

SPT/SPTA Scholarship being established in memory of Phyllis D. Palma, PT, DPT, ATP/SMS

The Georgia Foundation for Physical Therapy (GFPT) and the family of Phyllis Duncan Palma PT, DPT, ATP/SMS are establishing a scholarship in her memory. Tragically, Phyllis lost her life after being struck by an auto when walking home from dinner with a friend on September 19, 2019.

Phyllis was a long time, dedicated member of the APTA and PTAG. An accomplished physical therapist, she loved children, aquatic therapy and serving those living with spinal cord and, brain injury. She made an impact at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta on the Comprehensive Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit, Acute Care Rehabilitation Services, Day Rehab Program, the Center for Advanced Technology and Robotics and most recently in the Seating and Mobility Center. Phyllis also played an integral role in the development of the Pediatric Spinal Cord Injury Program and design of the aquatic therapy pool. She excelled in aquatic therapy and as a result, received the leadership award from the American Physical Therapy Association Aquatics Section in 2017. Phyllis had an entrepreneurial spirit, founding two companies that provided pediatric aquatic rehabilitation services. Phyllis was extremely passionate about the physical therapy profession and helping others. Her dedication to her patients was remarkable, always serving as a steadfast advocate.

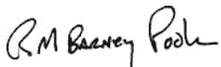
Together with Phyllis' family, the GFPT is committed to establishing a scholarship for a deserving PT/PTA student with interest in the field of Aquatics, Pediatrics or Neurology. This scholarship is intended for those individuals who have been inspired by Phyllis' life work and who reflect her passion and zest for life. Given her vast accomplishments, Phyllis would be honored to know a scholarship has been founded to advance the profession of physical therapy.

All funds received will directly support the recipient of the scholarship. Every donation will help a student achieve their goal of becoming a therapist. Our aim is to fully fund this scholarship over the next year and to offer the first Phyllis Duncan Palma scholarship in 2021. We hope that you will consider supporting this worthy cause.

Donations will be accepted by check, please direct to:  
Georgia Foundation for Physical Therapy  
596 Concord Road SE  
Smyrna, GA 30082  
Please write Phyllis Palma on the memo line.

We are grateful that you have taken the time to consider donating to the Phyllis Duncan Palma, PT, DPT, ATP/SMS scholarship fund. We look forward to your donation.

Sincerely,



Robert M. "Barney" Poole  
President, GA Foundation for Physical Therapy