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**STUDENT VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS
FROM LATROBE HOSPITAL AUXILIARY**

LATROBE, PA, May 3, 2013... The Latrobe Area Hospital Aid Society (LAHAS) honors the volunteer efforts of area high school students by awarding educational grants annually to encourage the pursuit of health-related or other professional careers.

Four high school seniors, each with more than 200 hours of volunteer service to Excela Health Latrobe Hospital, share \$6,000 in scholarship funding in 2013. This year's recipients are David Henderson Jr., Agora Cyber Charter School; Hadley Simpson, Greater Latrobe High School; Brittany Crowley and Megan Crowley, Ligonier Valley High School.

The awards were presented April 30 during a ceremony at the hospital for the student volunteers and their parents. Since the scholarship program began in 1984, LAHAS has awarded more than \$200,000.

David Henderson Jr. is part of the care team on the hospital's third floor. His time is spent visiting with patients and seeing to their comfort, as well as helping the clinical staff by restocking supplies. A member of the swim and track teams at Greater Latrobe High School, the 17-year-old is active in the Latrobe United Methodist Church youth group where his father is the pastor, and part of the denomination's youth ministry team in western Pennsylvania. The son of David and Theresa Henderson of Latrobe will be attending the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He plans to study aeronautic engineering.

Prior to the hospital's conversion to an electronic medical record, Hadley Simpson spent her volunteer time assisting Medical Information Management with patient chart processing. Now the 18-year-old can be found at the hospital Information Desk assisting visitors each Sunday

Musically inclined, the daughter of Todd and Robin Simpson of Latrobe plays in Greater Latrobe's bands, sings in various choral ensembles and performs in the school musicals. She will be attending Grove City College to study education.

Brittany and Megan Crowley have much in common, which is understandable for the 18-year-old twin daughters of Jan Zellers of Cook Township and Joe Crowley of Ligonier Township. Honor students and accomplished athletes in soccer, track and field, they participate in a variety of extracurricular activities, ranging from peer mentoring to theater guild and clubs that help struggling students exceed academically and socially. They volunteer at St. Michael's of the Valley Food Pantry and support the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup in Ligonier Valley as well as Relay for Life to raise funds for cancer care.

As hospital volunteers, their paths diverge. Megan Crowley is assigned to the fourth floor surgical patient care team, while Brittany Crowley has joined the progressive care team on the fifth floor. Both girls provide support to staff, visitors and patients to help create an exceptional patient experience.

They will continue down separate paths to college: Megan Crowley is headed to American University to study justice; Brittany Crowley will be attending University of Virginia, majoring in psychology.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities at Latrobe Hospital, contact Volunteer Services, 724-537-1024.