

Eastern Maine HomeCare

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VISITING NURSES OF AROOSTOOK CELEBRATES NATIONAL HOME CARE & HOSPICE MONTH

Aroostook County: Each year, more than 11 million Americans receive home-delivered health care and hospice services from home health care providers. In their honor, Visiting Nurses of Aroostook joins the National Association for Home Care & Hospice in celebrating November as National Home Care & Hospice Month under the theme, "Love In Action."

"Caring for the sick, elderly and dying in their homes is a privilege for us," explains Sandra Scott-Adams, Executive Vice President. "We are proud of our over 100 staff members. They work hard every day to serve the sick, elderly and dying. Home care professionals, volunteers and modern medicine make it possible for many people to stay in their homes to heal from illness or surgery, or spend their final days where they most want to be – at home."

Through technological advances, home-delivered health care has grown far beyond basic professional nursing and home care aide services. Today's modern home care agency offers a wealth of nursing, physical, occupational, and speech therapies, counseling, dietary and personal care.

Home care services are paid for by public and private sources, or directly by patients and their families. Generous donations from individuals and area towns allow for continued high quality service. Home care continues to be the preferred means of receiving quality health care services for millions of Americans.

Visiting Nurses of Aroostook is celebrating 40 years of service! VNA was founded in 1969 and provides comprehensive in-home health and hospice services for Aroostook County residents. A 2008 BestWorks Award of Distinction recipient, last year their caring staff drove 571,180 miles to provide 21,287 visits to 995 patients and their families. VNA, a part of the Eastern Maine HomeCare Family, is a member of EMHS, which works to ensure that the highest quality home care is available to all who need it, especially those in rural Maine.

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