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### Three Pillars Nurse Receives Prestigious *Lynn Wege Award* Through Wisconsin Optum Group *Kate Schreiber, LPN, recognized with award and celebration*



Maureen Reddington, Nurse Practitioner with Optum, presents Kate Schreiber, Three Pillars LPN, with the Lynn Wege award clown figurine.



Three Pillars employees gather at a reception recognizing Kate Schreiber as recipient of the Lynn Wege Optum Award. Left to right: Kathy Bernaden, Chief Human Resources Officer, Kate Schreiber, LPN, Marge Gozdowiak, RN, Healthcare Administrator, and Courtney Lange, RN, Director of Nursing.

**Dousman, WI, July 11, 2017** – Kate Schreiber, LPN at Three Pillars Senior Living Communities’ Masonic Health Care Center skilled nursing facility, was surprised with a special award. A celebration recognizing her unwavering compassion, humor, and patience accompanied the award presentation.

Unbeknownst to Kate, she was nominated for the Wisconsin Optum Care group’s *Lynn Wege Award* by Maureen Reddington, Optum Nurse Practitioner at the Masonic Health Care Center, along with several co-workers. The Wisconsin Optum Care group, part of a nationwide complex health care services company, established this award in honor and memory of Lynn Wege, a beloved Optum nurse practitioner who worked at Three Pillars. To keep her memory alive after she passed away from a brain tumor, the award now exists to recognize an outstanding Wisconsin skilled nursing caregiver who exudes qualities that Lynn had: humor in the workplace, compassion, patience or a calming presence, and commitment to teaching.

“Kate is a nurse who reflects so many good qualities; not only of what a nurse should be, but what a human being should be,” Reddington states. “Her jolly laugh and huge smile are contagious, and she cares for her residents like they are her own. She uses humor to raise spirits while offering compassion and patience with unending advocacy,” she continues. “Like Lynn Wege, Kate is understanding with our residents, she knows them and family members individually, and she seems never too busy to take time for those in need.”

Co-workers and residents gathered for the surprise award presentation to recognize Kate, followed by fellowship and refreshments. Along with her award, Kate was presented with a glass clown figurine to symbolize Lynn’s sense of humor and cherished pastime, as well as a gift card.

Marge Gozdowiak, RN, Healthcare Administrator at Three Pillars comments, “We’re so happy for Kate, and offer our warmest congratulations. She’s a deserving nurse who certainly brightens each day for those around her through positivity, humor, and patient-focused care.”

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Optum is a nationwide complex health care services and innovation company with a group based in Milwaukee, WI. With over 150 locations around the world, the organization's mission is to help people live healthier lives and to help make the health system work better for everyone.

Three Pillars Senior Living Communities is a nonprofit organization located in Dousman, WI, sponsored by the Masonic Fraternity. Their mission focuses on meeting the social, physical, and spiritual needs of older adults by providing high quality senior housing and services.

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