



*"It was so nice to have a nurse come during our twins' first days at home and reassure us that they were going to be ok."*



*"I was so relieved, not having to worry about anything except making Sammie well again."*



*"It's like carrying a burden on your shoulders and finding someone who can tell you 'I can help you remove that burden.'"*



*"Some days when I was discouraged or tired, each member of my care team went the extra mile to encourage and support me."*



*"Where's the safety net for people like me? It's organizations like HomeHealth"*



## HomeHealth Visiting Nurses MaineHealth

**Their story, yours and mine - it's what we all carry with us on this trip we take, and we owe it to each other to respect our stories and learn from them. ~ William Carlos Williams**

June 7, 2010

Dear Friend,

In one year, HomeHealth Visiting Nurses touches the lives of more than 23,000 people throughout Southern Maine. Our care comforts medically fragile children, restores strength to adults recovering from surgery and helps elders to maintain their independence and dignity. Each one of these patients has a story to tell of the journey from illness or injury to wellness and healing.

Emily's story began in April of 2009. Born with an underdeveloped heart—a birth defect that is often fatal—Emily survived two open heart surgeries to restore proper blood flow to her heart and pulmonary artery. Stable, but extremely weak, Emily was sent home under the care of our pediatric team. Our specially trained nurse provided counseling and education to support Emily's mother, who was already caring for three young children on a very limited income. Emily's nursing needs included weekly injections, monitoring and wound care. Rehabilitative therapies improved Emily's development, coordination and feeding ability, leading to better growth and nutrition. Although she faces a lifetime of challenges, Emily recently celebrated her first birthday thanks to our dedicated team and the donated funds that made her care possible.

Patients without insurance or with limited financial resources depend on donors like you for the care they need. Last year, we provided \$337,000 in charity care—please consider a gift that will help us continue caring for patients like Emily. To donate, please use the enclosed postage-paid envelope, call the Development office at 1-800-660-4867, or make a secure online donation at [www.homehealth.org](http://www.homehealth.org).

On behalf of Emily, her family, and all the patients we serve, thank you for placing your trust in HomeHealth Visiting Nurses.

Sincerely,

Mia Millefogle  
Vice President Development and Marketing

**P.S. What inspires you to give?** We invite you to share your story and the reasons you choose to support HHVN. With permission, we would like to share your comments (anonymously, if you prefer) so that others can benefit from your experiences. Please use the enclosed envelope, or email [info@homehealth.org](mailto:info@homehealth.org).

***Your gift, and your story, will touch a life  
and inspire hope in your community.***