

Employee Spotlight

Jennifer Basten, R.N.

Director, Community Adult Day Care

Jen Basten has had several different roles during her six-year career, but all of them have involved working with seniors. Beginning with a part-time housekeeping job at Galena-Stauss Assisted Living, through her current position as Director of the Community Adult Day Care program, Jen has focused her attention and enthusiasm on the elderly.

“Seeing the clients smile makes me smile,” Jen said. “The relationships I’ve developed are what make my job rewarding.”

Now an R.N., Jen handles the daily operations of Adult Day Care; in addition to managing Assisted Living nursing services, including admission and discharge assessments, medication administration and routine health assessments.



Though she is certainly a skilled medical professional, Jen’s people skills are what make her special. Nominator Lisa Deininger noted that Jen recently took a client for a day of fishing and a fish fry. “He really enjoyed himself,” Deininger said. “Jen goes above and beyond to make her clients’ lives more fulfilled.”

Jen proved the “above and beyond” statement when she “married” another client in a mock wedding. “He was always saying he was going to marry me in 50 years but he might not remember his promise then, so we decided to have some fun with it. That is one my favorite memories,” Jen said.

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