

Congratulations

to Riverview Health Service's Virginia Haman, recipient of the South Dakota Health Care Association's 2008 Social Services Award

Virginia Haman first joined Riverview in 1980, and after leaving for a short sabbatical, Virginia returned to *become* Riverview's Social Service Department. The standard retort was "if unsure, give it to Social Services," and Virginia has never disappointed.

Virginia's involvement with the SDHCA's Region I Social Service Council, including a term as Vice President, has been a valuable asset to the organization. From her work in the SDHCA to her participation in various civic and church groups, Virginia actively promotes a sense of community within Riverview, Moody County, and the long-term care community of South Dakota.

In 1980, her evaluation read "...very caring ... precise ... perfectionist ... a quick study ... very creative ... frequently suggests new ways of doing things ... very sociable and outgoing ... gracious ... great personality ... prompt ... quite conscientious ... reliable ... definitely above average." The very attributes used to describe Virginia in 1980 are as true, if not more so, 28 years later.

Virginia always gives 110% – definitely above and beyond. Families, residents, and Riverview staff seek out Virginia for problem solving, counsel, and friendship, in addition to the myriad of other tasks that fall under the umbrella of Social Services.



Virginia believes in and exemplifies the spirit of teamwork; when there is a need for a pianist, a seamstress, housekeeper, bed maker, etc., Virginia volunteers. She talks the talk, but more importantly, she "walks the walk." As far as public/customer service relations are concerned, Virginia is tops.

Of those who know Virginia directly or by reputation, it is often said, "When I enter a facility, I want Virginia to be my advocate." To Virginia, and to Riverview, the resident ALWAYS comes first. She's a fierce advocate who isn't afraid or hesitant to step in – she not only steps in, she leaps – in whatever capacity she can help.

As in all nursing facilities, each day brings on new challenges, whether in the form of new regulations or "just life," and Riverview is blessed to have Virginia walk through our doors each morning to help meet those challenges.

Thank you, Virginia, for sharing the last 28 years with Riverview! Congratulations!!!



If you would like to congratulate Virginia or check out the "award-winning" services of Riverview Health Care & Rehabilitation Center, call 997-2481, visit our web site www.riverviewhealth.com, or stop in today!

