

## **2008 TAKE CARE HEALTH'S STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP WINNER**

SUSAN S. ELY, MSN, RN

Take Care Health System awarded a Student Scholarship Award in 2008 of \$1,000. Unfortunately, the winner of the award, Susan S. Ely, MSN, RN was not able to attend the award ceremony in Nashville at the ACNP National Clinical Conference. The Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners accepted the award for Ms. Ely and Take Care Health plans a separate ceremony at their corporate office.

Susan has gained knowledge that focuses on breast care over the last four years as a Clinical Nurse in the Breast Cancer Program at Allegheny Cancer Center and previously at Magee Women's Hospital. The breadth and depth of this knowledge is not only extensive but it is current. She performs patient pre and post operative care. Susan is responsible for the dissemination of pathology results and test results to the patients, as well as an explanation of the meaning of such results.

Ms. Ely has been a nurse for thirty years and has spent the past seventeen caring for women with breast cancer. She is dedicated to improving the availability of affordable, accessible and high quality breast care. She is certain that attaining her nurse practitioner's certificate will enable her to pursue her goals. She hopes to expand the services that Allegheny Breast Center provides to women with breast disease. Susan is interested in creating an advanced diagnostic clinic for women with suspicious imaging who require further workup. Ultimately, she dreams of becoming involved in breast care on an international level by assisting in the development of breast screening in the Middle East and Africa.