Over the past year, NVNA and Hospice has been celebrating its 100th anniversary. To commemorate this incredible milestone, the NVNA and Hospice Charitable Fund Board of Trustees launched the public phase of the Grace Campaign in 2020. The Grace Campaign marks the beginning of NVNA’s second century with a goal to reach more patients facing serious illness and those patients lacking resources seeking a dignified death. The pandemic has only reinforced the importance of community-focused health organizations, and NVNA and Hospice’s long history of care is a reflection of this crucial role. The NVNA and Hospice team rose to the challenge during the COVID-19 crisis and did not miss one day of care.

Quality home health care, wellness and public health have long been the three tenets of NVNA and Hospice, which serves patients from 27 communities across Massachusetts and has a daily census of 650 patients.

“Home care is experiencing a revolution. As a community—a nation—high quality nursing care in the home is vital,” said NVNA and Hospice CEO Renee Meehan, MBA, RN. “Our ability to expand our patient care services relies on philanthropy. I have been consistently moved by the community’s generosity to the Grace Campaign.”

The Grace Campaign was launched under the leadership of Campaign Chair Jane Steinmetz, Boston Office Managing Principal at Ernst & Young LLP, and will conclude at the end of 2021. The generosity of the community has already raised over $5.5 million, surpassing the campaign’s original goal of $4.5 million.

The centennial offers a moment of reflection and celebration for the organization’s many dedicated members who are the backbone of NVNA and Hospice’s success. In their 100-year history, this important non-profit has continued to elevate their care. The next decade will test a national health care system that will need home care to respond to an aging population.

“The outpouring of support for our 100th Anniversary Grace Campaign has been inspiring,” said Jane Steinmetz. “With five months left in the campaign, we are $1 million over goal. NVNA and Hospice’s ability to reach more patients is directly connected to philanthropy—and that is powerful.”

As the Grace Campaign nears its completion, now is a pivotal time for contributions. For more information about the Grace Campaign, visit NVNA.org.