

ST. STEPHEN AWARD NOMINEE

Ada "Sissy" Minor

Thirty-nine years ago a very quiet Sissy Minor entered the Dietary department of the Good Samaritan Home. And for all these years her quiet presence has helped define the ministry of the Home done through its food service. Having started as an aide, Sissy soon became the relief cook and in 1982 the Head Cook. And that she is. There are practically lines on the days she makes fried chicken; a remembrance of long ago, as the scent of the fried chicken fills the dining room and halls.

One of the truly challenging events of her career here at Good Sam was the remodeling of the main kitchen. For six weeks Sissy had to cook in a kitchen outfitted for twenty meals and turn out meals for 170 residents. This was one more example of Sissy's ability to adapt to whatever came her way from snowstorms, to staffing changes to the tremendous growth of the facility. She did her job, always, without any hesitation or complaint.

Added to her obvious skills as a cook and her ability to roll with the punches, Sissy is also an individual of extraordinary dependability and we do mean extraordinary. "Calling in" is not a part of her vocabulary and while she has taken the necessary time to take care of her very important family responsibilities, Sissy is at work. And since the residents and staff need to eat no matter what, her steadfastness has been invaluable to our life together as a community. Nursing Homes as well as armies travel on their stomachs.

There is not question that the three supervisors Sissy has had in her career at the Home have all thought highly of her and her presence in the kitchen is a reassuring presence for all the staff she works with, both long timers and new hires.

Sissy is as quiet now as the day she entered the kitchen at the Good Samaritan Home. Her skill as a cook, her dedication and dependability, her kindness and compassion speak loudly of her all important presence here. Sissy would be a worthy recipient of the St. Stephen Award.

Respectfully Submitted,

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