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DELAWARE COUNTY HEALTHCARE EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS TO BE HONORED ON JUNE 14

Workers include [scholarship recipients](#) from Aston, Boothwyn, Secane, Upper Darby. Recipients chosen from over 70 applications.

WHO:

- The Southeastern PA Healthcare Alliance (SEPHA): PathWays PA, 60 + Healthcare Employers, Educators, Workforce Development Professionals and Non Profits
- Keynote Speaker: Julia Hearthway, Pennsylvania Secretary of the Department of Labor
- Additional Remarks from: WIB Directors, Health Care Employers, Outstanding Instructors and Students

WHAT:

- 5th Annual Partnership Celebration Breakfast
- SEPHA will recognize the hard work and achievements of dedicated partners, award six worker scholarships and begin laying the framework for the 2013-2014 program year

WHEN:

- June 14, 2013
- 8:00 - 10:30 AM

WHERE:

- Maris Grove Cardinal Clubhouse: 200 Maris Grove Way, Glen Mills, PA 19342

On June 14, 2013, the Southeastern PA Healthcare Alliance will hold its Annual Partnership Breakfast to honor the workers and educators who continue to make the Partnership a success. Six workers will receive scholarships to help pursue advanced education.

Managed by PathWays PA, the Southeastern PA Healthcare Alliance (SEPHA) brings together the full spectrum of healthcare providers, educators, and workforce development partners in Bucks, Delaware, and Montgomery Counties. These partners, which include Renaissance Gardens at Maris Grove, Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, and others, come together to develop a well-trained, skilled workforce dedicated to providing quality care to meet the challenges of the healthcare industry.

Four years ago, SEPHA partners initiated the scholarship fund to support workers who seek to continue their education and training beyond the Partnership's offerings. Our employers have raised dues and conducted independent fundraising to support scholarship awards. This, year the Partnership Scholarship Committee reviewed over 70 applications before selecting six recipients. These scholarships will help deserving workers pursue advanced education opportunities in the healthcare field.

Scholarship Recipients

- Caroline Spencer: C.N.A at Maris Grove; Plans to Pursue RN. Resident of Boothwyn, PA.

- Rikki Farrar: Care Giver at Synergy Home Care; Plans to pursue BSN. Resident of Upper Darby, PA.
- Noraida Graziozo: Employed at Home Health Specialists Inc; Plans to pursue LPN or RN at Delaware County Community College. Resident of Secane, PA.
- Katie Christy: Practical Nursing Student at PIT and working full time. Resident of Aston, PA
- Kathryn Pierdomenico: Unit Secretary at Riddle Hospital; Nursing Student at Widener University. Resident of Aston, PA.
- Ashley Whitney: Therapy Aide at Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital; Plans to pursue degree in Occupational Therapy. Resident of Roslyn, PA.
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About SEPHA

SEPHA is a regional healthcare industry partnership expanding upon the success of the Delaware County Healthcare Partnership (DCHP). As a regional healthcare workforce partnership, SEPHA focuses on assessing and addressing healthcare employers' workforce needs and gaps, helping low-skilled workers gain the skills, trainings and credentials necessary to advance in healthcare careers. PathWays PA convenes and manages the Partnership with the guidance of an experienced Executive Committee that is comprised of healthcare employers and the regional Workforce Investment Boards.

About PathWays PA

PathWays PA was founded in 1978 as the Women's Association for Women's Alternatives. It served as one of Pennsylvania's first residential programs to keep low-income, vulnerable women together with their children and has grown to become one of the Greater Philadelphia Region's foremost providers of residential and community-based services for women, children and families. Each year over 6,000 women, children and families benefit from our full complement of social services; job training and employment assistance; as well as outreach and residential programs as they move along the path to self-sufficiency.