

PHILANTHROPY UPDATE

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Dear Friend,



For as long as she can remember, Jessica Himes always knew that becoming a nurse was her destiny. As a little girl, she would put bandages and casts on her stuffed animals and dolls. Unsurprisingly, her mother's first-aid kit could always be found in her toy box.

As a teenager, a few poor decisions led to an expulsion from school and, around the same time, she found out she was expecting a child. Faced with challenging realities and wanting the best for her unborn child, she picked herself up and completed courses to become a Certified Nursing Assistant, despite not having her GED.

Shortly after her daughter was born, Jessica completed her GED and enrolled at Harrisburg Area Community College. While her younger years were spent skipping classes and failing tests, her time in college was very different.

Five years of hard work was rewarded after she completed the nursing program and got her first job as a registered nurse!

Her work led her to LutherCare, and it's clear to us that she has a heart for nursing and for our residents at our Spang Crest community in Lebanon.

Currently, Jessica is working hard to obtain her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Western Governors University and your generosity enabled us to award her with a well-deserved scholarship!

We're so grateful for Jessica and our other team members that go above and beyond every day to provide wonderful care to our residents. Thank you for making it possible to support them on their journeys!

Blessings,



Ryan Fisher
Director of Philanthropy



Thank you to all who donate to LutherCare when you shop online via Amazon Smile. This year, our team members pulled together and purchased 50 Christmas presents from an Amazon Wish List for the children in our Early Learning Centers! We're sure that these gifts will bless our kids and hard-working teachers for years to come!

Pictured are some of our wonderful kids and teachers from our Marietta campus located at Community Bible Church. They were so excited to receive and open these presents, which included: puzzles, games, books, a baby swing, stickers, and push toys. We really enjoyed seeing all of the smiles, laughter, and joy from each student!

Thank you for investing in their futures and the future of our community!

