

## Utopia Home Care Offers Free Home Health Aide Training to Fill Growing Need for Home Care Services

Utopia Home Care, Inc. is seeking employees in each of its service areas including, Home Health Aides, Personal Care Aides, Live-in Aides, Homemakers, Companions, Bilingual Aides (in various languages), Certified Nursing Aides, Licensed Practical Nurses, and Registered Nurses. The company offers wages that are among the highest, as well as extensive employee benefits. Free ongoing training courses are provided for those who desire to become certified Home Health Aides and Personal Care Aides. Classes are regularly scheduled at all six Long Island locations and in New York City.

Due to medical advances that allow for more advanced treatment at home, shorter hospital stays and greater life expectancy, providing home health services is one of the fastest growing industries on Long Island and in the country. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook 2002-3, employment of Home Health Aides is expected to grow 62% between 2000 and 2010 from 414,000 to 672,000.

In meeting these demands for services, Utopia has become experienced in every level of home care, including accident rehabilitation, pediatric care, elder care, treatment for patients with disabilities, as well as for those with long term and short term illness. Meeting these demands for increased services with new employees has been vital to Utopia's suc-

cess. For example, Utopia has long been the leading provider of Live-In-Aides, which includes providing their transportation to and from the client's home.

"Recruiting caring and compassionate employees and making them a part of our family-owned business has been the key to our company's successful growth. We offer our employees the opportunity to begin a career in the health care industry and grow with our company, which currently has over 1350 employees," said Manuel Martinez, Jr.

With nine conveniently located offices in the New York Metro area, Utopia offers its new employees a free two-week on-going training course. In addition to full and part-time flexible schedules, employees receive paid vacations, referral bonuses, extra weekend and holiday pay, ongoing paid in-service training, a free subscription to The Home Health Aide Digest and are eligible for a 401k plan and health benefits.

Free training courses for Home Health Aides and Personal Care Aides begin on January 26th at the company's Riverhead and Rockville Center locations; February 2nd in Queens; February 17th in Babylon and Patchogue; and March 8th in Westbury, Kings Park, and Queens. Home Health Aide training classes are for two weeks. Personal Care Aide training lasts one week. For information call 631-587-8090 (Suffolk), 516-764-3100 (Nassau) and 718-429-5221 (Queens).