



March 18, 1996 Wyandotte Distinguished Graduate Inductee



Nora Elizabeth Chimner Class of 1958

Nora Elizabeth Chimner's distinguished career as a health care professional has directly and indirectly benefitted thousands of people, improving their quality of life. With degrees from the University of Michigan (BSN) and Wayne State University (MSN), Ms. Chimner has specialized in rehabilitation. Currently, she is a nurse/manager of the Spinal Cord Injury Unit at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan in Detroit, and previously worked at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac as a clinical nurse specialist in Rehabilitation, Ortho-Neuro and General Medicine. In these positions, Nora is responsible for developing patient rehabilitation and staff education.

Included in her professional accomplishments are the development and implementation of a family conference process, a system for improved patient assessment and the coordination of the Spinal Injury Learning Series. Nora serves as a rehabilitation consultant to nine community hospitals and nursing homes, and has co-developed and participated (much of the time on a volunteer basis) in support groups for spinal cord injury, amputee, traumatic brain injury and stroke patients.

Ms. Chimner is an adjunct faculty member at Wayne State University, University of Detroit-Mercy, Oakland University and the University of Michigan. She has also co-authored several professional articles and books, including the recently published, *The Case Manager's Guide; Acquiring the Skills for Success*.

Ms. Chimner has been recognized for her accomplishments with memberships in Sigma Theta Tau, Lambda Chapter, and in MENSA. She is also active in the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses, the American Business Woman's Association, the Michigan Spinal Cord Injury Association and the University of Michigan Nursing Alumni Association.

Ms. Chimner balances her professional life with a wide variety of leisure activities including art, needlework, piano, swimming, and photography. Ms. Chimner is a master Lego - yes, Lego builder and an ardent Detroit Piston fan.