

They give support every day. Let's give them ours.

Dear friend of Thorne Crest,

When loved ones come to Thorne Crest, they do so because they and their family trust us to provide the highest quality care within a lifestyle that's nurturing, engaging and compassionate. It's part of the ongoing promise American Baptist Homes of the Midwest (ABHM) extends throughout its communities.

But the truth is, promises don't provide support and care—people do.

The staff at Thorne Crest includes some truly amazing individuals who go above and beyond to make a real difference in the lives of the residents they serve. I'd like to take a moment to tell you about just one of them:



Kleinpaste Scholarship winner Wendy Rivera with resident Betty Callahan.

After serving as a Certified Nursing Assistant for three years, Wendy had come to think of our residents as family—not only serving their needs, but also developing close one-on-one relationships.

One such relationship with a couple in Assisted Living was extra special. Wendy's third-grade daughter would often come read to this couple, much to their delight. This being a very close couple, when the husband passed away, his wife nearly succumbed to depression. But Wendy continued to bring her daughter to read every week, lifting the woman's spirits and restoring the joy of life.

That is Wendy's true gift—bringing joy and a sense of security to our residents. She feels deeply for every-

one she serves and is constantly looking for ways to improve their care. That passion is what drove her desire to go back to school for her practical nursing degree.

Without financial assistance, achieving that goal would not have been possible. Books, loans, tuition—the costs of continuing education are high. For Wendy, it was always a choice between following her dream or providing for her family. Thanks to the **Harold W. Kleinpaste Scholarship**, she was finally able to do both.



Wendy and her daughter Yaneiri on her graduation

"I received my Practical Nursing degree in May—The Kleinpaste Scholarship helped me reach my dream and I am so grateful! I also got accepted into the RN program which starts this Fall and am very excited!"

~Wendy

The Harold W. Kleinpaste Nursing Scholarship was created in 2013 to provide financial assistance to staff members like Wendy as they pursue an education in the field of nursing. It's a great way to give back to those who give so much and ensure our residents continue to benefit from their commitment, kindness and care for years to come.

Just a small gift from you can help us continue to fund this scholarship and empower more exceptional people like Wendy to realize their professional dreams. There are so many deserving candidates throughout the ABHM communities—and we want to support each one. But we need your help.

To make a donation today, please mail your gift in the enclosed envelope or donate online at www.ThorneCrest.net

Thank you for your support,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Schulz".

Chris Schulz,
Administrator,
Thorne Crest Senior Living Community

