

Mildred Quick Muller Shares Love of Learning By Helping CNAs Advance Their Careers

A little girl who once put pennies for Phoebe Home into a box at Sunday school is today a loyal and benevolent Phoebe donor. Mildred Quick Muller grew up wanting to help the less fortunate. After graduating from Bloomsburg University, she taught business to high school students and earned her master's degree. Her passion for learning and sharing has not abated.

Mildred explains it this way: "My mother was mission minded, my church was mission minded, and I am mission minded." When she learned her donation could help Phoebe certified nursing assistants return to school to become licensed practical nurses, she did not hesitate to respond.

The recipients of Mildred's scholarship support are grateful to be on the receiving end of her passion for caring and sharing. Mildred has underwritten three full scholarships, providing the funding that makes it possible for her scholars to meet the demands of the rigorous Penn State program.

Jennifer Parsons, a CNA at Phoebe Richland, says the pro-

gram has familiarized her with several different kinds of nursing and enhanced what she has learned on the job at Phoebe. The CNAs support each other by sharing their personal experiences and what they are learning in class. ■



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Phoebe, Penn State Lehigh Valley Join Hands

In the past year, Phoebe has worked with Penn State University to develop a program for the advancement of Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) into Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs). This 18-month program is considered innovative in that it is offered on evenings and weekends. The Penn State Lehigh Valley program includes classroom

study and hands-on training. Phoebe serves as the clinical training site for all registered students.

Seven Phoebe employees are members of Penn State's first LPN class. Students from Phoebe have the benefit of staying employed while they are in school and immediately being able to apply newly learned skills on the job. They can focus on their studies knowing they have the financial support they need and a rewarding job upon completion of the program.

Phoebe participants are eligible for tuition reimbursement for part of their coursework. Five also were granted full scholarships to participate in the program as a result of Phoebe donors' willingness to give. In addition to the

generous support of Mrs. Mildred Quick Muller, funds have been provided by two local foundations, the Leona K. Gruber and Sylvia Perkin Perpetual Charitable Trusts. ■



Above: Jennifer Parsons, CNA, shares with a resident how excited she is to be returning to school.



Right: Scholarship recipient Seada Musa, CNA, stops in to see Anna Toth, one of the residents in her care.