

Since the Basil Paterson scholarship's inception in 2013, generous donations from people like you have assisted 68 home care workers. Here are a few of their stories:



**Stacey Flemming-Green**, became a Basil Paterson scholar in 2019 to pursue her childhood dream to become a nurse. She completed her education in the summer of 2021 and now works as an RN in the Med/Surg department at NYC Health and Hospitals, Metropolitan Hospital.

// Thanks to the Basil Paterson Scholarship, my tuition and books were paid for every semester allowing me to fulfill my goal of becoming a registered nurse. I am incredibly thankful to the donors and supporters who made this possible."



**Sixtus Onyeché**, was accepted in the Basil Paterson Scholarship in 2019 while completing his Bachelor's in Public Health at Hunter College. His interest in public health originates from his experience surviving a cholera outbreak as a young boy in Orlu, Nigeria. He is currently completing his Master's in Public Health with the help of the Basil Paterson Scholarship.

// I am optimistic that with the assistance of the scholarship I will be able to obtain my Master's degree in Public Health in less than two years. With sentiments of profound gratitude, I am thanking the Basil Paterson Scholarship for your benevolence."

Home health aides provide essential care to members of our community who are most in need. For the past two years, these indispensable care givers have faced increased risks to their physical, mental, and financial well-being as they have battled on the frontline of the pandemic. Concerns about their finances, their health, and their patients caused additional stress for many.

**The Basil Paterson Scholarship was established to transform the lives of unsung heroes in home care.** Named for the former Secretary of State of New York and counsel to 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East, the scholarship provides financial support to home care workers to further their education, improve their skills, and advance their healthcare careers.

**On Wednesday, September 14, 2022, this year's Basil Paterson Scholarship for Home Care Workers Fundraiser will honor three inspirational leaders for their decades of work to improve the lives of caregivers.** This year's distinguished honorees are:

- **Mitra Behroozi**, former Executive Director, 1199SEIU National Benefit Fund
- **Vivian Fox**, former Executive Director, 1199SEIU Child Care Fund
- **Bruce Raynor**, President Emeritus of Workers United, SEIU

More than ever, assisting home health aides to advance their careers helps fill healthcare workforce shortages across the continuum of care. Most importantly, home health workers have demonstrated their dedication to the health and well-being of our communities. This is our opportunity to support their career and education aspirations.

**Your generosity is essential to the Basil Paterson Scholarship.** It simply would not exist without support from donors like you.

Here's what your tax-deductible donation means for a deserving home care worker:

- **\$5,000 provides books and supplies for one bachelor's candidate.**
- **\$10,000 finances an advanced healthcare certification.**
- **\$15,000 pays tuition for a healthcare associate's degree.**
- **\$25,000 covers the costs of a bachelor's degree in nursing.**

Your sponsorship of this event supports education for home care workers, enabling them to advance into higher paying healthcare jobs. To make your pledge to the Basil Paterson Scholarship for Home Care Workers Fundraiser, please see the attached pledge sheet or visit: [1199SEIUHomeCareEd.org/Pledge](https://1199SEIUHomeCareEd.org/Pledge). Sponsors will appear on the event program

**Your contribution will change the life of a home care worker who works so hard to bring comfort and dignity to the lives of others.** Thank you for helping us give back to those who do so much for the ones we love.

All the best,

**George Gresham**  
President  
1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East

**Marc Kramer**  
President  
League of Voluntary Hospitals and Homes

*Basil Paterson Host Committee: George Gresham (co-chair), Marc Kramer (co-chair) Yvonne Armstrong, Maria Castaneda, Mark Grossman, Stacey Millman, Daniel Paterson, David A. Paterson, Lee Perlman, Debra Pucci, Rona Shapiro, Greg Tarpinian, Dan Ratner.*