

The Exceptional Nurse Newsletter

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Happy New Year to all Exceptional Nurses and supporters,

Join thousands of nurses, health care industry leaders and health care reporters who read *Nursing Notes* each month. Sign up for your complimentary subscription by visiting www.campaignfornursing.com/newsletter . To recommend a nurse with a disability to be profiled in *Nursing Notes*, contact nursingnotes@gcigroup.com.

New 2008 Motivational DVD

“Nursing with the Hand you are Given:

A message of hope for nursing students with disabilities”

An exciting new DVD is presented through the eyes of a prospective nursing student with a disability who interviews Susan Fleming, MN, RN a nursing faculty member, who was born without her left hand. Susan takes the nursing student to the nursing skills lab where she demonstrates the following skills: sterile gloves; clean gloves; sterile dressing; tying a patient gown; lifting a patient and giving an injection.

The DVD was developed by Susan Fleming, MN, RN and Donna Maheady, Ed.D., ARNP with support from Washington State University and ExceptionalNurse.com

A preview of the DVD is available at <http://nursing.wsu.edu/IAT/tv.html> .The DVD can be purchased for 45.00 plus tax and shipping

Web site of Note

Make sure to check out Beka Serdan’s web site.

Beka is an ICU nurse with dystonia. She is an author, advocate and founder of a non-profit organization. Read excerpts from her books and sign up for her newsletter.

<http://www.care4dystonia.org/>

Company continues to actively recruit nurses with disabilities!!!

Bender Consulting Services, Inc. is a for-profit company that focuses on employing professionals with disabilities in the areas of information technology, finance/accounting, human resources, engineering, and general business. President and CEO, Joyce A. Bender, is the host of the international talk radio show, *Disability Matters with Joyce Bender*. She received the 2003 Bush Administration New Freedom Initiative Award, and the 1999 President’s Award, the highest honor bestowed by the President of the United States upon an American who furthers the employment and empowerment of people with

disabilities. For more information, please visit www.benderconsult.com or Contact: Brandon Kazmierczak at (412) 446-4451.

Imagine the possibilities if...

“Leave No Nurse Behind: Nurses working with disabilities” became a best seller!!

Potential nursing students, current nursing students and practicing nurses with disabilities need to know that a career in nursing is possible. Can you help out by calling your local public, hospital or university library and making a suggestion for purchase of this book?

“Leave No Nurse Behind: Nurses Working with disabilities” by Donna Maheady. Eleven nurses who defied disability tell their personal stories of courage and determination to continue to practice. The nurses have a wide range of disabilities including MS, arthritis, HIV, spina bifida, mental illness, vision loss, d/Deaf, back injuries, tremors, dystonia, an limb loss. The book is available at www.iUniverse.com and at other online booksellers for 14.95. ISBN is 0-595-39649-6.

Order a personalized, autographed copy of *Leave No Nurse Behind: Nurses working with disAbilities* directly from ExceptionalNurse.com. It makes a great personal or professional gift. Email: ExceptionalNurse@aol.com.

Donations needed

If you have found this newsletter to be helpful, please consider making a donation to assist with expenses of providing it for you. Even a \$1.00 is appreciated. You can donate using the Amazon Honor System. Click on the “Make a Donation” page of the web site. <http://tinyurl.com/2adzle>

Mentors

Exceptional Nurse is always looking for mentors. If you are interested in helping others, please email ExceptionalNurse@aol.com. Only email addresses are listed on the web site. In addition, a reminder to our current mentors, if you change email addresses, please remember to let us know.

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 of ExceptionalNurse.com for details.

Volunteer opportunities

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

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