

## Ephrata Manor Team Member Receives Professional Development Scholarships from LeadingAge PA



CAMP HILL (PA)— United Church of Christ Homes (UCC Homes) is proud to announce that Emil Lukusa, a dedicated Registered Nurse at Ephrata Manor, has been awarded a scholarship through LeadingAge PA’s 2025 Professional Development Scholarship Program.

Lukusa is one of 31 recipients in Pennsylvania to receive this honor, which supports employees from LeadingAge PA member communities as they pursue degrees, certifications, or continuing education in the aging services sector.

Jessica Drexler, Director of Nursing at Ephrata Manor, uplifted the work of Lukusa, “Emil consistently leads by example, demonstrating a strong work ethic and a willingness to assist with any task as needed. He is always ready to support his colleagues and contributes to a collaborative team environment. His positive energy is contagious and has a meaningful impact on the well-being and morale of both residents and staff.”

The LeadingAge PA scholarship program is designed to strengthen Pennsylvania’s aging services workforce by investing in those who are building long-term careers in the field.

“Workforce development is essential to the future of our sector, and these scholarships are one way we empower dedicated professionals to grow, lead, and drive meaningful change,” said LeadingAge PA President and CEO Garry Pezzano.

For more information on the LeadingAge PA Professional Development Scholarship Program, visit <https://www.leadingagepa.org/workforce/scholarships-and-internships/scholarships>.

United Church of Christ Homes is a not-for-profit organization headquartered in Camp Hill, PA. Our programs of service include The Lebanon Valley Home in Annville, PA, Thornwald Home and Sarah A. Todd Memorial Home in Carlisle, PA, Ephrata Manor in Ephrata, PA, and Kindred Place in Annville, PA and Harrisburg, PA.

**Photo:** Erin McDermott (left), Director of Member Engagement & Workforce Solutions at LeadingAge PA and Meredith Schell Fields (right), President/CEO of UCC Homes, joined Emil Lukusa (center) for the presentation of the Professional Development Scholarship check.