During a nursing career that spanned four decades, Anna Kuba, RN, has seen many things change. One thing, however, remains just as essential today as it was when she joined the profession during the height of World War II. “The importance of education never changes,” she says. “All health care professionals must continue to learn if they’re to deliver good care.”

For 25 years, Kuba taught hundreds of nursing students at Jefferson Medical College and the University of Pennsylvania. For the remainder of her career, she worked on projects with the National League for Nursing and the American Nurses Association to ensure nurses received the education they needed to provide quality care. “Whether you’re teaching or providing direct patient care, nursing allows you to give,” Kuba says, “and that is personally satisfying.”

Today, Kuba continues to give to the profession she loves by establishing a charitable gift annuity through Lehigh Valley Health Network. By making a planned gift, Kuba supports nursing education at the health network, and also receives tax deductions and income for life. “It’s a win-win situation,” Kuba says. “A charitable gift annuity is a good investment for me and a benefit for the health network. I would recommend it to anyone.”

Kuba is confident her planned gift will make a difference at Lehigh Valley Health Network, where she received care for early-stage lung cancer. “The care was excellent,” she says. “I had everything I needed when I needed it.”

As a patient of the health network, Kuba noticed something else about her profession that hasn’t changed—nurses’ compassion. It’s what inspires her to support—and help educate—the next generation of caregivers. “It’s a good life being a nurse,” Kuba says.

RAISED TO GIVE—Growing up in the coal mining town of Lansford, Anna Kuba, RN, learned the value of hard work and the rewards of giving back—traits she has embodied her whole life.