

Monroe needs long-term care facility

I've had the privilege to serve as Director of Nursing at the Francis E. Parker Home for more than 21 years. Parker has been working over the past couple of years to build a long-term care facility in Monroe to serve the growing senior population.

The proposed "Parker @ Monroe" planned for Schoolhouse Road, would build up the high standard of care that Parker has provided for the past 104 years. Our nursing staff, many of whom have been recognized for their outstanding performance on a state level, provide not only excellent care to our residents but support the families; We have an extraordinarily low staff turnover rate — with one employee with more than 45 years of service and another will reach a landmark of 50 years of service in 2012.

Several years ago, my own mother, who also lived in Greenbrier, Monroe Township, needed nursing home care. She had been on the long waiting list since 1990 and so there was no doubt in my mind she would receive the best care at Parker Home. It has been such a comfort for my family and me to know she is in a place where staff respects her and she is receiving excellent care.

My many years as a nurse in Long Term

Care has given me the opportunity to work at other nursing homes, but none compare with Parker Home with the feeling of "home" and excellent care which is provided.

Living in Greenbrier, I have heard so many stories of people who had to leave our community to find quality nursing home care. We need PARKER in Monroe. We also need the local jobs that such a residence would generate.

None of us knows our future or who would ultimately need the quality care provided at PARKER at Monroe. But it is so important that this facility is built right here in town, where it is needed the most.


Linda Patron

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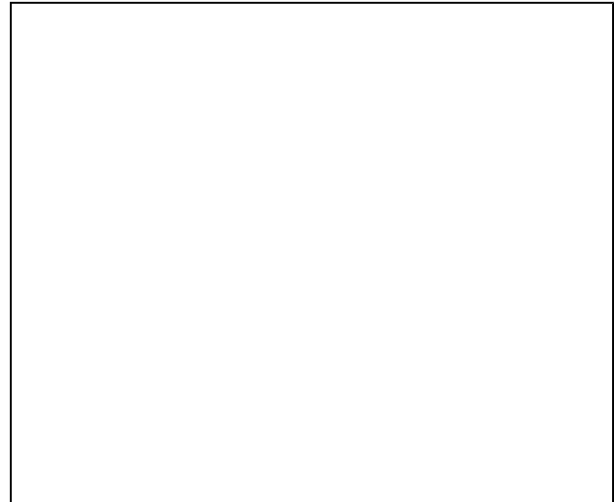
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