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Keene State College Nursing Program Integrates Local Author's Book into Curriculum

KEENE, NH (April 5, 2024) In a joint release, local author Victor Good and Keene State College Director of Nursing Sharon Breidt announced that the college's nursing program will use Mr. Good's memoir, *"The Caregivers: An Extraordinary Journey of Love,"* to present students with the perspective of a family dealing with the daily emotions of in-home care. Mr. Good and his wife, Julie, cared for three parents, at the same time, with various late-in-life afflictions.

"One of the foundational goals for the Keene State Nursing Program is to develop compassion and empathy for the patients our graduates will care for, both now during their clinical placements and into their future as RNs. Victor's book will help us achieve this," Breidt said.

Said Good, "I am excited to have the Keene State join a growing list of innovative, creative, and passionate nursing programs and in-home care companies using *The Caregivers* to provoke thought and discussion that is centered on basic human dignity and respect that can be lost in our corporate healthcare environment."

The Caregivers: An Extraordinary Journey of Love chronicles the eight-year journey Victor and Julie experienced as they cared for three parents in their Hinsdale, N.H., home: Victor's mother with Alzheimer's; father with Primary Progressive Aphasia (PPA), a type of Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD); and Julie's mother with schizophrenia. The Good's 24/7 care experiences are more relative now than ever before, Breidt said, with a Baby Boomer (age 65 and older) population of 73 million.

"Medical professionals like those graduating from the Keene State program with not only solid medical training but with that ability to provide respect and compassion to every client/patient are the beacon of hope for our future," Good said.

Keene State nursing students earning a BS in nursing develop close working relationships with faculty through small class sizes and hands-on learning experiences. Internships and clinical placements are also part of the nursing education experience as is the chance to study in a state-of-the-art simulation lab with professors who use best practices in a fun, learning environment.

The Keene State nursing program is fully approved by the New Hampshire Board of Nursing.

The book is available on Amazon.

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