## **Sweet Caroline Elizabeth Mills Scholarship**

<u>History</u>: The Sweet Caroline Elizabeth Mills Scholarship was developed by her husband, Jon Mills, in memory of Caroline Mills, LPN, a nurse and an inspirational cancer survivor, who was honored as the 2010 Miami Valley Hospital Foundation Champion of Hope Survivor. The purpose of this scholarship is to perpetuate educational support for the advancement of nursing and patient caregivers. This scholarship will benefit Miami Valley Hospital (MVH) employees who are pursuing a career in the medical field. This scholarship will provide tuition assistance toward the attainment of a degree. The scholarship recipient can be a nurse, or medical caregiver.

The scholarship will be given to an individual who exemplifies the principles and character of Caroline Mills, and her focus on her patients and those she served throughout her life. She was a tenacious, brave, nurturing, kind, selfless woman who touched the lives of many, especially during her 35-year journey through illness. Although she was not able to practice nursing after her first battle with cancer at 32 years of age, she served as a spiritual caregiver by providing inspiration and advice to individuals who were ill and needed true hope, and by providing service in her community. Caroline was a true advocate for nursing.

<u>Program Description:</u> Scholarship recipient will receive \$500. The scholarship is to open to Baccalaureate (BSN) and Master's (MSN) degree seeking nursing/medical program applicants.

## **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Miami Valley Hospital employee pursuing a degree in a nursing/medical field.
- Undergraduate applicants must have been formally accepted into a nursing or accredited medical program (if the four-year nursing/medical program accepts the student prior to completion of prerequisites the student must have 2 years or less remaining until graduation).
- Graduate applicants must be enrolled in a program that leads to a master's in nursing or other medical program.
- Student must be attending an NLN or CCNE accredited nursing program in the United States
- Minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Scholarship monies will be utilized for tuition only and directed to the school's financial aid office.
- Monies awarded will not exceed tuition.
- The Scholarship does not have a post-completion work agreement.