

## **The Exceptional Nurse Newsletter**

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Dear Exceptional Nurses and supporters,

### **Employment Opportunities**

#### **New Jersey Poison Information and Education System**

The New Jersey Poison Information and Education System in Newark, part of New Jersey Medical School is looking to hire nurses as poison information specialists. Salary structure is very competitive, 12.5 hr shifts (need to be willing to work all shifts) and extensive on site training is provided. If interested contact: Bruce Ruck, Pharm.D. Director of Drug Information and Professional Education at (973) 972 9280 (office) or email: [bruck@njpies.org](mailto:bruck@njpies.org).

#### **American Association of Poison Control Centers**

This site provides links to positions for nurses at poison control centers throughout the United States. Click on Employment opportunities. <http://www.aapcc.org/>

**A California provider of systems and software solutions** targeting patient safety and operational efficiency in healthcare facilities (large central pharmacy "smart inventory" carousels to small handheld devices) is looking for someone to:

Lead a team of product development/management professionals. Define customer and market requirements. Create staged market delivery for new products and educational, promotional and training programs. Candidate will have: A Bachelors in Marketing, Business or Hospital-related discipline, (pharmacy, nursing). 7-10 years of experience in healthcare. Proficiency using Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint. Contact Deb McClanahan at [EXNMNO@BroadBandHR.com](mailto:EXNMNO@BroadBandHR.com)

### **Publications of Note**

#### **Denver Nursing Star**

"*Leave No Nurse Behind: Nurses Working with disabilities*" includes a chapter, "Shake, Rattle and Roll: Nursing with Fine Motor Tremor, Depression and Cancer" written by Nicole Freeman, RN, BSN, a nurse from Colorado.

[http://www.denvernursingstar.com/newsletter/newsletter\\_view.asp?newsid=1686&catid=161&active=0&mode=current](http://www.denvernursingstar.com/newsletter/newsletter_view.asp?newsid=1686&catid=161&active=0&mode=current)

#### **Spikes & Spasms**

##### **The Tremoraction.org Newsletter, September, 2006**

"Nurses with disabilities work! An answer to the nursing shortage". An excerpt from, "*Leave No Nurse Behind: Nurses Working with disabilities*" is included. Nicole Freeman, RN, BSN, a nurse with essential tremor shares her journey. <http://tremoraction.org>

"**A Late Bloomer: Nursing with Rheumatoid Arthritis and Bipolar Disorder**" by Cary Jo Cook, RN, CMSRN in *Leave No Nurse Behind: Nurses Working with disabilities*. Read an Excerpt of chapter 5. <http://arthritis.about.com/od/employ/a/leavenonurse.htm>

#### **Dr. Betty Witherspoon, RN (Reese Witherspoon's mother)**

<http://www.arthritis.org/Communities/Chapters/Chapter.asp?chapid=53>

Keep on the Sunny Side -- A Talk with Betty Witherspoon about living with arthritis.

By Sara Haynes August 21, 2006

[http://www.arthritis.org/communities/Betty\\_Witherspoon.asp](http://www.arthritis.org/communities/Betty_Witherspoon.asp)

## 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.

### **Stories of Katrina Disability Evacuations; Pays \$30**

The University of Kansas, Research and Training Institute on Independent Living at the Dole Center is conducting a study to document the impact of Hurricane Katrina on people with disabilities. The study involves a face-to-face or phone interview about 30 minutes long. Each participant will be compensated \$30. To participate, you must be an adult, be in New Orleans or Baton Rouge, have a physical disability, have been dislocated by Katrina, and be available for an interview. Call Elisabeth at 504-861-4981. Interviews will take place through September, 2006.

### **Registered Nurse Response Network**

The California Nurses Association announced that it will launch a national rapid response network to be deployed to the sites of natural or manmade disasters where medical care is needed. The Registered Nurse Response Network will allow nurses to sign up for a call-up list to assist during disasters. Nurses will be contacted based on their availability, geography and specialty to work in coordination with state and local officials and hospitals. Nurses will be asked to use one to two weeks of their own vacation or leave time, but CNA plans to seek grants and donations to cover travel costs, housing and meals for volunteers. The union will provide liability insurance. [http://www.insidebayarea.com/search/cj\\_4248913](http://www.insidebayarea.com/search/cj_4248913) (Oakland Tribune, August 28, 2006).

## Equipment

**MouseCage™** is software designed to help people with hand tremor control their computer mouse. It is simple to use, installs in seconds, and works with the mouse you already have. You can even download a free trial version to decide whether it works for you. Mouse-Cage was developed for people with Essential Tremor (ET), Parkinson's Disease, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and all other conditions that may cause hand shake or tremor. MouseCage's unique Predictus™ algorithm makes it suitable even for those with severe tremor. At present, MouseCage is available for Microsoft Windows 2000 and Windows XP. Tunic Software is a member of Microsoft's [Assistive Technology Vendor Program](http://www.microsoft.com/assistive/technology/vendor/). [www.mousecage.org](http://www.mousecage.org)

### **The AAAS Resource Directory**

#### **Nurses with disabilities need to be listed in this resource directory!**

**The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)** has supported participation of persons with disabilities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) for over 30 years. The Resource Directory is a listing of professionals with disabilities holding at least a bachelor's degree in a science (nursing), technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) field. The listing includes name, contact information, disciplines(s), and degree(s) attained.

The Resource Directory has been a source for: Peer reviewers for grant-giving agencies; Students and their advisors seeking role models; Media, government agencies, and writers needing "existence proofs" to dispel stereotypes about disability; Public agencies, non-profit organizations, community based groups, consumer groups, and companies needing experts from STEM careers; Individuals and employers searching for assistive technology solutions; and Scientists and engineers disabled mid-career needing coping strategies. The Resource Directory and what it illuminates about professionals with disabilities can have an impact on policies, programs, and practices. The questionnaire is at <http://ehrweb.aaas.org/resource>. Contact Tesa Leon at [tleon@aaas.org](mailto:tleon@aaas.org).

### **Online Chat**

On Wednesday evening, October 18, 2006 from 8-10:00 pm EST, I will be doing an online chat on Nursing Spectrum about nurses with disabilities. Please log on, ask questions and join the discussion.

### **Scholarship Opportunity**

The Toronto Rehabilitation Institute announced its scholarship in Rehabilitation-Related Research for Graduate Students with Disabilities. Students at the University of Toronto, McMaster University, Ryerson University, University of Waterloo, Wilfred Laurier University, and York University are eligible to apply. Toronto Rehab provides scholarships of \$20,000 and a supplement for educational expenses incurred as a result of the student's disability. Fields of study must relate to rehabilitation. Eligible disciplines may include but are not limited to: Engineering, Social Work, Psychology, Medicine, Physical and Occupational Therapy, Kinesiology, Nursing, Recreation and Music Therapy. Visit [www.torontorehab.com](http://www.torontorehab.com) or contact Lois Ward at [ward.lois@torontorehab.on.ca](mailto:ward.lois@torontorehab.on.ca) or 416 597-3422, ext. 7600.

### **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)

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