

*The Exceptional Nurse Newsletter*

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Hello to all Exceptional nurses, students and supporters,

**Article of Note:**

**Nurses: Volunteering with a disability**

By Donna Maheady, EdD, ARNP

This article discusses the benefits of volunteering.

<http://www.nursetogether.com/tabid/157/itemid/1095/Nurses-Volunteering-with-a-Disability.aspx>

**Have you considered working at a Veterans Hospital?**

**A new report from the National Council on Disability sheds light on opportunities for people with disabilities in the Federal Government.**

*Federal Employment of People with Disabilities* examines the status of employment of people with disabilities in the Federal Government and makes recommendations for improving federal hiring and advancement of employees with disabilities. The paper summarizes the legal authorities and policy guidance, the responsibilities of various federal agencies charged with ensuring equal opportunity in federal employment, barriers to hiring and advancement, provisions for reasonable accommodations, and agency initiatives. <http://tiny.cc/Q7hRB>

**Scholarships**

Disaboom.com provides a list of scholarships for students with disabilities.

<http://tiny.cc/KnyTH>

**Pictures needed**

Take a look at the web site....we have a new look! Consider putting your photo on the web site. Email your photo to [ExceptionalNurse@aol.com](mailto:ExceptionalNurse@aol.com) with your biographical information.

## **Get Connected**

### **Are you on Facebook?**

If so, join our Exceptional Nurse group. Get connected with other nurses with disabilities, participate in discussions and have access to relevant information and opportunities.

[www.Facebook.com](http://www.Facebook.com)

### **Are you on Twitter?**

Become a follower of Donna Maheady and ExceptionalNurse.com.

[www.Twitter.com](http://www.Twitter.com) (ExceptNurse) Get updated frequently

### **Get connected with other exceptional nurses and advocates**

Join us at LinkedIn, a business oriented social networking site. Join the Exceptional Nurse group, connect with other nurses and groups, network and learn about employment opportunities. Membership is free.

<http://www.linkedin.com/home>

### **Want to change things?**

Change.org is a social action network. Visit ExceptionalNurse.com under the non profits tab.

Help raise funds for the operating budget and scholarship fund.

Check out the Exceptional nurse and nursing student photos.

Help spread the word, donate, send photos for the page, or write a testimonial. Everyone can make a contribution!

<http://www.change.org>

**Need CEUs? ExceptionalNurse.com is a continuing education provider**

“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.

### **“Leave No Nurse Behind: Nurses working with disabilities”**

“*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](http://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](http://ExceptionalNurse.com). Email: [ExceptionalNurse@aol.com](mailto:ExceptionalNurse@aol.com).

### Donations Needed

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### 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.

A reminder to our current mentors, if you change email addresses, please remember to let us know. Thanks so much for all you do!!!

Volunteer opportunities

<http://www.redcross.org>, <http://www.missingkids.com>, <http://www.nod.org> ,  
<http://www.mobilityproject.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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*Make a difference!*

*Donna*

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