

The Exceptional Nurse Newsletter

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Dear Exceptional Nurses and supporters,

ExceptionalNurse.com continues to extend ongoing concern and support to the thousands who have been affected by Hurricane Katrina, Rita and Wilma.

Funding received for 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 for additional information.

Need Continuing Education? Want to support www.ExceptionalNurse.com?

You can support the work of the web site, obtain ceus, and learn from nurses with disabilities.

"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.

Nurse of the Month

Advice is offered by Willie Mae Jackson-Ferguson, a nurse with Lupus Erythematosus. View the editorial "Help or Hinder?" at *Advance Online Editions for Nurses*.

<http://nursing.advanceweb.com/common/editorial/editorial.aspx?CC=60336>

Upcoming Publication!!!!!!

Leave No Nurse Behind: Nurses working with disAbilities

By Donna Maheady will be published soon.

Eleven nurses who defied disability tell their personal stories of courage and determination in the face of stigma and discrimination, proving that nurses with disabilities have the ability to successfully fill the jobs that so desperately need filling.

Research opportunities

Nurses with physical or sensory disabilities

A researcher at the University of Washington seeks volunteers with physical or sensory disabilities to participate in a research project designed to learn about the work experiences of nurses with disabilities in hospitals. Qualified participants will be asked questions related to work experiences and their disabilities in a private interview. Interviews will last about 1 ½ hours. Study sessions will last about 2 hours and will be completed over a two-week period in March 2006. Participants will be paid \$25.00 to partially compensate for time. If interested/ more information, contact Susan B. Matt, RN, MN, JD (206)755-3088 or suzimatt@u.washington.edu.

Nurses in Virginia, Maryland, Washington, DC area and Maine needed for study

E-mail Invitation to Participate in Study

Dr. Leslie Boylan from the University of Southern Maine and Dr. Sharron Guillett from Marymount University in Northern Virginia are seeking nurses with disabilities to participate in a research project designed to learn more about their experiences in the work setting, (obtaining or returning to employment as well as their experiences while employed). Participants will be asked to describe their experiences in private audio taped interviews. Confidentiality will be maintained. All participants will receive a copy of the findings and a small thank you gift. If you live in Maine, Northern Virginia, Washington DC or the Baltimore area and would like to participate please

contact either Dr. Guillett (sharron.guillett@marymount.edu) or Dr. Boylan (lboylan@usm.maine.edu) for more information.

Web site of the month

Work Injured Nurses' Group

<http://www.wingusa.org>

Injured nurses can be brought together and galvanized to be heard. If you would like to be added to WING USA's Database of Work-Injured Nurses email: anne@wingusa.org with your name and address.

Publication of note

Back Injury among Healthcare Workers: Causes, Solutions, and Impacts

by William Charney and Anne Hudson, RN, a back injured nurse.

The book is available at www.wingusa.org and www.Amazon.com.

Product of the month

If you have hearing aids or a cochlear implant with telecoils this new product may be helpful. The "Clipboard" is a flat portable "loop" on which you can clip a patient's chart (and/or take notes) while it serves as an assistive listening device sending the patient's voice directly into your hearing aids. Get further information and see a picture www.PureDirectSound.com/id27.html

California nurses

Nurses World Magazine would like to explore the possibility of profiling nursing professionals with disabilities. The publication is a news and lifestyle glossy for nursing professionals in California.

Interested in being profiled? Contact Sean O'Meara, Editor in Chief and General Manager at sean@nursesworldmag.com or 310-216-9172.

Volunteer opportunities

<http://www.redcross.org>, <http://www.missingkids.com>, <http://www.nod.org>

http://www.uniteforsight.org/intl_volunteer

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