

The art of nursing – a cherished profession. It has changed your life and brought you to where you are today. Now, it's time to consider giving something back to this incredible vocation, to improve the future of nursing. The Michigan Nurses Foundation stands ready to help you achieve that goal.

THE MICHIGAN NURSES FOUNDATION

The Michigan Nurses Foundation (MNF) was created in 2000 to advance nursing and nursing education by awarding educational scholarships and research grants to nurses and nursing students as well as financial aid to nurses recovering from substance abuse or mental illness. Through MNF, opportunities are provided for those who wish to provide a legacy today for tomorrow's nurses. Funds for the Michigan Nurses Foundation are held and invested by Capital Region Community Foundation.

THE WORK OF THE FOUNDATION

Nurses know the importance of employing versatility and critical thinking in caring for their patients. Following that ideal, MNF

has created criteria for each of the areas it supports.

• **Providing Research Grants**

MNF will be instrumental in accomplishing a number of research objectives by, in certain cases, contracting research to expert investigators. Using this key method will allow MNF to supply a missing piece of knowledge to clarify a "best practice," or help identify pressing issues pertaining to the nursing workforce. The Michigan Nurses Foundation manages the Conduct and Utilization of Research in Nursing (CURN) Award, a \$5,000 competitive research award designed to fund either conduct of research or utilization of research in practice.

• **Providing Nursing Scholarships and Continuing Education Tuition Grants**

The following are the minimum nursing scholarship eligibility criteria:

- The applicant must be a student currently enrolled in a Michigan college/school of nursing that grants a certificate for practical nursing or an associate, baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing.
- The applicant must be in good academic standing with demonstrated progress toward degree completion.

• **Providing Financial Assistance for Recovering Nurses**

Recovering nurses who are enrolled in a qualified treatment program must often provide their own funding for necessary testing and

other treatment related requirements. Nurses who meet the criteria for financial aid will be supported by the Foundation through direct or indirect payments to the provider. All nurses to be considered for the aid must have a written referral of support from a qualified treatment provider.

LETTING YOUR LEGACY WORK FOR YOU

Quite often, generous tax benefits are provided to those who give gifts to qualified charities. Because the Foundation has been officially recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as having a 501(c)(3) status, your donation works to support the Foundation's mission as well as providing tax benefits for you and your heirs.

Options include:

- Cash gifts
- Gifts of appreciated assets, such as bonds, shares of mutual funds, or individual stocks
- Bequests
- Gifts of life insurance policies
- Retained income gifts, which include Charitable Remainder Annuity Trusts, Charitable Remainder Unitrust, and Charitable Gift Annuities.

With all of these options, a competent tax or estate attorney should be contacted to help ensure your legacy takes full advantage of its dual status as gift and benefit. 100% of your gift to the Foundation will be used for the objectives we've shared in this brochure.

NOW IS THE TIME – TODAY IS THE DAY – FOR YOU TO PROVIDE YOUR LEGACY THROUGH THE WORK OF THE MICHIGAN NURSES FOUNDATION.

I WANT TO PROVIDE A LEGACY TODAY FOR TOMORROW'S NURSES.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____
 E-mail _____

Amount of contribution \$ _____.

PAYMENT METHOD

Check enclosed payable to **Capital Region Community Foundation**
 Charge my: Visa Mastercard AMEX Discover
 Card No. _____

Signature _____ Exp. Date _____

I authorize \$ _____ to be withdrawn from my checking account each month on or after the 15th of the month. (Enclose a check for the first monthly payment or a voided check, and complete the signature line.)

Signature _____ Exp. Date _____



For more information, contact the Michigan Nurses Foundation at 888/MI-NURSE.
www.michigannursesfoundation.org

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- I'd like to receive more information about Michigan Nurses Foundation fundraising events

Mail card and contributions to:

Michigan Nurses Foundation
 2310 Jolly Oak Road
 Okemos, MI 48864
 517/349-5640 (phone) • 517/349-5818 (fax)

All contributions to the Michigan Nurses Foundation are tax-deductible. Information and application forms for grants, scholarships, and financial aid are available on the MNF website at www.michigannursesfoundation.org.

Providing a legacy today
 for tomorrow's nurses



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