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### **United Methodist Homes announces new program graduates and staff updates**

United Methodist Homes announces the first graduates of its new "Growing Strong Roots" peer mentoring program at the Elizabeth Church Campus, which links experienced certified nursing assistants with brand-new CNAs who have just completed their certification program. It was funded by a grant from the NYS Department of Health. "The program focuses on continuous improvement in our quality of care, providing support for newly-hired CNAs, and enhancing staff retention rates," said **Denise Johnson**, director of staff development for UMH's two New York campuses. The new CNA mentors are **Faith Brown, Tammy Donholt, Nicole Graby, Amy Horton, Serena LaBare** and **Michelle Roseburgh**.

UMH also has seven new graduates of its Certified Home Health Aide training program. They are **Carolyn Cain, Kassondra Hoyt, Christina Littlejohn, Kari Rogers, Sorjuner Lieda Tribble, Mary Wheeler** and **Vietta Williams**.

**Martha Wright** (*photo attached*), vice president/clinical services, and **Kate McHugh**, director of quality management at UMH's Hilltop Campus, have earned certification as Quality Assurance / Performance Improvement professionals.

UMH's newest board members are **Christina Boyd, Reverend Carol Coleman, Jeffrey Culver, Sharron Lewis, Dianne Posegate** and **Philip Reid**. **Lisa Lee** returns from honorary status. At the corporate office, **Laura Blinn** is the new recruiting assistant and **Abbie Evans** is the new marketing and fundraising assistant.

United Methodist Homes is a church-related nonprofit organization, founded in 1958, that operates three continuing care retirement communities in the Greater Binghamton region of New York and the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre region of Pennsylvania, and a personal care campus in Tunkhannock, Pa. UMH serves more than 1,100 residents at its four sites and has more than 1,000 employees.

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