# **Foundation Focus**

Fall 2015

Invest in nurses. See the difference in health care.

# TD and CNF together support over 100 Aboriginal nurses

Since 2009, the TD Aboriginal Nursing Fund has helped over 100 Aboriginal nurses and nursing students in their pursuit of nursing excellence!

These nurses are now prepared to provide much-needed care to Aboriginal communities, many of which face health challenges such as diabetes, infant mortality, tuberculosis, and suicide. Funding for post-secondary education to increase the number of nurses for these vulnerable populations is critical. Thank you, TD, for your vision and leadership in helping support solutions to this urgent need.



The CNF awards program benefits nurses by instilling a sense of pride and encouragement.

Mary Beth Skinner



CNF through its partnerships promotes awareness and support of nursing education and recruitment. This is invaluable, given the current nursing shortage.

Tikicia Dakin



That CNF believes in me enough to invest in my success and education, helps me strive to be my best and achieve my dreams.

Taryn Wilton





## **Donor Anniversaries / Award Recipients**

1960



 CNF's Military Nurses Association Award was founded by Col. Agnes Campbell Neill

First university degree in nursing established at Edinburgh University

Military Nurses recipient

Kara Redden -



As part of the research component for my degree, I will be analyzing the prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV.

▲ 55 years ▲

1985

• CNF's Bianca Beyer award founded

Wheelchair athlete Rick Hansen begins his "Man in Motion" tour

Bianca Beyer recipient Christina Clausen -



Nurses are critical in transforming the healthcare system.

**▲** 30 years **▲** 

1990

SANOFI PASTFUR



• CNF's Sanofi Pasteur award founded

Nelson Mandela was released from prison

Sanofi Pasteur recipient Christopher Stephens -



As a nurse practitioner I will be able to promote health, and focus on illness, injury prevention and appropriate immunizations, with patients, families, and communities.

**▲** 25 years **▲** 

1995

Johnson Johnson
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Johnson & Johnson recipient Ruth Martin-Misener -



CNF's Johnson & Johnson award founded

Bridge opened between Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick

**▲ 20** years **▲** 

#### Dr. Ruth Martin-Misener

As a graduate of the Dalhousie University
Outpost Nursing Program, Ruth Martin-Misener
lived and worked for two years in Canada's
North. "This was one of the most satisfying and
rewarding experiences of my career," she says.
"The community was beautiful but remote; the
only way in and out was by air. Travel time to the
nearest hospital was over an hour." Ruth cared for

mothers and babies, helped seniors with chronic conditions, and remembers how satisfying it was to work with community leaders to improve health services and community health.

While she was still in the North, Dalhousie University invited Ruth back as a teacher. "This program was, in effect, Canada's first Nurse

Practitioner (NP) program," explains Ruth. In 1998, Ruth received the Canadian Nurses Foundation Johnson & Johnson Master's award. "I still remember how thrilled I was! It was acknowledgement of my potential for future success and helped to support my master's research work." Since then, she has been active in developing the NP role and education across the country.

Ruth focuses her research on better access to good primary health care. "It's my passion." I believe in close teamwork between health care providers, and involving patients and communities in planning and evaluating improvements," she explains. In addition to teaching in the Master's and PhD programs, Ruth has 56 journal publications to her credit, and many awards and honours.

2000



CNF's AAMAC award founded

Beverley McLachlin becomes Canada's first female chief justice of Supreme Court of Canada **AAMAC** recipient Philiz Goh -



*▲ 15 years ▲* 

2015

 New CNF Frances Mary Stoddart scholarship awarded for the first time

800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta

Frances Mary Stoddart recipient Rachel Lipp -



Some of my greatest learning comes through interaction with patients and their families: my research should be directed by questions, concerns, and ideas my patients express to me.

To learn more about our 2015-2016 award recipients, please visit cnf-fiic.ca

"My research explores engagement, meaning, and quality of life for older adults living in residential care, including those with advanced dementia." - Shelley Canning

"As a nurse practitioner, working with patients who have undergone cardiovascular surgery, I understand the experience of people who have endured pain and suffering in the recovery process." - Jill Bruneau

On behalf of all CNF award recipients, THANK YOU to all CNF donors and supporters.

Special thanks to the 2015 Merit Review Panel (MRP), who graciously donated their time and expertise to review the scholarship applications.



Dr. Vera Caine Chair, 2015 MRP





## Message from the Executive Director



Just as the fall harvest celebrates the bounty of a year of hard work, so too CNF shares and celebrates with all of you the successes and achievements of this year's award recipients - 64 strong! With your help, these nurses and nursing students are now able to

work with patients, families, and communities for stronger and healthier lives. You will see a few of their stories in this edition of our newsletter, and you can find more on our website www.cnf-fiic.ca.

In particular, I would like to thank TD Bank Group - their commitment and generosity has helped over 100 Aboriginal youth and nurses to achieve their educational goals and dreams. And I want to say a big THANK YOU to each and every one of you too - for your continued support of the nurses of Canada!

Please stay tuned for more CNF news. including a monthly donor contest, CNF's 2016 Nightingale Gala and Biennial Reception, and the launch of a new and exciting campaign! Stay happy and healthy, and don't forget to visit our website! Invest in nurses! See the difference in health care!

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#### **SAVE THE DATES!**

CNF's 6th Nightingale Gala 2016 May 5 at the Shaw Centre, Ottawa (formerly Ottawa Convention Centre)

**CNF Biennial Reception** June 19, 2016, Saint John, NB

Be part of High 5 for Nurses during National Nursing Week 2016! #high5fornurses



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