

INDUCTEE

ALOISE BOBB WEIKER GREF

Graduated 1961
Married Robert Gref
Children. Heidi, Tanya and stepsons Bob and Tom
Resides. Broadview Heights, Ohio

When Aloise graduated in 1961, her fellow students voted her Best Citizen, a prophecy she has been fulfilling ever since. Determined to create a better world for those in need, she enrolled in the Capital University nursing program. She graduated Cum Laude in 1965 and began to fulfill her life goals.

Since 1995, Aloise has served as Director of NORTHCOAST Healthcare Management Services, Ltd., in Cleveland, Ohio. She was principal in the development of operational and clinical management of NORTHCOAST, an organization that case manages the services and products of an integrated network of over 60 home health agencies, infusion therapy organizations and hospices. As Director, she has cultivated a network of delivery that began with five counties and today encompasses 40 counties over Ohio and Michigan. Previous to this, Aloise served 11 years as the Home Health Agency Director for Interim Healthcare of Cleveland, where she was responsible for the operational and clinical management of the Medicare certified home health agency. She helped develop several hospital based home health programs and spearheaded the Interim Health Care Corporate Committee in developing critical pathways for the documentation and delivery of home health services. Adopted for universal use by the Interim offices in the mid 90's, it is now the 'Interpath' System serving as the standard throughout the United States. Aloise helped develop all of the training materials and then traveled throughout the country providing in-services. Aloise also served as a consultant to Interqual's publication in 1995 of the *ISD—Homecare Criteria and User Guide*. In 1993 she received the Professional Achievement Award and in 1994 the Award of Distinction from Interim Services, Inc. Aloise's CEO credits her as being "the soul of the company...the source of strength and perseverance for him and the entire staff."

A consummate educator, Aloise has published articles in training manuals and home care guides. She frequently makes presentations to groups of physicians, nurses, social workers, student nurses, community organizations, and support groups. Aloise has been an integral member of the Ohio Council for Home Care and the Center for Community Based Service (CCBC). She has served the CCBC Board of Trustees since 1966, as President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer, her current role.

Aloise spends much of her "free" time in community service. She has worn many hats in her work to advocate for others - from Sunday School teacher, to Girl Scout leader, to Jr. Women's President, to The Battered Women's Shelter project lead. She has "taught health education modules, helped develop a middle school health clinic and led a community-wide project as an American Red Cross instructor teaching CPR to large groups of community residents." This latter project won state recognition for the Chagrin Valley Jr. Women's Club and the Distinguished Service Award for Aloise in 1978. Aloise continues to involve herself in volunteer work, with the Ronald McDonald House where she provides warmth and compassion to children and their families. She is an integral part of their stay - offering prayers, conversation and a sturdy and faithful shoulder to lean on. Aloise and her family are also very involved in Trinity Cathedral outreach ministries where they serve the homeless and out-placed in Cleveland. Aloise leads The Wellness Committee for this outreach, a committee dedicated to providing a consortium for wellness and health services.

Still committed to her life goals, Aloise has instilled her visions in her two daughters who run their own business dedicated to much the same purposes. Aloise's devotion and service to others seems tireless and unparalleled. Her nominator sums it up this way: "Care giver, creator, innovator and educator, Aloise has never faltered when it comes to helping someone in need..." and "if there is an opportunity to better inform the populace (of the needs of others and how to help alleviate them), Aloise will seize the day. Her care, compassion and concern for her fellow man have always translated to an unselfish delivery."