

The Exceptional Nurse Newsletter

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Dear Exceptional Nurses and supporters,

Funding received for Hurricane Katrina victims

ExceptionalNurse.com was awarded a grant to provide funding to nurses with disabilities impacted by Katrina. Funds will be allocated for housing, re-location or other expenses. Please contact ExceptionalNurse@aol.com or call (561) 627-9872 for additional information.

Need Continuing Education?

"Teaching Nursing Students with Disabilities" by Donna Maheady, ARNP, Ed.D.

"Writing Your Way to Health and Healing: An interactive workshop for nurses with disabilities" by Connie Adleman, RN; *"When your student is Deaf"* by Martha McElyea, MSN, Rockhurst/Research College of Nursing

Visit the Continuing Education page for details.

Upcoming Publication!!!!!!

Leave No Nurse Behind: Nurses working with disabilities by D. Maheady will be published soon.

Scholarships

The Ethel Louise Armstrong Foundation (ELA) scholarship application is at www.ela.org. ELA Scholarships are available to women with physical disabilities. The deadline is June 1, 2006.

ExceptionalNurse.com offers scholarships to nursing students with disabilities. Deadline is June 1, 2006. <http://www.exceptionalnurse.com/scholarship.html>

Comments on the Americans with Disabilities Act

The national network of ADA & IT Technical Assistance Centers seeks comments on your experiences with the ADA (feedback on employment, building access, or access to public services). **Go to www.ADATA.org** to fill out the survey.

E-Journal

Access Technologist Higher Education Network has released the ATHEN E-Journal. Go to: <http://athenpro.org/> and click on the title link to access the E-Journal.

Teaching Doctors Sign Language (Belfast, North Ireland – March 13, 2006)

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/northern_ireland/4799464.stm

Employment opportunities

TeleCare Triage RN's- Ft Lauderdale, Florida

Vitas Innovative Hospice Care seeks RNs to identify the physical, psychological, and spiritual needs of patients/ families after business hours. He/she provides assessment and intervention and serves as the patient/ family advocate communicating with physicians, long term care staff, and case managers. Documents interactions, demonstrates collaboration and provides supervision of triage support staff. Must be able to sit for lengthy periods, possess customer service/ phone skills. Minimum of two years in acute-care, medical-surg, oncology, or ER. Bilingual a plus. Shifts: 4pm-12am and 12am-8am 7 days a week. 8am-4pm weekends. Part/ full time. Competitive salary, health/dental/vision, 401K, tuition reimbursement, life Insurance, mileage. Send resume to karolyn.holmes@vitas.com or call 954-777-1322.

SUMMER CAMP NURSE (RN) for a residential camp in Lake Wales, Florida serving youth/adults with multiple disabilities and visual impairments. Weekly sessions, starting late May thru August. Can accommodate small family, competitive salary, meals and laundry. Contact the Florida Lions Camp (863) 696-1948 or <http://www.lionscampfl.org>

Consider an opportunity in sales

A nurse with a disability/inventor is eager to find nurses to assist with sales of her product <http://www.lifelightonline.com/> Nurses will be paid \$5.00 per unit sold. Contact Nancy Morgan, RN, BSN toll free 1-877-544-4861 or email light2walk@yahoo.com.

Developmental Disabilities Nursing

Consider a position with people with developmental disabilities. Visit the DDNA at <http://www.ddna.org>. Read about Kathie Schroeder, LPN http://www.denvernursingstar.com/newsletter/newsletter_view.asp?newsid=1547&catid=154&active=1&mode=current. Explore group homes, day programs (Goodwill, the Arc, UCP) and your state's agency for people with developmental disabilities.

Statistics on the number of nurses with disabilities

ANA is asking members to update their information. The employment question includes a status of "disabled". Answers will help with much needed statistics. www.Nursingworld.org/update/

Publications of note

By Willie Mae Jackson-Ferguson, & Donna Maheady (April 10, 2006). Vol. 8 • Issue 9 • Page 21. "Curb Cuts". *A disability doesn't have to mean the end of a nursing career.* http://nursing.advanceweb.com/common/EditorialSearch/AViewer.aspx?AN=NW_06apr10_n3p21.html&AD=04-10-2006

Nurses/students with hearing loss

By Donna Maheady (2006, Jan. 30). *Say What? ADVANCE for Nurses*. Retrieved (April 25, 2006) [URL] <http://nursing.advanceweb.com/common/editorial/editorial.aspx?CC=66425>

Web sites of note

Donna Cardillo's web site includes career alternatives for nurses, audio tapes, a book, and newsletter. Better yet...attend one of her seminars. <http://www.dcardillo.com/donna.htm>

Health professionals with hearing loss in the UK <http://www.hphl.org.uk>. Excellent opportunity for nurses to make connections with colleagues "across the pond".

Just for fun

<http://www.peepresearch.org/surgery.html>

Volunteer/ Donation opportunities

<http://www.redcross.org>, <http://www.missingkids.com>, <http://www.nod.org>
http://www.uniteforsight.org/intl_volunteer, www.invisiblechildren.com, www.savedarfur.org

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Live generously,

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