



HOSPITALITY: The Fabric of My Life

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Above, right: Catherine Sabatini, CSJA, greets a resident at BHCC
 Above, left: Susan Reilly, CSJ, and Catherine pause to discuss the activities calendar for BHCC residents.

As I reflect on the fabric of my life, my **Hope** is that my parents would be proud of my tapestry. Their example initiated that fabric! I admire how they followed their dream, moving from the Bronx to Northern Westchester, New York in order to raise their children and assume ownership of a thoroughbred horse stable. Because they dared to live their dream, my childhood was blessed with **Opportunities** others could only imagine! It was an exhilarating environment, surrounded by people of diverse backgrounds and circumstances. Opportunities to meet many people formed the basis of my tapestry: my appreciation of hospitality and my attitude of respect for all; thus, initial strands of my hospitality blanket were designed!

My own weaving began in earnest when I moved to Massachusetts to attend college. It was a time of growing, and a beginning of lifelong friendships. That natural **Smile** and congenial **Personality** that enabled me to appreciate my childhood now supported me as I wove new experiences and ministries into the fabric of my life – connecting with people from all walks of life as I embraced careers, at first in health care and, subsequently, in the hospitality industry.

Personal growth and my love of people expanded my professional horizons, drawing me ultimately to Bethany Health Care Center [BHCC]. This was a blessing in disguise! At that time, I was not considering a position in long-term health care! However, God had other plans, placing me with the right person at exactly the right moment! Although my professional title at Bethany is that of Program Director, my mission is to love and honor the women who now call the second floor their home. On the surface, our facility resembles many other sites; however, Bethany is a place like no other! Staff members are filled with love, and hallways are filled with invisible angels who guide us along each day's journey.

My **Interest** in people has enhanced my

understanding that **Teamwork** and **Accommodating** the needs of others truly reflect the fabric of God's work! My **Love** for others and for life is **Interwoven** with the fabric of my faith. And I am **Thankful**!

Some of the most profound threads of my tapestry intertwine the fabric of family, godchildren, and friends! They have allowed me to incorporate my ministry into the fabric of their lives. Now, I am blessed with an even larger family: You, the Sisters of St. Joseph!

You have invited me to become part of a community that enhances my zeal to do God's work.

As I bring this spirit to my commitment as a CSJA, I look forward to embracing the richness of textures that God has designed for the fabric of my life! 🌸

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