

NYSHFA Scholarship Awarded to Certified Nursing Assistant



Roxanne Brognano, scholarship recipient and employee of The Mountain View

Roxanne Brognano (seen left), Certified Nursing Assistant at The Mountain View Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre in New Paltz, was recently awarded two scholarships to assist in her education goals toward becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Roxanne, who currently attends Ulster County BOCES and plans to graduate in June, received \$750 from New York State Health Facilities Association (NYSHFA) District 4 which represents many nursing homes in the Hudson Valley Region. In June, Roxanne will also receive \$1000 scholarship from the James D. Durante Scholarship Program offered through NYSHFA at their annual convention in Saratoga Springs.

Roxanne has worked for The Mountain View as a Certified Nursing Assistant for over 9 years. Her dedication and commitment to the care and services she provides the residents will make her an excellent Licensed Practical Nurse in the future and an asset to the long term care community. Congratulations Roxanne!

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QUARTERLY QUOTE

“Every day is a fresh opportunity to continue the quest toward our mission”

-Harold McAlindon



Loretta LePage and her award winning painting "Spring Bouquet"

Local Artist's Work Recognized by The Albany Institute

Loretta LePage, a resident of The Springs Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre in Troy was recently recognized for her creative talents. Loretta submitted her original watercolor painting, entitled "Spring Bouquet", for the New York State Health Facilities Association (NYSHFA) "Art from the Heart" contest last spring. This program, which was co-sponsored by The Foundation for Quality Care and Johnson & Johnson, was designed to recognize the creative abilities of residents of nursing homes from around the state. From the many pieces received, Loretta's "Spring Bouquet" was among the 13 chosen for display at The Albany Institute of History and Art this March.



Loretta receiving her certificate at the event from Ed Graham of NYSHFA

Loretta was presented with a certificate honoring her talents from Edwin Graham of NYSHFA and was congratulated by several of the contest judges at the reception, held on March 16th. Joining her in celebration at the event were several other residents from The Springs' Art Therapy Group, staff members and four of her daughters who were able to attend. The Springs would like to acknowledge Loretta's accomplishment and invite everyone to stop by their lobby and view her prestigious certificate.

Loretta's "Spring Bouquet" will be moving in April from The Albany Institute to The Sunnyview Rehabilitation Centre and will be proudly displayed in their lobby for the community of Schenectady to enjoy.

Safety First: Preventing Needlestick Injuries

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mother's Day	May 13
Nursing Home Week (check your facility for planned events)	May 13-19
Memorial Day	May 28
Father's Day	June 17
Health Insurance Open Enrollment (sign up by June 8th)	July 1
401 k Open Enrollment (sign up by June 22)	July 1
Nursing Rehab Training Program (Springs, Avenue, Dutch Manor)	May-August

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1. Avoid Recapping Needles
2. Plan for Safe Handling and Disposal of Needles Before Using Them
3. Promptly Dispose of Used Needles in Appropriate Sharps Containers
4. Participate in Training Related to Infection Control and Prevention
5. Report All Sharps and/or Needlestick Hazards or Injuries to Your Employer Immediately
6. Use Devices with Safety Features and Participate in Safety Device Selection/Evaluation with Your Employer
7. Get a Hepatitis B Vaccination (see facility Staff Development Coordinator for more information)