



**Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Home &
Rehabilitation Center
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News-Notes ~ June 2010**

National Nursing Home Week – “Enriching Every Day”

National Nursing Home Week is celebrated each year to spotlight nursing home residents and staff and to celebrate those who make a positive difference in the lives of residents each and every day. A supportive and caring environment in a nursing home, provides enrichment for residents and families to continue growing and learning each day.

At Prompt Succor, the Nursing Home Week began on Mother’s Day, May 9th with a special coffee and muffins social for our residents and families and ended on May 15th with a special Bar-B-Que honoring our staff and residents. Special events marked each day during the week and culminated with the presentation of employee awards for outstanding service rendered during 2009-2010.

We are blessed with a great staff and this year the employees voted for outstanding fellow employees from five categories and we distributed six awards: Ancillary Services (Business Office, Pastoral Care, and Activities) - **Jessica Woodson**; Dietary Department - **Betty Young**; Environmental Services - **Orelia Young**; Nursing Service: Certified Nursing Assistants- **Kasey Babineaux** and **Wanda Toussaint**; Nursing Service: LPN Award - **Chassidy Leger**.

Jessica Woodson began her work with us at Prompt Succor in January 2004 and is responsible for payroll and accounts payable in the Business Office. She enjoys her work with the elderly and finds that they have so much to share of their life and experiences. Valued for her willingness to be of service and her welcoming smile, she appreciates the pleasant working environment and her supportive co-workers. When she is away from work she has a very full life with five children, 4 boys and 1 girl and 10 grandchildren.

Betty Young was born and raised in Opelousas and she joined Prompt Succor on May 16th 2007. Prior to coming to Prompt Succor, she had been a cook at a local restaurant where she was the recipient of several outstanding awards. Appreciated for her pleasant and generous spirit, she enjoys working with the elderly. Betty has 3 children; 2 boys and 1 girl.

Orelia Young came to Prompt Succor three years ago and she says that she immediately recognized that the facility was clean and the staff and residents were friendly. She enjoys talking to the residents and assisting them as she cleans their rooms. Orelia is a dedicated team player who takes pride in her work and is consistently willing “to go the extra mile.”

Given in memory of Pearl Fields Aycock, two awards were given to our certified nursing

assistants.

Kasey Babineaux has been a certified nursing assistant for 10 years and she came to work at Prompt Succor in March 2009 because she heard that it was a good place to work and the employees were treated fairly. With a huge smile on her face, she exclaims that this is her first outstanding recognition! She loves to work with the elderly, is generous in her service, very patient and she easily gets attached to them! Her time outside of work is occupied with her 5 children, 2 boys and 3 girls ranging in age from 11 years to 18 months! **Wanda Toussaint** came to Prompt Succor in March 2009 because her co-workers recommended that she work here. Once she arrived, she appreciated the sacred and prayerful environment of Prompt Succor. Always cheerful, she explains that she loves her residents and when a resident dies, she experiences a great loss in her own life. In addition to her work responsibilities, she has 5 children, 3 girls and 2 boys and 3 grandchildren.

Given in memory of Bob and Sis Kinberger, the LPN award was presented to **Chassidy Leger, LPN** who came to work at Prompt Succor two years ago. She is very caring toward the residents and spends quality time with them. She appreciates the staff and the clean environment and she loves to see the small changes of improvement in her residents. In addition to her work with us, her days are kept busy with her 3 young boys ages 9 to 2! **Congratulations to each one of our award recipients - keep up the great work!**

Father's Day ~

Any man can be a father; it takes a special person to be a dad! (Proverb)

The idea of this celebration was inaugurated in 1909 when **Sonora Smart Dodd** was listening to a Mother's Day sermon at the Central Methodist Episcopal Church in Spokane, Washington. She decided that she wanted a celebration that honored fathers who were like her own father, William Smart. He was a Civil War veteran, a devoted husband and dedicated father. After his wife died at a young age, he successfully raised all six children.

In 1909 to promote her idea, she enlisted the help of the members of the Spokane Ministerial association and members of the YMCA. These members went to church wearing roses: *a red rose to honor a living father, and a white rose to honor a deceased one*. Continuing her efforts, she arranged a tribute for her own father in Spokane on June 19, 1910 and she traveled through the city in a carriage carrying gifts to the fathers who were sick in their homes. While Sonora Dodd worked to promote the idea of having an official Father's Day observance to honor all fathers, it took many years to make the holiday official.

In 1913, a congressional bill was introduced and in 1916 President Woodrow Wilson went to Spokane to speak at a Father's Day celebration to promote an official, national celebration. However, Congress resisted, fearing that it would just be another commercialized day of the year. Continuing earlier efforts, President Calvin Coolidge recommended in 1924 that the celebration be held and a national committee was formed in the 1930s in order to legitimize the holiday. Two additional bills to introduce the holiday were defeated.

In 1957 Maine Senator Margaret Chase Smith accused the Congress of ignoring fathers for 40 years while honoring mothers, thus "singling out just one of our own parents." In

1966 President Lyndon Johnson proclaimed the third Sunday of June to be Father's Day, but it wasn't made an official national holiday until President Nixon signed a proclamation in 1972.

Since it was such an arduous task to make this day official, let us seize the opportunity to render heart-felt gratitude for our **dads** both living and deceased.

A man never stands as tall

as when he kneels to help his child.



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