

Assa Henda Haidara

Assa started with Brookestone Village in October of 2014. She was born in Manhattan, NY, but was raised in Mali. She is fluent in four languages: French, Bambara, Soninke and English. Assa came back to the United States to continue her education. She is currently taking pre-nursing classes, and her plans are to transfer to Clarkson in July to work towards her BSN. Her long term goal is to become a Nurse Practitioner as she would love to open a Women's Clinic in Mali.

Jamie Kroupa

Jamie started with Brookestone Village in August of 2013. She is currently attending Iowa Western Community College working towards her nursing degree. She mentioned that she enjoys her job every day, and that she had wanted to become a nurse long before starting at BSV. The residents, team members and environment at BSV have encouraged her through her journey, and while she used to think achieving her dream was going to be difficult, everyone she is surrounded by at Brookestone Village makes her feel her goal is one she can accomplish. She said when she leaves work she feels like she has really accomplished many things, and that she is proud of what she does every day.

Maria Martinez

Maria started with Brookestone Village in July of 2014. She graduated from College of Saint Mary in 2015 with an Associate's degree in nursing, and is currently attending CSM to continue her pursuit of her BSN. One of her long term goals is to become a Nurse Practitioner and she's also very interested in working on receiving her Board Certification in Gerontological Nursing in the near future. She really enjoys working with seniors and providing them with quality care and said "Putting a smile on their face is very rewarding."