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Dear VNA & Hospice Volunteers,

Town Meetings are here and I need your help! Each year, the VNA & Hospice requests funding from the towns we serve. I am looking for a registered voter from each of the towns we serve who would be willing to represent the VNA & Hospice at their Town meeting.

I will provide you with background information on your town's request and service statistics. All you have to do is ...

- if the VNA & Hospice's request is a separate warrant article and there's a chance to speak in support, stand up and say something like:

**"The VNA & Hospice is a not-for-profit home care agency that provides high quality, medically-necessary home health and hospice care to all in need, regardless of their ability to pay. I support this article and encourage others to also."**

- If the VNA & Hospice's request is part of the overall town budget, there is no need to stand up and speak unless there is a question asked.

Town allocations help to subsidize the un- and under-compensated care our agency provides to communities each year. You may already be planning to attend your town meeting, so why not volunteer to represent the VNA & Hospice at the same time? Just send me an email at [jstryker@vnanh.org](mailto:jstryker@vnanh.org) or call me at 603-298-2827. I'll be happy to answer any questions you have and provide you with all the information you need.

I've attached two documents that provide some background material:

- Why is it a good investment for towns to support the VNA & Hospice?
- Valley News 2/11/10 editorial "Sweet Charities – the Value of Nonprofits to Towns"

Whether or not you attend your town meeting or just happen to be having conversations with your neighbors, I'd love to receive feedback on what you see and hear in your town about the VNA & Hospice's request for financial support.

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VNA & Hospice of VT and NH