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Medicine's healing powers sometimes go beyond the physical. Two Dartmouth medical students found that was the case when they volunteered, in successive summers, at a nonprofit organization in Israel. There, they saw Israelis and Palestinians overcoming decades of conflict to work side by side caring for children with serious heart defects.

Simply Present
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Often confused with hospice care, palliative care is, at its core, about caring. About caring for the patient, not just the patient's disease. About simply being present for patients, as Ira Byock, the nationally prominent director of the DHMC palliative care program, puts it. Here's a look at just what that means.

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A DMS graduate who spent 40 years practicing pediatrics in a small town on the Maine coast reflects on the high points, the humor, and the occasional heartbreak of caring for kids.

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Thanks to the kindness of several DHMC patients, our cover story in this issue offers a close look at palliative care—care, that is, that's aimed at alleviating symptoms, often alongside but sometimes instead of curative care. See page 32 for more images and insights into the subject. The cover image is by Jon Gilbert Fox.