DR KATHRYN J HANNAH NURSING INFORMATICS SCHOLARSHIP FUND REACHES GOAL OF $150K - <u>THANKS TO YOU!</u>

First Canadian scholarship in nursing informatics supports ongoing annual award!

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The Canadian Nurses Foundation (CNF) in partnership with the Canadian nursing informatics community launched a campaign in 2015 to raise $150,000 to establish the first Canadian nursing informatics scholarship for nurses in this emerging field.

Today, CNF is delighted to announce that this goal has been met. The Dr. Kathryn J Hannah Nursing Informatics scholarship fund will now support annual award recipients today - and in the future.

All thanks to YOU!

Managing and using health information directly impacts the health and wellbeing of Canadians. Whether it's treatment of illness, development of disease prevention programs or delivery of life-saving health services, success in today's health care system is linked to the ability of health professionals to rapidly access, collate and interpret data to make informed decisions. This process is known as "health informatics".

Gillian Strudwick, inaugural 2016 award recipient of the Dr. Kathryn J Hannah Nursing Informatics Scholarship, graduated from the doctoral program at the Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing at the University of Toronto in 2017. She is currently employed as a Project Scientist in the Information Management Group at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto and says:

"I am very grateful to the Canadian Nurses Foundation and the Dr. Kathryn J Hannah Nursing Informatics Scholarship award committee for establishing this award, and for selecting me as its first-year recipient."

Guillaume Fontaine, 2017 recipient of the Dr. Kathryn J Hannah Nursing Informatics Scholarship is a PhD student at the Faculty of Nursing of the University of Montreal and is a leader in the development, implementation and assessment of technologies in the healthcare system across Canada. His Master's research investigated how nursing informatics can help cardiovascular nurses better empower patients to lead healthier lives providing innovative solutions advancing acute care for these patients.

CNF and the Dr. Kathryn J Hannah Nursing Informatics Scholarship Committee would like to thank all donors for their amazing support throughout the fundraising campaign – with special appreciation to all corporate sponsors and particularly to the "premier" sponsors, Cerner and Allscripts. Nurses impact the outcomes of care, enabled by information and communication technologies. This scholarship will help develop more nursing informatics leaders in Canada and to further advance nursing informatics practice.

About the Scholarship

Named after Dr. Kathryn J Hannah, a pioneer and internationally-renowned leader in nursing informatics, this new scholarship will be awarded on an annual basis to a Canadian nurse who is pursuing graduate education to advance leadership and innovation in nursing informatics.

Watch for scholarship applications to open in late Fall. The Scholarship remains open for contributions. To contribute, visit www.cnf-fiic.ca

"Nursing leaders like Dr. Kathryn Hannah not only change practice, they change the world by creating a path forward and mentoring new leaders. Advancing nursing knowledge is crucial to every aspect of patient care and health service delivery for all Canadians. We need more nurses prepared at the graduate level with experience in health informatics. As Canada's only national nursing foundation, we thank all our donors for their incredible generosity and are delighted to be able to award this valuable scholarship every year."
Christine Rieck Buckley, CEO, Canadian Nurses Foundation

About the Canadian Nurses Foundation

Founded in 1962, the Canadian Nurses Foundation fosters national nursing excellence through the provision of research grants, awards and scholarships. For more information about the Canadian Nurses Foundation, visit www.cnf-fiic.ca

About Dr. Kathryn J Hannah

Dr. Kathryn J. Hannah, nurse and leading health informatics expert, lives in Calgary, Alberta, and in 2016 she became a Member of the Order of Canada in recognition of her efforts to promote the use of information technology to enhance nursing and health care in Canada and abroad.

Dr. Hannah has held senior management positions in both the health care delivery system and as a branch Director at Alberta Health. She has taught and conducted research in her various roles at the Faculty of Nursing and then the Department of Community Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine at the University of Calgary. She has also served as Adjunct Professor, in the School of Health Information Science at the University of Victoria and in Department of Biomedical Informatics, School of Medicine, University of Utah. Currently, Dr. Hannah is Adjunct Professor, School of Nursing University of Victoria. She is the Health Informatics Advisor to the Canadian Nurses Association and Executive Project Lead for the C-HOBIC initiative.

Dr. Hannah led some of the most significant nursing initiatives in Canadian history and has been a change leader both in Canada and internationally. Always ready to support nurses with her expertise, this scholarship extends her generous mentoring to future nurses seeking to continue innovation in health information management to support optimal health outcomes and professional nursing practice.

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