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This year's International Womens' History theme is "Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope" and it couldn't be more perfect when considering the life of Joyce Elsner, mother to ELSNER's President/CEO Bert Elsner II. Joyce passed away last Fall leaving behind a tremendous legacy of giving back to her community to organizations that provide healing and hope.

Joyce believed deeply in the mission of True North Wellness (formerly Adams-Hanover Counseling Services): "Inspiring hope and healthy living by providing behavioral health and wellness services one person at a time." She touched many lives through her service to the organization. As a member of the board of True North for over 25 years and as President for three terms.

Through her association with True North, she initiated a program for Emergency Housing for Homeless and the "Show you Care, Buy a Bear" program for abused children. She and her husband, Bertram (ELSNER's previous President/CEO), co-chaired a major capital campaign, "Commitment To Care" with the goal to refurbish a downtown space to serve as a location for the agency.

Other community service included serving as a board member of the Hanover VNA (Visiting Nurses Association), Hanover Public School District Co-operative Diversified Occupation Program assistant, Loaned Executive for York County United Way, and member of the Citizens Advisory Board for The Brethren Home, a local nursing facility.

Joyce received many honors during her lifetime for her works of service: the YWCA "Salute to Women" in 1990; the "Distinguished Community Service Award" from The Brethren Home Foundation in 1997; a Jefferson Award nomination in 1995; and Volunteer of the Year from the Mental Health Association of York County in 1998.

You can safely say that Joyce's place in history is cemented by her belief in giving back to the community. Third-generation ELSNER is proud to share her heritage of service by giving back to a variety of causes: from veterans organizations to health-related causes to workforce development to fire and rescue, Joyce's legacy of care and hope continues to live on.

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