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Why did you choose older adult services as a career?

I don't feel so much that I chose older adult services as I simply ended up working in an environment that I was able to help older adults. After graduating from college I knew I wanted to work closely with residents in a facility and with the job market such as it was almost 15 years ago I took a job on the night shift to get my foot in the door. Obviously I love my career choice as I have been with the same facility for almost 15 years now and plan to work there much longer after I receive my masters degree from Augsburg.

What do you want to do with your life within the older adult services profession?

I anticipate working in a teaching role with staff as I help other employees gain knowledge and skills in working with our population. Teaching the younger generations effective ways to work with clients has been one of my passions and an area that I am particularly skilled in. With a Masters in Social Work I will be able to further this role.

How do you hope to impact the profession?

My goal in impacting the profession is through individual work with clients. As a social worker, I will have gained the skills and techniques to better serve our population. Working one-on-one with residents has always been the driving force of my career and I hope to continue expanding my skills in this area. I also feel the desire to instruct other staff members in techniques to build their skills in the area of working with residents. I feel that with this two tiered approach I can make a significant impact on our population.

Provide a specific example of when you positively impacted someone through the care or services you provided.

Acting in the role of a program manager has been the most rewarding time at Andrew Residence. Working one-on-one with the residents developing goals, building strengths and overcoming areas of growth are ways that I daily work on positively impacting the residents in our facility. A specific example, was having a resident who wanted to move out to their own apartment and setting that as their overall rehabilitation goal. Together we worked diligently on developing the necessary skills needed to live independently and ultimately that resident was able to live successfully in the community with some support systems in place.