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**Annette Gold, Excelsa Health Organizational Development, and Kathleen Romano, Westmoreland Community Action, with the laptops donated by Excelsa Health to support the Moms Making More program.**

**Cathey Cassa, rehabilitation technician at Excelsa Health, among the recipients of a laptop to help her complete her college coursework.**

**EXCELA HEALTH DONATION PROVIDES  
COMPUTER CONNECTION TO SINGLE MOMS ADVANCING CAREERS**

**GREENSBURG, PA, October 18, 2012 ...** Participants of the "Moms Making More" program (M3) will benefit from a recent donation of laptops from Excelsa Health. The "Moms Making More" program is designed to help single mothers, who are head of the household with responsibility for at least one child under the age of 18, return to school and advance their education so they can progress to a higher position with a sustainable wage.

M3 is a partnership with the United Way of Westmoreland County, Westmoreland County Community College and Westmoreland Community Action. Through funding and support, many of the obstacles typically encountered by single mothers returning to school are minimized or eliminated. One of the obstacles encountered is the lack of technology accessible to participants for use in their homes.

This includes computers, printers and internet connection needed to complete homework assignments, write documents and access school blackboards. This technology is typically expensive for the participants and extends outside the budget parameters of the program.

Among those appreciative of the computer connectivity made possible by Excelsa Health's Information Technology Department, is Cathey Cassa, a rehabilitation technician for the health system. Enrolled at Westmoreland County Community College completing pre-requisites, she plans to continue her studies to become a physical therapy assistant. There are currently 12 single mothers in the M3 program, five of whom are Excelsa employees. These women are pursuing degrees in nursing, radiology and medical coding at area colleges.

The Youngwood mother of a 14-year-old daughter is no stranger to college studies, having earned an associate's degree in early childhood education. Now age 50, Cassa sees her prior experience in daycare as complementary to her career objectives. She currently divides her time between Excelsa's adult and pediatric outpatient rehabilitation programs but hopes to concentrate on child therapies.

"I want to be an inspiration to my daughter and give her the opportunities I had growing up," said Cassa. "School can be very intimidating so I'm taking advantage of tutors and other help available because I have a goal and I want to succeed."