and grief. We will always be grateful and consider it a privilege to support the House of Comfort, so other families may experience the quality and kindness of end-of-life care that was provided for us there"

- Judy Atcheson

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# FAMILY KITCHEN

Where Every Meal Feels Like Home—\$50,000

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The Family Kitchen at the Aroostook House of Comfort is more than a place to prepare food—it is a welcoming space where nourishment, care, and connection come together. With modern appliances and a spacious counter top, this inviting kitchen serves as a gathering point for staff and volunteers who prepare homemade meals that provide comfort and support to patients and their families.

Here, holiday dinners, potlucks, and casual meals offer more than sustenance—they create moments of togetherness. Families gather to share stories, laughter, and treasured time, finding a sense of normalcy and warmth amidst life's most difficult moments. We believe in prioritizing living, and sharing meals is one of the most meaningful ways to connect and celebrate life, even in the face of loss.

The Comfort Food Fund further enhances this mission by supporting takeout meals and special gatherings, allowing families to enjoy their favorite dishes and create lasting memories. Whether it's a quiet morning breakfast, a festive holiday celebration, or an impromptu family meal, these moments nourish both body and spirit.

Naming the Family Kitchen is a chance to create a lasting legacy in a space that brings people together when it matters most. Your gift will sustain the mission of the Aroostook House of Comfort, ensuring that the tradition of sharing meals and creating memories continues for generations to come.







# FAMILY DINING ROOM

Where Families Gather, Share, and Heal—\$25,000

The Family Dining Room at the Aroostook House of Comfort is a warm, inviting space where patients, families, and caregivers come together to share meals, stories, and meaningful moments. Located adjacent to the kitchen, this room offers a welcoming setting where patients and their loved ones can gather around the table, fostering connection and companionship during life's most tender times.

Designed to feel like home, the Family Dining Room is a place where holiday celebrations, family dinners, and quiet meals can be enjoyed without the constraints of visiting hours or formalities. It's a space where families find a sense of normalcy—where laughter mingles with conversation, and the simple act of sharing a meal becomes a source of comfort and healing.

This room also serves as a vital space for our dedicated staff and volunteers. Here, they gather for meetings, share meals together, celebrate milestones, and support one another through the emotional demands of their work. It is a place where accomplishments are recognized, and the importance of self-care and team connection is honored.

Whether it's a small breakfast with a loved one, a larger family gathering, or a reflective moment for our team, the Family Dining Room nurtures both body and spirit. It is a space where living continues—where memories are made, traditions are honored, and the bonds of family and community are strengthened.

Naming the Family Dining Room is an opportunity to leave a heartfelt legacy in a space that brings people together in meaningful ways. Your gift will ensure that this room continues to provide warmth, connection, and comfort for families and caregivers for years to come.



"The Aroostook House of Comfort has become a significant part of my life over the years. As part of the staff since it's opening, I have had the joy of assisting to provide care and support to those that have stayed at this beautiful facility here in Presque Isle. The compassionate care extends not only to our patients but also to their family members while they are at the House of Comfort.

I also have experienced the care the Aroostook House of Comfort provides firsthand while my mother was a patient there. To be on the other side, receiving the loving and compassionate care the staff provided was incredible. My mother and my family felt like we were at home, as the staff personally cared for her and allowed us to 'just be family' and spend quality time with our mother. I am so grateful for the availability of the Aroostook House of Comfort to my family and for families throughout our state. We are blessed!"

- George McLaughlin, Northern Light Home Care & Hospice, Chaplain & Bereavement Coordinator

# SPACES OF COMFORT & REFLECTION

Providing Peace, Warmth, and Solace for Families

At the Aroostook House of Comfort, hospice care goes beyond medical support to create a compassionate space where patients and their loved ones find peace, comfort, and connection. Every area is thoughtfully designed to offer moments of reflection, rest, and togetherness—whether through quiet seating areas, serene garden views, handcrafted quilts, or chapel chairs for prayer and remembrance. Dedicating one of these spaces in honor or memory of a loved one creates a lasting tribute and supports our mission of compassionate care for future families.



## SITTING AREAS

A Quiet Space for Comfort and Solace—\$5,000 Each

Located just outside Suites 3 and 4, these peaceful seating areas offer families a private space to reflect, rest, and be together. Furnished with comfortable chairs and end tables, they create a welcoming place for connection and comfort. Whether used for quiet conversation, shared moments of reflection, or simply being near a loved one, these spaces provide comfort during times of uncertainty. By naming a Sitting Area, you ensure future families have a dedicated place to gather, support one another, and find strength in togetherness during life's most tender moments.



## PATIENT WINDOW GARDENS

A Lasting Tribute of Peace and Serenity—\$2,000 Each

Beyond the bay windows of Suites 3 and 4, these beautifully maintained gardens offer patients and families a soothing view of nature. Filled with colorful blooms, seasonal greenery, and gently swaying bird feeders, they foster a deep sense of serenity and peaceful reflection. These spaces are more than just visual retreats—they offer comfort, calm, and connection to the natural world. By dedicating one of these gardens, you honor a loved one while helping preserve this quiet sanctuary of hope, beauty, and gentle remembrance for all who visit the Aroostook House of Comfort.



## QUILT ARMOIRE

Wrapped in Comfort and Care—\$1,000

The Quilt Armoire stores a cherished collection of hand-sewn quilts lovingly donated by talented local quilters. These quilts offer more than physical warmth; they provide a comforting, home-like touch that helps patients and families feel embraced and supported. Used for both restful sleep and overnight stays, they reflect a heartfelt tradition of community care. By naming the Quilt Armoire, you help preserve this legacy, offering warmth, familiarity, and comfort—lovingly stitched by caring hands and thoughtful hearts.



## CHAPEL CHAIR DEDICATION

In Quiet Moments, Their Memory Lives On—\$500 Each

The chapel at the Aroostook House of Comfort, dedicated through the generosity of Michael and Carol MacPherson, offers a serene and sacred space for reflection, prayer, and remembrance. Families often find solace within these walls during quiet moments of grief, hope, and peace, drawing comfort from the gentle atmosphere and sense of reverence. Individuals may choose to dedicate a chapel chair in honor or memory of a loved one. Each chair will feature a small, personalized plaque affixed to the back, serving as a lasting tribute within this sacred and comforting environment.



# BEHIND THE SCENES SUPPORT

The Unseen Spaces Critical to Hospice Care and Our Mission

Behind every moment of care is a network of essential spaces that provide comfort, dignity, and peace. While hospice care is rooted in compassion, it also relies on smooth operations that ensure safety, cleanliness, and tranquility. These often unseen spaces quietly support patients and families, allowing them to focus on time together without distraction. From fresh linens to warm blankets, from clean environments to essential medical supplies, each space plays a quiet yet vital role in the caregiving experience. The warmth of a freshly made bed or the quiet hum of climate control might go unnoticed, but they are key to a peaceful environment. Naming one of these areas is a meaningful way to recognize the people and systems working behind the scenes to make quality hospice care possible daily. Your support becomes part of a lasting legacy of comfort and care.



## CLEAN UTILITY ROOM

Ensuring Comfort with Essential Care—\$5,000

Though unseen, the Clean Utility Room is vital to patient care, storing medical supplies, linens, and hygiene products. A blanket warmer adds soothing warmth, ensuring comfort. This space allows staff to efficiently access critical supplies, maintaining a calm, organized environment. Naming this room honors the behind-the-scenes work that makes compassionate hospice care possible, ensuring every detail supports dignity and well-being.

## LAUNDRY ROOM

Providing Fresh Comfort—\$2,500

The Laundry Room plays a quiet yet crucial role in patient and family comfort. Here, linens and clothing are carefully washed to provide clean bedding for patients and practical support for families who stay with loved ones. Fresh sheets and warm blankets contribute to a sense of normalcy, allowing loved ones to focus on being together. Naming this space supports an essential service that upholds dignity and thoughtful, compassionate care.



## OXYGEN SUPPLY ROOM

Essential Care Space—\$1,000

Though often unseen, the Oxygen Supply Room plays a vital role in patient care. Oxygen is more than a medical necessity—it provides relief, ease, and dignity for those facing advanced illness. A dedicated storage space ensures this essential resource is always safe and available. Naming this room is an opportunity to support the behind-the-scenes elements that sustain comfort and care. Your contribution will be honored with a plaque, recognizing your role in bringing comfort to our patients.





## MECHANICAL ROOM

Powering Comfort Behind the Scenes—\$2,500

The Mechanical Room houses the heating and cooling systems that ensure a warm, peaceful environment for patients and families. Just as hospice care provides emotional warmth, this infrastructure provides physical comfort, allowing families to focus on meaningful time together. Naming this space supports an essential, unseen foundation of care, ensuring our hospice home remains a true sanctuary of peace, security, and well-being.



## HOUSEKEEPING CLOSETS

Back Hallway Closet—\$1,000  
Main Hallway Closet—\$2,500

A well-maintained space is fundamental to hospice care, ensuring a serene and welcoming atmosphere. Housekeeping closets store the supplies that keep rooms fresh and comfortable for patients and families. While the main hallway closet provides visibility in a high-traffic area, the back hallway closet offers a quieter tribute. Naming one of these spaces ensures that every corner of our hospice home reflects dignity and care.



## FACILITY SERVICES ROOM

Supporting a Pristine Environment—\$1,000

Often overlooked, the Facility Services Room is essential to preserving the cleanliness and safety of our hospice home. This space supports the daily work of maintaining a dignified and welcoming environment for patients and their loved ones. Naming this room honors the behind-the-scenes efforts that prioritize hygiene and comfort, ensuring families continue to receive care in a setting designed for peace and well-being.

“The Aroostook House of Comfort has been a blessing for our Hospice patients and their families. I have been a volunteer there since its opening. When first-time visitors come in, I hear how beautiful and clean it is. A comment I often hear is, “Now I don’t have to be the caregiver and can be family.” I always look forward to volunteering at the Aroostook House of Comfort”

- Phyllis Robichaud, Northern Light Home Care & Hospice Volunteer







# THE HOSPICE CARE TEAM

The Foundation of Compassionate Hospice Care

Hospice care relies on a dedicated team of professionals and volunteers who bring skill, empathy, and resilience to every patient and family they serve. Their presence provides comfort during life's most difficult moments, and their commitment is at the heart of our mission.

Behind the scenes, quiet spaces allow these caregivers to pause, regroup, and recharge. Whether preparing for the day or finding a moment of calm, these areas support their well-being. Naming one of these rooms is a meaningful way to honor their dedication and ensure they have the support needed to continue providing compassionate care.

## STAFF BREAK ROOM

Supporting Our Hospice Heroes—\$2,500

The Medical Staff Break Room is a quiet space where our hospice team can step away, recharge, and regroup. Providing compassionate care requires both skill and emotional resilience. This retreat allows staff and volunteers to share meals, find moments of calm, and restore their energy. Naming this space honors their dedication and ensures they have the support needed to continue delivering exceptional care.



## STAFF LOCKER ROOM

Prepare & Recharge—\$2,500

The Medical Staff Locker Room is designed to provide comfort and convenience for our dedicated caregivers. Equipped with lockers for personal items, a private shower, and uplifting messages, this space allows staff to transition into their work with ease. Naming this room supports their well-being, recognizing the quiet moments of preparation and renewal that enable them to provide compassionate, patient-centered care.









# STORIES FROM THE HEART

Powerful Words from Those Touched by the Aroostook House of Comfort



"I have been involved with hospice care in Aroostook County since the mid-1980s. Over those years, I have seen so much growth in the program and within our communities, as well as a more welcoming attitude toward learning more about end-of-life care. I currently have the great honor of overseeing the hospice volunteer services. This privilege allows me to work with some of the most amazing people I have ever met. Each hospice volunteer is willing to give of their time and heart to help support a patient and their loved ones through what can be a very fragile time in their lives. When the Aroostook House of Comfort opened, we saw a new opportunity to provide hospice care to our patients and families. The need for additional hospice volunteer support was great, and without delay, several stepped up to the challenge and helped to meet

the need. A hospice volunteer is often the first person our visitors meet when they arrive. They are greeted with a warm welcome and provided guidance for any questions or concerns they may have. Volunteering with hospice is a unique opportunity to provide care to a terminally ill patient and be supportive of their loved ones journeying with them. Our volunteers come from a variety of backgrounds and bring with them rich life experiences. Volunteers have shared how it is the "little" things that warm their hearts—such as seeing a family visiting with each other in the living room area, talking with a patient or a family member and listening to their story, or baking cookies and seeing the smiles and sharing of memories. I am extremely proud and honored to be a part of our ever-growing program of dedicated and compassionate volunteer team members!"

- Robin Haynes, Northern Light Home Care & Hospice Volunteer Coordinator



"As a Family Physician, I have seen first-hand how valuable supportive end of life care is for both patients and their loved ones. But it is also valuable for the giver of that care. The human bonds established and deepened make us appreciate even more the gift of life. We see again and again that death is part of life, and helping someone with their death is a gift. Working as a hospice volunteer at the end of my active medical career has allowed me to give back and receive much from our community. We are fortunate to have the House of Comfort and hospice in our community."

- Dr. Bruce Alexander, Retired Family Medicine Provider and Northern Light Home Care & Hospice Volunteer



"End of life issues are tough, it's scary and it can be heartbreaking, for the patient and for the family and friends that need to navigate the healthcare system. The Aroostook House of Comfort is a place of peace, a place of reassurance. Care is provided in a professional, calm and confident manner, in a setting that allows for privacy, autonomy and quality family time, when time is limited. Patients and family can focus on quality of life rather than quantity. Over the two years I consider myself privileged to be able to work at the House of Comfort and help patients and family with our multidisciplinary approach."

- Dr. Carl Flynn, Northern Light Home Care & Hospice Provider



“Supporting the Aroostook House of Comfort has been an easy decision for me. I grew up in Presque Isle and visit family in the area as often as I can. Though I live in the far southern part of the state, my heart is that of ‘a County Girl.’ My husband and I engaged in hospice services offered

in southern Maine after he was given a terminal medical diagnosis. We could use as much or as little of the services he wanted, which allowed him and me to feel comfortable with our decisions. Around this same time, the concept—and soon reality—of the Aroostook House of Comfort was taking hold. My mother, Erdean Lauritsen, voiced her strong support for the need and idea of the AHOC. Though she did not need the services, she asked family and friends to consider supporting the Aroostook House of Comfort when she passed in 2016. Knowing first-hand the comfort my husband experienced, the gift of peace of mind for me, and the worthy cause and services my mother hoped to see offered through the AHOC are the reasons I directly support the Aroostook Hospice Foundation and the Aroostook House of Comfort. Supporting the Aroostook House of Comfort through donations, volunteering, participating in events, and even by word of mouth requires no second thought from me—and hopefully others.” - Carmen Lauritsen-Keegan, Wells, Maine



“During one of the most difficult seasons of my life—the loss of both my mom and my brother—the Aroostook House of Comfort was a light in the dark. The compassion, love, and kindness shown to them, and to our entire family, by every staff member and volunteer was truly a blessing. We will forever be grateful for the care they received in their final days. To honor their memory, we planned a hike to the summit of Mt. Katahdin—my mom’s beloved ‘Mountain’—and used it as a way to give back. Although the weather forced us to turn back, the experience became even more meaningful. We found peace on the trail, revisited a place from decades ago that held special memories, and carried their spirits with us every step of the way. We raised over \$1,100 for the House of Comfort, and I know they would be proud. It wasn’t about reaching the summit—it was about the love, the healing, and the purpose behind the climb.”

- Melissa Dyer, Presque Isle



“Hospice gave Peter and our family the gift of time—time to live, not just prepare for the end. After his stage 4 cancer diagnosis, he chose comfort over aggressive treatment, embracing each day with dignity. With the Aroostook House of Comfort’s compassionate care, he returned to teaching, enjoyed life’s simple joys, and spent his final moments surrounded by love. Their mission to provide comfort, dignity, and support extended beyond Peter’s passing, helping us heal. His love and wisdom remain, etched in our hearts.”

- Lori Scovil, Presque Isle





# A LASTING TRIBUTE

In Loving Memory of Michael D. MacPherson  
April 26, 1949 - March 1, 2025

This Naming Opportunity Campaign is dedicated in loving memory of Michael MacPherson, our esteemed board member, vice chairman, and one of the visionary founders of the Aroostook House of Comfort.

Michael's steadfast leadership and compassionate spirit were foundational to the creation of this hospice home. From guiding the original campaign to helping shape the very walls that now offer peace and comfort, Michael's influence can be felt in every corner of this sacred space.

In the days leading up to March 1st, Michael spent his final moments here, embraced by the same care and compassion he helped make possible for so many. It is with deep gratitude and reverence that we honor his legacy—one built on love, service, and the belief that no one should walk life's final journey alone.

His dream lives on through each gift made, each family comforted, and every life touched within the Aroostook House of Comfort.







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