

## ***The Exceptional Nurse Newsletter***

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Happy holidays to all Exceptional Nurses and supporters!

### **Hurricane Katrina**

#### **ExceptionalNurse.com Disabled Nurses Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund**

The needs of our colleagues continue to be great. ExceptionalNurse.com continues to receive requests for assistance every day. Donations (large or small) are needed. Mail checks to ExceptionalNurse.com, 13019 Coastal Circle, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410.

### **Publications of Note**

"Get Over It! Nursing with Multiple Sclerosis"

By Sheila Sirl, RN

Read about a nurse's journey with MS and her determination to return to work. An excerpt from the chapter she wrote in "Leave No Nurse Behind: Nurses working with Disabilities" appears in ABILITY Magazine, volume 2006, Sally Field cover.

<http://www.abilitymagazine.com>

### **Holiday gifts**

Thinking about what holiday gift to give your blind or visually impaired friend or relative? Consider a gift of reading that lasts all year. CHOICE Magazine Listening, produced on cassette tapes, contains unabridged works from publications such as National Geographic, Smithsonian, Sports Illustrated, and the New Yorker. The articles, short stories, poetry and interviews are from more than 100 magazines. CHOICE Magazine is free to people who are blind, experiencing vision loss or have other disabilities that limit/ prevent reading standard print. Information can be found at <http://www.choicemagazinelistening.org> or by calling toll-free 1-888-724-6423

Consider purchase of "Leave No Nurse Behind: Nurses working with disAbilities" by Donna Maheady, for a nurse/friend or colleague with a disability. The book can be purchased at [www.iUniverse.com](http://www.iUniverse.com) or through other online booksellers.

### **Employment Opportunities**

#### **REGISTERED NURSE (RN)**

The Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), a Washington, DC based non-profit veterans service organization dedicated to serving individuals with spinal cord injury/disease, is currently seeking a full-time Registered Nurse to be the Associate Director (RN) for its' Medical Services department in Washington, DC.

The successful candidate should have a minimum of two years experience working with spinal cord injury or dysfunction. Familiarity with the Department of Veterans Affairs, case management techniques, and clinical record interpretation is desired. BSN and/or management training is a plus. Applicant must be able to generate a professional site visit report. Competitive salary, outstanding benefits, some travel, and a Monday thru Friday work week. Send resume/ cover letter/ salary requirements to: [careers@pva.org](mailto:careers@pva.org) or fax to (202) 416-7633. EOE.

**\* Medicare Set-Aside Prep Ad in October Newsletter\***

VT Business Solutions is no longer looking to subcontract Medicare set-aside preparatory work. All available positions have been filled.

**Nurse Practice Acts**

Nurses with disabilities

Exceptional Nurse received a request for information about nurses with disabilities and Nurse Practice Acts in different states. In order to respond to this question, we need help. Please visit the web site of your state Board of Nursing and look for information about nurses with disabilities or practice limitations. Email the information that you find (include the state BON web address and link to the information) to [ExceptionalNurse@aol.com](mailto:ExceptionalNurse@aol.com). We will organize the information and post the findings in the newsletter and on the web site.

Many hands make light work!

**Technology  
Magnified otoscope**

Welch Allyn® manufactures a new Otoscope that may be helpful to nurses/students with vision loss. The MacroView™ Otoscope with built-in throat illuminator provides 30% more magnification and twice the field of view of traditional otoscopes, along with the ability to adjust the focus.

<http://www.reddingmedical.com/merchant.cfm?id=1927&step=4>

**Mentors**

Exceptional Nurse is always looking for mentors. If you are interested in helping others, please email [ExceptionalNurse@aol.com](mailto: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](http://ExceptionalNurse.com) for details.

**Volunteer opportunities**

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

[http://www.uniteforsight.org/intl\\_volunteer](http://www.uniteforsight.org/intl_volunteer), [www.invisiblechildren.com](http://www.invisiblechildren.com), [www.savedarfur.org](http://www.savedarfur.org)

Keep the faith and get involved in our advocacy efforts. Please forward this newsletter to colleagues. Subscribe/ unsubscribe to this newsletter at [www.exceptionalnurse.com/maillist.htm](http://www.exceptionalnurse.com/maillist.htm)

Live generously and shoot for the moon...Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars!

Happy Holidays,

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