

# **Institute for Health Services**

## **Continuing Education for Health Occupations**

### **Assisting Persons with Limited Vision**

This 4 hour continuing education credit course is ideal for nurses, CNA's, HHA's, social workers, medical assistants, massage therapists, guardians, respiratory therapists, nursing home administrators, occupational and physical therapists and assistants, massage therapists, nutritionists, dieticians, or individuals wishing to assist a visually impaired person.

Mildred Frank, a local resident for most of her life, experienced progressive vision loss from low vision to eventual blindness. She developed coping skills and worked as an advocate for others until her death at 92 years old. She achieved her goal to write a manual to be used to train staff or individuals desiring to become "vision aides."

During this course you will see demonstrations of equipment and learn:

- How to arrange a home to accommodate a limited vision person or blind person.
- How to tactile or audibly label essential items.
- How to record information on plastic talk/cards.
- How to file and retrieve information.
- How to guide a visually impaired person, and most importantly, enhance their independence.

**The course will be offered Wednesday, March 7, 2012 from 2 – 6 pm on the Daytona Beach campus in Building 320, Health Sciences Hall, Room 541.**

The instructor for the course is Ray Siracusa. Mr. Siracusa has employment and volunteer experience with the disabled and served as President of the Florida Lion's Clubs. He will be assisted by Wendy Wilson, blind recipient of the U.S. Presidents "Points of Light" Award and an active Lion's Club member.

The \$50 tuition includes Ms. Frank's manual "Access to Information for the Blind, the Vision Aide Manual" (valued at \$19.95).

Registration and pre-payment is required before class begins. **(Scholarships are available.)** For more information call the Institute for Health Services at Daytona State College at (386) 506-3522. Answering machine on at all times.