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Sherwin-Williams Women’s Club Gives Visiting Nurse Association of Ohio \$30,000 for Clinical Education Scholarship

CLEVELAND, Ohio (November 22, 2016) – Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Ohio was proud to receive a \$30,000 check from The Sherwin-Williams Women’s Club to fund the inaugural Belle Sherwin Scholarship. The Women’s Club presented the check at their annual meeting to VNA leadership team members.

This gift, the Women’s Club’s annual “Ever Forward” award, will support a clinical education scholarship for single working parents at VNA who are interested in pursuing or furthering their clinical education. Funding will help these individuals reach the next level of certification, including State Tested Nurse Assistant, Licensed Practical Nurse or Registered Nurse. The scholarship will be available to eligible participants to apply during the first quarter of 2017.

“We are beyond thrilled by the generosity and commitment of the members of the Sherwin-Williams Women’s Club,” said Lisa Kristosik, Chief Operating Officer at VNA. “We can’t thank them enough and we know that this will have a lasting positive impact on our clinical staff members and the patients they serve.”

“Partnering with VNA of Ohio to fund this scholarship made a lot of sense to us,” said Sandra Farmer, Philanthropy Chairperson of The Sherwin-Williams Women’s Club. “Their mission and ours align in so many ways and VNA staff members embody the values that Belle also valued: hard work, dedication and compassion.”

The scholarship is named for Belle Sherwin, the daughter of Henry Sherwin, founder of The Sherwin-Williams Company. Belle was a founding member of the Visiting Nurse Association of Cleveland Board of Trustees from 1902 to 1924. She was an active Board member serving as the chair for several committees, as well as the Board President. In her many roles throughout Greater Cleveland’s health and human services, Belle is credited with establishing the philosophy and guiding principles for nursing services at the Visiting Nurse Association. Beyond her civic duties, Belle was a pioneer for women in education.

About The Sherwin-Williams Women’s Club

The Sherwin-Williams Women’s Club was created in 1911; engages in philanthropic endeavors and promotes the business and social welfare of its members through educational activities, training, acquaintances and friendships. Their motto is “Ever Forward.”



About Visiting Nurse Association of Ohio

VNA of Ohio is a non-profit, community-based healthcare organization that has been helping patients for more than 100 years. The organization works with hospitals, doctors, community agencies and companies to provide services for patients in their homes. Services include skilled nursing care, mental healthcare, social work services, rehabilitation therapies, hospice and personal care assistance.

VNA of Ohio provides high-quality, comprehensive home health and hospice care to promote health, independence and dignity to those living in our communities. Learn more at vnaohio.org.

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