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NEWS RELEASE – HOSPITAL FOUNDATION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The JTD Hospital Foundation has awarded 14 nursing scholarships and six health care scholarships for the 2005-2006 academic year. The Foundation is the fund raising arm of Joint Township District Memorial Hospital, St. Marys. Dale Manbeck, Chair of the JTD Hospital Foundation stated, “We are pleased to help area students pursue a career in nursing. A major priority of the Foundation is raising funds for the education of our future health care professionals.”

The Foundation awarded four new nurse scholarships which included \$1,000 grants to Emily Snyder of Celina is currently a student at Capital University; Amy Zender, a graduate of Celina High will attend Ball State University; Victoria Krugh graduated from Celina High School and will attend The Ohio State University in the fall; and Lelah Norris graduated from Waynesfield Goshen and will attend Wright State University.

Ten continuing \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to Kari Brockman of Ft. Recovery who is attending Sinclair Community College; Danika Davies of Wapakoneta attends Indiana Wesleyan University; Julie Dahlinghaus of Minster attends Capital University; Elizabeth Hawk of Celina attends Ohio State University; Stacy Howell of St. Marys attends Rhodes State; Laura Quinter of Minster attends Xavier University; Brooke Stienecker of New Knoxville attends Kettering College of Medical Arts; Karla Prenger of Celina attends the University of Cincinnati; Kathryn

Shaffer of Celina attends St. Mary's College and Stephanie Schumann of Celina attends Capital University.

The Foundation also awarded six scholarships to area high schools to encourage students to enter health care fields. These \$500 scholarships were awarded to: Celina High School – Natalie Warner; Minster High School – Stephanie Freytag; New Bremen High School – Carla Evers; New Knoxville High School – Jasmine Walker; St. Marys Memorial High School – Todd Graves; Minster High School – Brittney Phlipot; and Wapakoneta Senior High School – Emily Knueve.

Deb McKee, Vice President of Patient Care Services at Joint Township Hospital expressed ... “the need for us to home-grow our future care givers. We have been fortunate to avoid the major nursing shortage issues experienced in many areas of the country. The future of health care in Auglaize and Mercer counties depends on our ability to provide appropriate professional nursing services. The Foundation scholarship program along with Joint Township Hospital’s scholarship initiative with Rhodes State College will play a major role in assuring that care givers will be available for our community”.

Linda Kitzmiller, member of the JTD Hospital Foundation Board of Directors commented, “We were very impressed that so many outstanding students are interested in the field of nursing. It was very difficult to narrow down the applicants to the awarding of four new scholarships. As a former nurse, it was very gratifying for me to see such bright young people studying nursing. We want to encourage those that we couldn’t help this year to continue their pursuit of a nursing

degree. We hope that these and other outstanding students will apply next year to our scholarship program.” The JTD Hospital Foundation’s scholarship recipients not only have outstanding academic achievements, but also a dedication to the nursing field.

Deb McKee says “we are very impressed with the enthusiasm and commitment of our four new scholarship recipients as well as the excellent progress of our ten continuing scholarships. We appreciate everyone in the community who has contributed to the Foundation’s ongoing scholarship fund. These resources are vital to the future of health care in our community.”

Pictured L to R scholarship recipients: Lelah Norris, Emily Snyder, Amy Zender, Victoria Krugh and Linda Kitzmiller, Foundation Board member.

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