Libby Bowerman ’82 Fellowship @ Keswick

Summary Statement and Purpose
MICA is delighted to collaborate with Keswick Multi Care, a first-class senior care center on the edge of Baltimore’s Roland Park community, to offer the Libby Bowerman ’82 Fellowship @ Keswick. This unique fellowship is a year-long opportunity for a MICA graduate student to use their art-making to make a positive impact on the lives of Keswick’s residents. The fellow will engage and support Keswick’s elder population to express their creativity through workshops and creative arts projects. Working directly with Keswick’s Creative Arts Coordinator, the fellow will plan and lead art projects that promote self-advocacy and empowerment and are meaningful to the residents in this part of their life’s journey. The fellow will be awarded a $9000 scholarship applied directly to their MICA tuition, as well as a direct stipend of $1500 each semester.

Creative art classes at Keswick typically include 8-12 participants and are held in the newly renovated Elizabeth “Libby” Bowerman Creative Arts Studio. The studio includes a Kiln on site. Past workshops include pottery, silk dying, sand painting, papier mache, soap-making, bead-making, decoupage, mosaics and handmade paper. Drawing paper, charcoal, pastels, acrylic paints and clay are available at all times.
Art projects are not restricted to the art studio, and the fellow can work with the Center to use other areas of the building where there is common space to work.

The Libby Bowerman ’82 Fellow will interact with Keswick’s residents, clinical service team members, volunteers and staff but will not be required to be involved in the health care/support services provided to the residents. Certified/skilled Keswick nursing staff assume full responsibility for its residents and are on hand all times.

About Elizabeth “Libby” Bowerman
Elizabeth “Libby” Bowerman ’82, a graduate of MICA, served as CEO of Keswick Multi-Care Center for more than 12 years. She led Keswick through steady growth, unveiling new programs and facilities, spearheading renovations, expanding Keswick’s reach into Baltimore’s senior care community and advocating for the geriatric nursing profession. During her tenure, she raised Keswick’s profile and positioned the facility as a leader in senior health care and caregiver resources within the greater Baltimore region.

About Keswick Multi Care Center
With over a century of dedicated eldercare expertise, Keswick Multi Care Center offers a range of programs for its clients from a few hours in the day to continual living in its world-class community. Keswick serves residents in an Adult Day Program, the memory Care Assisted Living, the sub-acute
Rehabilitation Center, and the skilled and long term nursing care center. Rehabilitation and long term nursing care serve patients recovering from surgeries and illnesses or residents in need of comprehensive medical and nursing care for chronic ailments and the complications of aging. The Adult Day Services offer supportive and stimulating home-like environments, focused on flexibility and attention for those living with memory, or other health impairments.

**Responsibilities**
The Libby Bowerman ’82 Fellow will support Keswick’s Creative Arts Coordinator to plan, schedule and lead workshops, trips, projects and other programming working 12-15 hours a week on average. The Creative Arts Coordinator will assist the Fellow with purchasing art supplies, administrative needs, set-up, clean-up and the general upkeep of the Bowerman Creative Arts Studio. Although past work experience in elder-care is not required, viable candidates must articulate a personal interest in working with Keswick’s residents and demonstrate an understanding of the physical and mental challenges of the participants. The fellow must commit to two (2) semesters (Fall and Spring) and have reliable transportation to Keswick Multi Care Center.

For MFA students looking to earn the Certificate of College Teaching of Art, the Fellowship will serve the equivalent of one teaching internship per semester worked.

**Eligibility:** Graduate Students

**Applications Deadline:** Wednesday, August 1, 2012

**Application Requirements:**
Complete the online application (provided through email) and send a current CV to ejakowski@mica.edu

Finalist candidates for the fellowship will be notified by August 13, 2012. MICA will arrange for all finalists to visit the center as a group. Finalists will have the opportunity to participate in a creative arts workshop, meet key Keswick staff, tour the facility and ask questions. The Fellow will be selected and notified following the visit to the Center.

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