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## Three Pillars' First Class of Certified Nursing Assistants Celebrates Graduation

*Training program in partnership with WCTC sees eight students achieve CNA credential*



Three Pillars Masonic Center for Health and Rehabilitation resident Oral Congdon presents CNA graduate Tammy Bonestroo with her rose and certificate at the graduation ceremony as nurse manager Courtney Lange looks on.



*Back row:* Chief Human Resources Officer Kathy Bernaden, Nurse Manager Rachel Fielkow, WCTC Instructor Mari-Claire Zimmerman, Ruby Hernandez, Penny Bos, Morgan Dilley, Administrator of Health Services Jarret Nickel, and President/CEO Mark Strautman.

*Front Row:* Director of Nursing Services May Thao, Tammy Bonestroo, Hannah Rousch, Kirsten Bay, Sydney Dawson, Emma Morzinski, and Nurse Manager Courtney Lange.

**Dousman, WI October 19, 2016** – After a rigorous 10-week accelerated Certified Nursing Assistant training course at Three Pillars Senior Living Communities, eight individuals graduated with their CNA credential.

The pilot CNA class, held onsite at the Dousman campus and led by WCTC instructor Mari-Claire Zimmerman, consisted of 120 hours of coursework and two clinical rotations at the skilled nursing facility. With all tuition fees covered by Three Pillars, the program led participants on a direct path to certification and employment as a CNA at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid five-star rated Masonic Center for Health and Rehabilitation.

May Thao, RN, BSN, Director of Nursing Services at Three Pillars comments, “Certified Nursing Assistants are truly at the heart of our mission at Three Pillars. They’re on the front lines, providing nurturing care to our residents, and their role is so vital.” She continues, “At a time when the healthcare industry is experiencing national shortages of CNAs, we’re pleased to collaborate with WCTC to create this convenient training program and encourage aspiring CNAs to go after their goals.”

Future tuition-free CNA training programs are scheduled at Three Pillars. Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to contact Three Pillars’ Recruiter Tracy Lechman: 262.965.7131 or [techman@threepillars.org](mailto:techman@threepillars.org).

Three Pillars Senior Living Communities is a not-for-profit organization located in Dousman, WI and is sponsored by the Masonic Fraternity. We take pride in meeting the social, physical, and spiritual needs of older adults by providing high quality senior housing and services.

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