

Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Home & Rehabilitation Center
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National Nursing Home Week

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. This year's theme of "Fulfilling the Promise" calls us all to provide holistic care. This is evidenced when staff offer comfort on difficulty days, smile when sadness intrudes, hug when spirits sag, instill confidence when doubt is present, offer companionship in the midst of fear and loneliness. "Fulfilling the promise" results in positive outcomes in an excellent working environment. We hear the sentiments of this theme echoed in the words of our own outstanding employees as each one

offers her reflections in the section below.

At Prompt Succor, the Nursing Home Week began on Mother's Day, May 8th with a special coffee and muffins social for residents and families and ended on May 13th with a Bar-B-Que honoring our staff and residents. Various 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. Seven awards were distributed:

Support Services (Business Office, Unit Clerks, and Activities) - **Tarashia Dunbar;**

Dietary Department - **Mary Ann Martin;**

Environmental Services - **Orelia Young;**

Certified Nursing Assistants - **Melissa Denton, Wanda Toussaint, Brenda Young;**

LPN Award - **Pam Demouchet, LPN.**

Tarashia Dunbar (Support Services) began working at Prompt Succor in 2001 upon completion of her training as a certified nursing assistant. In October 2010, she was moved to the position of unit clerk which involves a number of responsibilities including answering the phone, filing paper work, ordering and managing supplies, organizing resident files, and assisting residents, families and other staff as needed. Tarashia has a boy (7 years old) and a girl (14 years old) who are both good students. She likes Prompt Succor for its home-like atmosphere because as she explains with a smile on her face – "this is my home away from home."

Mary Ann Martin (Dietary Department) came to Prompt Succor over 30 years ago! At the encouragement of her mother who was an employee at Prompt Succor at that time, she began as a volunteer in high school and worked with Sr. Delores Haddad, Sr. Benedict Allain, and Sr. Margaret Lafleur. She says that "Prompt Succor raised me" as over the years, she has worked in laundry, housekeeping, nursing service as a CNA, and now in

dietary because as she joyfully exclaims – “I always wanted to be in the kitchen. I love to cook and to see the residents enjoying the food!” Mary Ann is the proud mother of 4 daughters. She has 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Orelia Young (Environmental Services) came to Prompt Succor four years ago and she says that she immediately recognized that the facility was clean and the staff and residents were friendly. She finds joy in 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, according to her supervisor, is consistently willing “to go the extra mile.” This is the second year in a row that Orelia was chosen for this award!

Given by Rosemary Aycock Domingues, RN in memory of her mother, Pearl Fields Aycock, RN who was also an RN, three awards were distributed to our certified nursing assistants.

Melissa Denton, CNA arrived at Prompt Succor eight years ago and with a huge smile readily expresses her sentiments: “These have been 8 wonderful years – no stress and no complaints! I love being with older people. I have the patience and the heart for them. I enjoy helping them and encouraging them to continue to be active. I know my residents and I love them!” Melissa has 1 daughter and 2 sons.

Wanda Toussaint, CNA came to work at 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 : “I love the residents and when a resident dies, I experience a great loss in my own life.” In addition to her work responsibilities, she has 5 children, 3 girls and 2 boys and 3 grandchildren. This is Wanda’s second time to win this award!

Brenda Young, CNA began her work at Prompt Succor in April 2009. She came here to be closer to her home and she found a place where she loved to work because of the atmosphere. She explains: “The residents and staff are friendly. It is a great place to work.” Brenda has 1 daughter and 1 grandchild.

Pam Demouchet, LPN came to Prompt Succor in 2009 upon completion of her training as an LPN. Prior to that, she was a legal secretary in a local attorney’s office. However, her dream was to become a nurse and upon completion of the nursing program she came to Prompt Succor because she had done her clinical rotation here and enjoyed the experience. She describes herself as a “people person” and explains that she enjoys being with people, and especially in helping those who are not able to care for themselves. Pam has 2 children, 1 son and 1 daughter and 3 grandchildren.

***Congratulations to each one of our award recipients -
we are proud of you!***





Celebrating birthdays in June:

Dorothy Kilburn	6/7/1928	Yvonne Pellerin	6/28/1937
Abbie Scott	6/23/1939	June Sebastien	6/20/1939
Barbara Zachary	6/6		

Mission Statement:

Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Home is a ministry of the Marianites of Holy Cross, an international congregation of women religious founded by Venerable Father Basil Moreau in Le Mans, France in 1841. Inspired by the zeal of our founder, we, Marianites of Holy Cross, along with the staff of Prompt Succor Nursing Home, are committed to providing quality, holistic care, and support services in a Catholic and Christian environment. We share the love and compassion of Jesus Christ with those entrusted to our care, respecting the uniqueness of each individual while promoting and enhancing quality of life. We commit ourselves to foster dignity in this life and to provide an environment that supports a holy and peace-filled journey to eternal life.

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