

# The Lily House

## 2025 Community Report



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## Acknowledgements

The Lily House honors the Wampanoag people as the original inhabitants and stewards of Tuttomnest, the Wellfleet peninsula on which the Lily House is located. As an organization, we recognize, support, and advocate for the sovereignty of Wampanoag Indigenous communities.

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♥ *Lily Bird and House* by Vicky Tomayko

# From the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Since October 2023, we have cared for over 50 extraordinary people at end of life, including 21 people in 2025. This milestone feels profound as I remember each unique and special person who has lived and died at the Lily House. I think of them all with tenderness and gratitude for the love and wisdom they shared.

As we enter our third year, I am excited to share an expanded articulation of our mission, which highlights the work the Lily House has been doing from the beginning: compassionately caring for our friends and neighbors at end of life, while contributing to a cultural transformation in how we approach death and dying—with less fear and more love.

We thank everyone who sustains our work and chooses, alongside us, to reclaim death as a sacred human experience that belongs to all of us. We are grateful to be part of a community that embodies the concept of radical generosity. This is work we are doing together, for each other. Thank you.

Love,



Dawn Walsh  
Executive Director

Gemma, Jess, and Dawn share a moment  
at the 1st Annual Suncatchers, a  
community gathering for remembrance.





*“I am so grateful Ruth had such a beautiful, safe space to spend the final chapter of her life. How she loved being out on the deck to listen to the birds and feel the sunshine on her face.”*

## Our Mission

*The mission of the Lily House is  
to reclaim death  
as a sacred human experience  
with less fear and more love—  
because the work of dying  
belongs to all of us.*



# The Pillars of Our Work

## *Care*

At the Lily House, we provide around-the-clock, holistic, and compassionate end-of-life care—before, during, and after death—at no cost to those in need.

We support our residents to live as fully as possible until the time of death by providing personalized care and unconditional love, offering dignity and agency to each individual. We guide our residents in conscious dying—an active engagement in the dying experience that includes mindfulness, acceptance, and intentionality. Our care extends to family and friends of residents, ensuring they also receive the guidance and support they need during their loved one's final days. During active dying, we provide a peaceful presence and sit vigil with our residents. We hold space and bear witness to the sacred moment of a final breath. After death, we provide time and space for family and friends to gather as we lay our residents in honor and offer optional home wakes and shrouding and flower-adorning ceremonies. All of this care takes place in a beautiful home nestled amongst the pines within walking distance and view of Wellfleet Bay.



# The Pillars of Our Work

## *Community*

The Lily House is a community of family, friends, neighbors, staff, volunteers, and supporters joined together to care for each other at the end of life, so none of us have to worry about dying alone.

We offer community-based educational programs—including workshops, conversation events, film viewings, and book discussions—to help bring a contemplative awareness to our shared mortality. We host an annual community gathering of remembrance for those who have died at the Lily House and for all those we have loved. We hold remembrance as a sacred act that becomes even more powerful when we do it together. We are part of an ecosystem of local community organizations that support the overall well-being of our communities. We serve the entire Cape and Islands, extending our reach to as many communities as possible. We engage in community-centric fundraising initiatives, which prioritizes the entire community over individual organizations and encourages mutual support between nonprofits. Our work is made possible by the radical generosity of community-based giving that emphasizes paying it forward. All are invited to make a donation of any amount at any time.



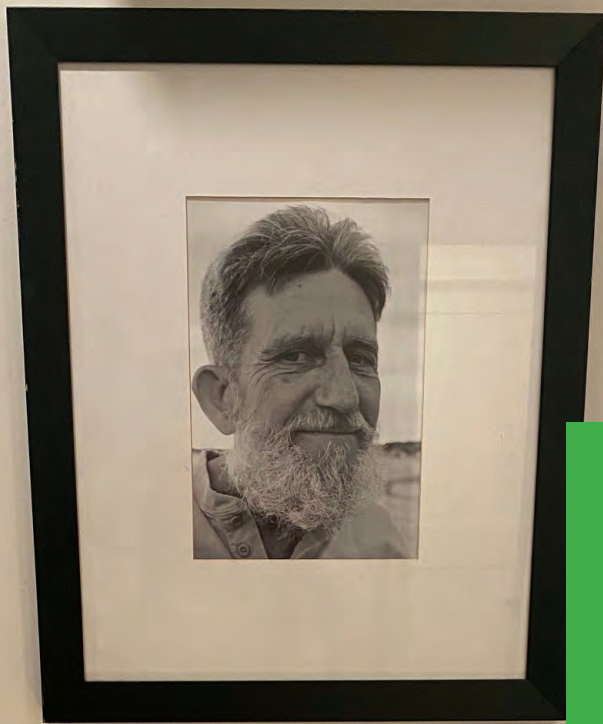
# The Pillars of Our Work

## *Cultural Change*

Through the work of the Lily House, we are contributing to a nationwide cultural transformation in how we approach death and dying.

We are caring for each other at the end-of-life with less fear and more love, creating an environment that supports the highest quality end-of-life experience possible. We are reclaiming our human right to care for each other in death, and modeling what it looks like to do so in community. We are returning end-of-life care back into the hands and hearts of family, friends, and community. We are cultivating a sense of communal belonging by engaging in the work of dying together. We are providing educational resources and guidance so we can make informed and meaningful decisions about how we wish to live and die. We are nurturing a conscious relationship to our mortality—daring to explore feelings of gratitude, curiosity, and even joy in association with death.





*“We all learned the sweetness of life and the value of family through Rob’s ordeal. Thank you to Lily House for all you did for Rob and our whole family. Rob left us surrounded by so much love.”*

*– Ellen, Rob’s sister*



# Lily House Residents

*January - December 2025*

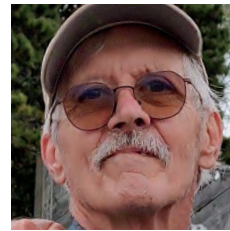
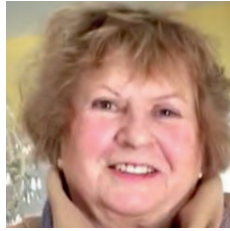
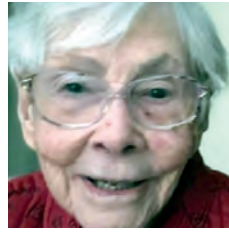
In 2025, we provided compassionate care for 21 extraordinary people. It was an honor to care for each of them. Each individual we cared for taught us, in different ways, about the sacred experience of living and dying. Their spirits remain a part of the Lily House, guiding us as we companion others across life's most tender threshold.

Betty Legere  
Bob Galligan  
Dana Manoogian  
David Teffer  
Drew Stidsen  
Ed Swiatek  
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Gail Vitale  
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Peter Norton  
Ruth Moulton  
Tim Fetscher

*“Before I came to the Lily House,  
I was cocky about my mortality.  
Now I am humble. I do not  
welcome death, but I am ready.”*

– Naomi, resident



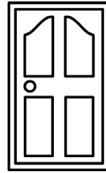


In loving memory...

# Mission in Action



We cared for **21 residents**  
from 16 different towns  
and villages



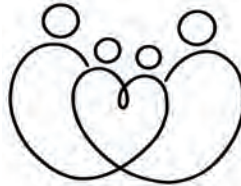
**Residents came to us from:**  
– Their own home or with family (62%)  
– A hospital emergency room or ICU (24%)  
– An inpatient facility (14%)



Average resident age:  
**79 years**



Average length of resident care:  
**27 days**



We provided support for  
approximately **200 family  
members and friends**  
of residents



**Occupancy rate was 86%**,  
with intentional time between  
residents to honor their deaths



We provided  
compassionate end-of-life  
care at no cost to  
**50% of our residents**

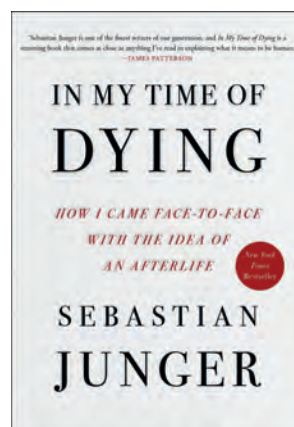
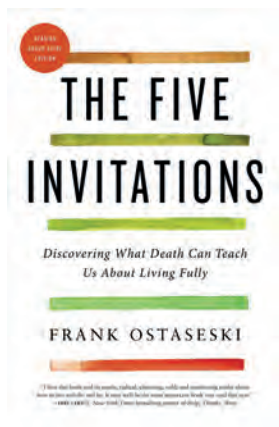


We held in-home wakes and community  
gatherings for **68% of residents** and  
provided shrouding ceremonies for  
**50% of residents**



# Community Programming

We offer community-based educational programs—including workshops, conversation events, film viewings, and book discussions—to help bring a contemplative awareness to our shared mortality. In 2025, we held Community Reads at the Wellfleet Public Library, a Death Cafe at the Provincetown Council on Aging, and an intimate Death over Dinner gathering in Truro.



# Special Events

Lily House special events are opportunities to gather in community and celebration.

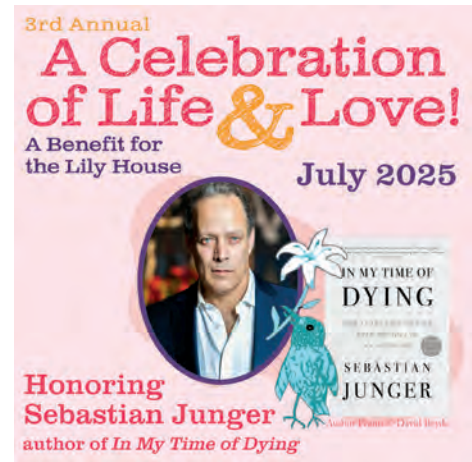
*Our 2025 events included:*



## 1st Annual Suncatchers:

### A Community Gathering for Remembrance

A summer solstice ceremony in memory of Lily House residents & all those we've loved



## 3rd Annual Celebration of Life & Love

In conversation with honoree Sebastian Junger, journalist and author of *In My Time of Dying*

*Mark your calendars for 2026:*

♥ **Wednesday, April 29**

Supporting Sacred Work: A Fundraiser In Honor of Lily House Caregivers

♥ **Tuesday, June 28**

Suncatchers: A Community Gathering for Remembrance

♥ **Tuesday, August 4**

A Celebration of Life & Love

# Suncatchers



# A Celebration of Life & Love



# Our Partners

## Medical Hospice Partners

As a social model hospice home, our residents must be enrolled with a Medicare-funded hospice organization that provides comprehensive medical oversight. Our staff works closely with each resident's hospice team, including hospice nurses, to ensure our residents receive the highest quality care possible. Our hospice partners—Beacon Hospice, Broad Reach Hospice, and VNA Hospice—are vital to our model of care at the Lily House. We are grateful for their support.



## Omega Home Network

The Lily House is a member of the Omega Home Network—a national, grassroots network of nonprofit community-centered social model hospice homes.



*“At the Lily House, you’re surrounded by so much love. Death is not an emergency, but a part of life.”*

– Suzanne, Resident Care Provider



# Our Volunteers

Volunteers are integral to the Lily House. We are grateful for all the ways they share their time, talent, skills, and presence. Whether they are sitting by the bedside, making a fresh batch of cookies, or helping produce a Lily House event, everything we do is made possible with their support.

*January - December 2025*

We trained **40** Lily House volunteers

**88** volunteers logged shifts at the Lily House or in support of Lily House events

Volunteers logged **2,184** hours, valued at **\$91,728**.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered with Lily House in 2025!

Agnes Beckmann  
Alex Piper  
Alicia Couture  
Alison Stone  
Angie Osowski  
Anne Conroy  
Anne Cowie  
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Marion Pollock  
Mark Brennan



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Maura McInerney-Rowley  
Meg Clarke  
Meredith Goff  
Michael Remine  
Nancy Rabke - *in memoriam*  
Nina Ganss

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Shirley Wladar

Stephanie Moore  
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Steven Stahl  
Susan Winslow  
Suzy Eppley  
Tim Ganss  
Toni Levin  
Walter Buckingham



*“Volunteering at the Lily House was an absolutely beautiful experience. The work you all are doing reached deep into my core and has filled my heart.”*

– Jana, volunteer

# Our Supporters

As a social-model hospice home, the Lily House relies on the support of individuals, local businesses, community organizations, and grant-awarding entities. Thanks to the radical generosity of our community, we have provided care at no cost to 50% of our residents since we opened our doors.

In 2025, the Lily House received **1,144 donations** from **743 supporters** totaling **\$595,102**. This includes **\$123,406** in donations made in honor or memory of Lily House residents.

We are deeply grateful to all our supporters who made a financial gift to the Lily House in 2025, as well as all those who made an in-kind donation, and/or volunteered their time or expertise.

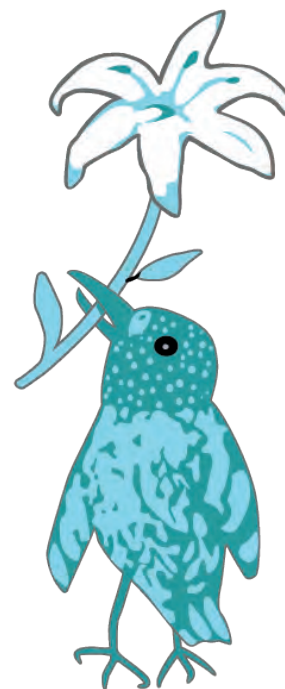
We also extend special thanks to:

♥ **Our Founders Circle**, a group of generous donors who provided crucial multi-year start-up funds to the Lily House at a pivotal time.

♥ **Our Circle of Care**, a growing community of philanthropists who are passionate about sustaining our work for years to come by making a three-year annual pledge of \$10,000, \$15,000 or \$25,000.

♥ **Blooming Hearts**, our community of donors who make recurring donations—monthly, quarterly, or yearly—to the Lily House.

Every gift to the Lily House makes a difference. We cannot thank you enough.




## Founders Circle

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## Circle of Care

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Annette “Muffie” Andruss  
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Lili Flanders & Peter Cook  
Jack Hudson  
Kathryn Livelli & Wendy Hinden  
Loren Shure



*“Thank you for making my mother’s  
passing as peaceful and comfortable  
as possible and reverent as possible.  
And for making the same possible  
for Mary and me as we traveled that  
journey with her.”*

– Sam, son of Dana



*If we have inadvertently omitted your name, please let us know and accept our apologies. We are sincerely grateful for your contribution to the Lily House.*

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*"I feel like I landed in a  
soft cloud."*

– Peter, resident

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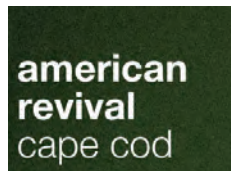
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# 2025 Financial Summary

<b>Revenue</b>	
Donations & Grants	\$481,317
Events	
Donations & Sponsorships	\$113,785
Ticket Sales	\$10,900
Other Revenue	
Investment Gain/(Loss)	\$9,935
Federal Solar Rebate	\$25,700
<b><i>Total Revenue</i></b>	<b><i>\$641,636</i></b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Direct Care	\$337,089
Operations	\$327,794
Events & Fundraising	\$20,683
<b><i>Total Expenses</i></b>	<b><i>\$685,566</i></b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Assets	
Cash & Equivalents	\$429,308
Real Estate Held for Hospice Use (Bequest)	\$1,099,500
Other Fixed Assets	\$477,607
Liabilities	\$4,273
<b><i>Net Assets</i></b>	<b><i>\$2,002,142</i></b>

The amounts shown are based on the fiscal year January 1 - December 31, 2025. All figures are presented in U.S. dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar.

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A sampler made by Sandy Wonders in 1980 and donated for display at the Lily House





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