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Willowbend at Marion Establishes Scholarship at MSCC

Willowbend at Marion has established a scholarship at Mid-South Community College to assist Allied Health students working toward a certificate or degree in nursing.

The Willowbend at Marion Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Scholarship supports two \$500 awards each fall and spring semester to students pursuing a Certified Nursing Assistant or Licensed Practical Nurse career path.

“Our core mission at Elder Outreach/Willowbend at Marion Nursing and Rehabilitation is to provide quality healthcare well beyond ordinary,” said Karen M. Tabiolo of the non-profit organization. “We also strive to make a strong, meaningful impact in the communities our nursing and rehabilitation centers serve.”



Pictured from left include Willowbend employees Vickie Thorton, Theresa Harris, Jimmy Anthony, Donna Beard, Adrean Laird, Betty Beene, Jennifer Taylor, Amanda Derrick, Sherry Hill, and Connie Rose. Also pictured is MSCC Director of Advancement Patti Coleman, right.

“To honor our senior residents and to meet the increasing demand for well-trained healthcare employees, we have established a scholarship with Mid-South Community College. Our goal is to provide assistance to students in financial need who exhibit strength of character, with a serving heart and strong desire to work in healthcare.”

To be eligible to apply for an award, students must have a minimum 2.5 grade-point average, must enroll in at least six credit hours per semester, must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to demonstrate financial need, and must reside in Crittenden County.

Applicants are also required to submit a brief summary of their educational plans and goals, including why they chose to pursue an Allied Health career path. Preference will be given to applicants interested in the care of the elderly.

The scholarship is designed to help meet the educational expenses of students who demonstrate financial need. The funds can be applied toward tuition, fees, and/or books.

Scholarships are renewable provided recipients maintain a 2.50 overall GPA with no dropped or failed any classes. The fund is administered by the Mid-South Community College Foundation.

Elder Outreach celebrates and respects the dignity, individuality, and independence of each person. Its facilities and personnel dedicate themselves to providing exceptional care and services to older adults and strive to enrich their lives.

Established more than a decade ago, Elder Outreach began its operations with four nursing homes located in central and northeast Arkansas. Since then, it has more than doubled in size with the addition of five nursing homes located in southern Louisiana.

Jennifer Taylor, who worked as a floor nurse at the Marion facility before earning her administrator license, serves as Willowbend’s administrator.

To contribute to a current named scholarship or to establish one in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Patti Coleman, MSCC Director of Advancement, at (870) 733-6764 or by email at pdcoleman@midsouthcc.edu. Contributions may also be made to the Foundation’s Annual Fund.

MSCC's Foundation offers direct on-line giving through the College's website, www.midsouthcc.edu (click on Foundation link near the bottom of the home page and then Give Now).

The Mid-South Community College Foundation, Inc., is an independent charitable organization created to raise and oversee funds donated to MSCC in support of the college's efforts to meet the needs of Crittenden County. The Foundation operates under a tax exempt 501(c)(3) status.