

The Exceptional Nurse Newsletter

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Dear Exceptional Nurses and supporters,

This is the inaugural issue of the Exceptional Nurse Newsletter!
I hope to circulate a monthly newsletter in the future.

Resources:

The *Association of Medical Professionals with Hearing Losses*, www.Amphl.org, provides a wealth of information.

The Auscultation Assistant, <http://www.wilkes.med.ucla.edu/inex.htm>, is helpful to students and nurses.

ExceptionalNurse.com 2005 Scholarship winners

*Alison Schultz is a nursing student at Madonna University. She was born with Holt-Oram Syndrome (upper limbs are shortened, radial club hands, seven fingers and no thumbs).

*George is an LPN in nursing school to become an RN. He lives in the United States and he is HIV+.

*Kellye Nelson is a nursing student at Johns Hopkins University. She was born with bilateral sensorineural hearing loss.

*Joanne Sumrall is a graduate student in the nurse anesthetist program at St. Mary's University. She has Type 1 Diabetes.

Many thanks to everyone who purchased the Country Joe McDonald CD, "Thank the Nurse" from the web site. Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund. Order at www.exceptionalnurse.com/cd.html

What's new?

The following employers have made significant accommodations for nurses with disabilities.

- Capital Region Mental Health Center, Hartford, Connecticut
- Care Core National, Wappingers Falls, New York
- Craig Hospital, Denver, Colorado
- Health Direct, Missouri
- IT HealthTrack, Inc. Williamsville, New York
- Warren G. Magnuson Clinical Center, National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York, New York
- St. Anthony's Hospital, Westminster, Colorado

Publications of note

"Nursing with the Hand You Are Given"

By Donna Maheady and Susan Fleming

A nurse born without a left hand demonstrates how she mastered the skill of donning sterile gloves. <http://www.exceptionalnurse.com/DegreesofSuccess.pdf>

"Nursing Students with Disabilities Change the Course", winner of the 2004 AJN Book of the Year Award, by Donna Maheady is available at www.eplibrary.com.

Academic program of note

[The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay's BSN](http://www.bsnlinc.wisconsin.edu/) is an online RN to BSN program that has successfully graduated a number of students with disabilities. It is a high quality, fully accredited, nurse-friendly online RN to BSN program that meets the needs of the adult learner.

<http://www.bsnlinc.wisconsin.edu/>

Nurse of the month

Robin Mazzuca, RN, MPH, a nurse who has Multiple Sclerosis is pictured at work on her scooter with her assistance dog, Georgia, in the *Johnson and Johnson Discover Nursing* August Newsletter. Visit the Johnson and Johnson Discover Nursing web site and sign up for the newsletter. <http://www.discovernursing.com/newsletter.aspx>

Volunteer opportunities

The Johnson and Johnson Discover Nursing web site includes profiles of nurses. Consider adding your photo and profile. <http://www.discovernursing.com/profiles.aspx>

Also, consider becoming a Nursing Advocate in the *Nurses Who Make a Difference* program. Johnson and Johnson will provide you with materials and a scrub top. Get out in your communities and let students know that people with disabilities can become nurses. www.discovernursing.com/jnj-sectionID_4-pageID_38-dsc-landing.aspx

Quote of the month

"Eighty percent of success is showing up".
Woody Allen

Keep the faith and get involved in our advocacy efforts.
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Best wishes,

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