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I chose Older Adult Services as a career back in my high school years, when I was a nurses aide at the Westwind Village in Morris, MN. At that time, I could see there was a need for giving these older people the patience, respect and understanding that they deserved.

I have been working towards my RN degree for the past ten years and am now at the point where I need to take the tests to accomplish my dream. My older sister is an RN and has been a great teacher and mentor for me as well.

My goal is to teach my co-workers and the workers under my direction that these people need someone to listen to them and show them compassion and friendliness. I feel that we are there to brighten the lives of the residents we serve, and to make sure they receive the medical attention that is required.

Some of the thank you cards that I have received are as follows: "Thank you for the care and compassion you show the residents daily!"; "Thank you for taking such good care of me and always being so nice."; "Thank you for making my days comfortable and pleasant."; "Thank you for your willingness to go above and beyond what was required of you."

A big part of my job is to set a good example for the people working under me to follow and to teach them the importance of becoming a team player. I also stress to them that they should be proud of doing a good job and feel another important part of my job is to promote a positive attitude within the staff.