

*The Exceptional Nurse Newsletter*

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Happy Fall to all Exceptional Nurses, students and supporters,

**Nominate a nurse for the Hall of Fame!**

Thanks to everyone who took the time to vote for the 2008 Spinal Cord Injury Hall of Fame, sponsored by the National Spinal Cord Injury Association. Kathleen L. Dunn, MS, RN, CRRN-A, CNS was officially inducted into the SCI Hall of Fame in the Educator category. In looking at past inductees, it appears that Kathy may be the first rehab nurse to receive this recognition.

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](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. It makes a

great personal or professional or holiday gift. Email:  
[ExceptionalNurse@aol.com](mailto: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](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

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<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!*

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