



Patient Care and Nursing Services

Your investment allows our nearly 2,000 nurses the opportunity to participate in innovative programs that enhance patient care and help our nurses excel in their field. We would not be able to offer programs like the Dr. George Morris Earn As You Learn program or the Lois Odence Planters Endowment without the community's support. Your gifts go a long way toward enhancing the recognition, education, retention and recruitment initiatives for our award-winning nursing programs, including:

■ **Dr. George Morris
Earn As You Learn Program**

This innovative program helps foster the growth of our team members to enter or advance in the nursing profession by providing books and an educational stipend to allow aspiring nurses the opportunity to focus on school while continuing to support their families. For more than a decade, the Dr. George Morris Earn As You Learn Program has helped graduate 220 registered nurses, 166 licensed practical nurses, 261 patient care technicians and 10 Master's prepared clinical nurse leaders.

■ **Lois Odence Planters Endowment**

Each year stipends are awarded to promising nursing students within the hospitals of Morton Plant Mease to help defray expenses, such as childcare and transportation. Established in memory of Lois Odence, who helped found Planters, more than \$80,000 has been granted to deserving students since 2001.

■ **Annie Miller Scholarship**

Throughout Annie Miller's 43 years of service as a registered nurse at Morton Plant Hospital, she earned the well deserved status as a respected leader, mentor, coach, counselor and friend. The Annie Miller Scholarship was established in 2003 to provide scholarships to licensed practical nurses pursuing further education with a goal of becoming a registered nurse.

■ **Katherine T. Smith Scholarship**

Since 1999, this scholarship has provided additional funds beyond tuition assistance for registered nurses who are pursuing a bachelor's or master's degree in nursing. Morton Plant Mease strives to have more baccalaureate, master's and PhD prepared nurses to serve as clinical experts for team members and to direct care.