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Erica McCauley, Volunteer at QPRC, Wins Soroptimist Essay Contest

Erica McCauley won the volunteer essay contest sponsored by Soroptimist International of Solanco. Erica's winning entry earned \$150 for both her and Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community, where she volunteers.

Erica is a Sophomore at Solanco High School and has been volunteering at Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community in the Personal and Skilled Care Units for three years. Among the many duties Erica performs at the Community are transporting residents to meals and appointments, and dining room preparation and cleaning.

"Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community is dedicated to caring for the elderly and in reassuring the residents' families that the personal and nursing care needs of their loved ones will be heeded and exceeded," Erica said.

Erica's essay identifies the traits she discovered she needed in order to serve effectively and successfully as a volunteer. Among these traits are: breaking out of her shell, respecting others, and being organized.

"The first summer I volunteered at Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community, I was nervous of meeting a large group of people that I've never met before, but eventually I 'came out of my shell,'" Erica recollected. She added that "if you want to be successful in the future, being able to respect others is a great trait, and respect is easily learned when you work with seniors."

Erica's mother and father are both Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community employees, as a coordinator of Personal Care and Memory Support and as a Certified Nursing Assistant, respectively.

"I definitely see nursing in my future," Erica said. "In the short term, I will keep volunteering at QPRC and, when I am old enough, would like to work, as well, in the dining services department," she added.

Bonnie Balentine, Activities Coordinator for Skilled Care at Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community, has nothing but praise for this young girl. "Erica is so good with the



residents. She is very dedicated and reliable. We are so proud of her for winning this award," Balentine said.



For more than 60 years, Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community has been a vibrant Christian community, offering gracious retirement living rich with opportunity for its residents to grow spiritually, physically, socially and culturally. Situated on 200 acres of rolling hills in beautiful southern Lancaster County, it is within easy driving distance of major metropolitan areas. A continuing care retirement community, Quarryville offers a wide array of apartment options and contract plans and provides a comprehensive range of services and amenities in a secure, caring environment.

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