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Scholarships and Tuition Assistance Awards Applications Now Available

The Greene County Memorial Hospital Foundation (GCMHF) is pleased to once again offer scholarships and tuition assistance awards to eligible Greene County students. Last year GCMHF awarded more than \$50,000 to local students pursuing careers in healthcare.

Graduating seniors from each of the five school districts are eligible to apply for one of the five, \$2,000 healthcare scholarships. These will be awarded to students who are planning to study a healthcare related field in a qualified secondary education institution. Applications may be obtained in the guidance counselor's office at each of the high schools.

Nursing students can also be eligible for one of the two, \$5,000 tuition assistance awards. The candidate must be a Greene County resident (for the past four years) and have completed at least one year of an accredited nursing school. Awards are also available for a Registered Nurse interested in obtaining a Nurse Practitioner's license.

Lastly, GCMHF is extremely pleased to be able to once again offer a \$25,000 annual scholarship for a Greene County resident enrolled in medical school. This is the fourth consecutive year the foundation has offered the medical student tuition assistance award. Deadline for submitting any of the applications is May 3, 2013. The nursing and medical student applications may be downloaded from our website (www.GCMHFoundation.org).

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Save the date:
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Call now to register!

GCMH Foundation Provides Grant to Catholic Charities for Second Consecutive Year.

Since 2008, Catholic Charities has presented Rollercoasters to more than 730 children ages 5-8. The Rollercoasters program is an interactive eight-session school-based curriculum for children who are experiencing the emotional turbulence of family changes such as divorce or death of a family member.



Executive Director, Susan Rauscher (pictured at left) was thrilled to once again receive support for a program that has been shown to have tangible results. Parents of children who have completed the program report their child's self-esteem was considerably improved, as was their willingness to express their feelings.

"It is critical that children learn the skills necessary to cope with the confusion that so often accompanies a change in family dynamics. By partnering with school districts to offer Rollercoasters during the school day, we are able to maximize attendance throughout the eight weeks," Rauscher explained.

The eight weekly sessions focus on the following themes:

- Understanding healthy ways to adjust to change in family dynamics
- Dealing with divorce and other life changes and realizing they are not the child's fault
- Grieving helps us move forward, making room for new experiences and growth
- Organizing feelings around events and experiences to improve self-esteem
- Discovering healthy coping skills to deal with anger and sadness
- Problem solving skills
- Preparing for new changes
- Synthesizing what has been learned

To obtain any additional information on this very beneficial program, Catholic Charities' phone number is 724-627-6410 and they are located at 72 E. High Street, Waynesburg.

Greene County Career and Technology Center Receives Grant for LPN Program

Excellence often comes with a price. Last year the graduating LPN students from Greene County Career and Technology Center had a success rate of 100% in passing their nursing boards. A critical aspect in achieving this result was the implementation of an intense, two day review Kaplan NCLEX-PN program to help ensure graduates pass their licensure exam on the initial attempt. The cost of the program for this year's graduating class is \$8,778, which was provided by GCMHF. Participating in the program should allow the students to more quickly become employed and to begin utilizing their newly acquired skills and knowledge for the benefit of all those who live in Greene County.



The practical nursing program at the center has graduated more than one thousand diploma nurses since its inception in 1971. The program is approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing and accredited by the National League for



Nursing. The Practical Nursing Program is a twelve month training program divided into three levels, which at times can be fast pace and intense. Theoretical instruction and clinical experience are scheduled five days per week with the clinical hours varying according to the assigned facility.

Above, Judy Swauger, a practical nursing instructor uses two students to demonstrate various clinical techniques to David Jones, Executive Director of GCMHF. A few of the requirements to be admitted to the program are a high school diploma (or equivalent), a satisfactory score on a pre-entrance admission examination and personal interview, as well as providing references. Questions may be directed to Wendy Bouchard, Practical Nursing Coordinator at 724-627-3106.