

Area Businessman's Gift to Phoebe Richland Makes Entrance Renovations a Reality

"We are so blessed that someone came forward to help us turn our vision into reality," exclaims Mary Kay McMahan, Administrator, Phoebe Richland Health Care Center. McMahan is referencing an extraordinary gift made by Frank Banko, which supported renovations to the Center's entrance and lobby area.

Until renovation took place, the Center's main entrance was not well defined, and a formal waiting area did not exist. The renovated space now features a welcoming entrance and a homelike space in which residents and families can gather.

Banko, an active local businessman, has connections to many community organizations. As he states, "I am fortunate to be able to support many organizations that provide services and help the people of our community."

But this gift has particular significance. Banko funded the renovation in loving memory of his mother, Lena, who resided at Zohlman

Nursing Home more than 30 years before Phoebe acquired the property that became Phoebe Richland Health Care Center. Touring the updated community, Banko said he was impressed by the changes Phoebe had made and the care he witnessed.

Director of Admissions Sally McNamara commented, "The impact of Mr. Banko's generosity is wonderful. We now have a lobby that anchors our new layout and reflects the warmth and quality care residents and visitors associate with Phoebe." ■



Above: Frank Banko in new lobby with plaque honoring his mother, Lena, who resided at the former Zohlman Nursing Home, which pre-dated Phoebe Richland.

