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I thoroughly enjoy working with the geriatric population. My first job as a CNA in a long term care facility was very rewarding, and I have been working with population every since. Nothing beats the story of a wise person who has experienced so many changes throughout their life. It is my pleasure to be able to be an advocate for all of the residents in the SNF that I currently am employed at.

I finished my A.S. in Registered Nursing in May of 2010. Prior to that I finished my LPN while working at the current facility I am working for. I have chosen to continue on with the schooling with the goal of receiving my B.S. degree. I wish to continue my current position as a Unit Manager and case manager for the 24 residents I am caring for in this facility indefinitely. I will continue to accept life's changes and proceed as things come my way.

It is difficult to provide examples of my positive impact on a certain resident. Recently a resident was admitted who was quite young and who had metastatic melanoma that had gone to the brain, she had a craniotomy and suffered frontal lobe deterioration post surgery. I felt I helped the family and resident cope with these changes of less independence through the course of her stay here providing her with adequate pain relief, emotional support, education, and trustworthiness during the course of her short stay and death. I would often come in the evening hours for a short visit to assure the family and resident that they were in my thoughts. I felt I helped the resident and family go through the dying process without feeling so alone.

Being a positive impact for the organization I work for gives me great pride. When starting as an LPN I was able to provide the organization with a CPR website that is supported by the American Heart Association that provides recertification in a much more LEAN fashion and this has helped save the organization much time and money. I also feel I am a great mentor to new employees coming in by welcoming them and providing education to ensure that all of the residents get the best quality of care. I am a member of the short term stay committee that has recently started d/t the increase in the number of residents coming short term for rehabilitation and returning to their home settings or an assisted living setting.

Thank you for your consideration.