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A Career in the Older Adult Services

I have chosen to pursue a career in the older adult services because the elderly have had such a positive impact in my life. The population of older adults is increasing, and I want to be able to provide the care for these people. Working as an aide has given me the opportunity to work closely with these very unique individuals. The residents have already lived most of their life and have had many life experiences. This has given me the opportunity to learn life lessons and the chance to hear many life stories. While working in a nursing home I have been appreciated for the things I provide to the residents and they are very genuine in return. The people I have encountered have been very delightful to work with and care for; this makes me want to continue my career providing care for older adults.

The plans for my future are to graduate with my Bachelors of Science in Nursing, as I now attend the University of North Dakota and about to enter my third semester in the nursing program. After I graduate I would like to work for a few years and then possibly go back to school to further my education. I would like to work in the older adult services as a nursing manager, as that will give me the opportunity to have an impact on the residents care plans and well being. I want to be an advocate for the people that don't have the ability to care for their needs, which will give me a great sense of accomplishment. I would hope to provide the older adult population with the care and empowerment they deserve to live a happy and healthy life.

I believe that I have a positive impact on a daily basis. I strive to provide the residents with the best care which every human being deserves. The work that I do is the best work I can provide, I put all my effort into making sure everything is done properly. When working with the residents I demonstrate a fun loving and caring atmosphere to provide them with a positive attitude. As an aide I provide cares that can be uncomfortable to some people so I try to make the situation as comfortable as possible. There have been many residents that I have become very close with by working with them, that we have a caring relationship. The residents know that I am there for them to talk to and to listen to any concerns they have. I take my time with each person to provide them with the time and attention they deserve. I am there for them to talk to, tell stories to and also provide them with the care they need to live a happy life.

I have positively impacted my organization by putting my best effort each shift that I work. I go above and beyond the duties of an aide by not only making sure that all the residents are cared and provided for but also the other things that I notice that need to be done. I am always willing to help coworkers when they need help and get along good with everyone. I make sure that all duties are completed to the best satisfaction so the next shift is not doing my work. I have impacted this facility by using my skills to train new employees and help all coworkers when asked. I put forth my best effort everyday and make sure everything gets done. I come to work on time every shift and pick up shifts when needed. I work well with the other aides in order to have an easier smoother shift. I work in the Dementia Unit of my facility and have got experience working with residents that can have behaviors, so I have learned how to deal with difficult situations. I have tried to be the most effective worker each shift to make sure that everything goes as planned and our residents are cared for.