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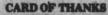


Association of Minnesota and is being sponsored by the North Carolina Affiliate of the American Diabetes Association as part of its statewide patient and public education program.

John Laurents, Executive Director of the American **Diabetes Association of** North Carolina stressed the importance of Diabetes patient education. "From a three year study of diabetes in North Carolina it was determined that 71 per cent were in poor control of their disease. A basic lack of understanding is widespread among people with diabetes as well as the general public. Diabetes today is the third leading cause of death by disease in this country and current evidence seems to indicate that good control of the disease can prevent or delay long term complications. Because the disease has a cumulative effect over many years, most diabetics fail to recognize the importance of properly un-derstanding and managing their disease until its too late. Personal motivation is vital to achieving a measurable improvem the health status of the state's 250,000 persons with Diabetes.

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I would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and other ex-pressions of concern while I was a patient in Chowan a petient in Chowan pital and during my alescence at home. I id especially like to ik Dr. Voigt, the nurses staff of Chowan al for the care the

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