1 Dorothy Kergin Fellowship Award
- established in 1989 through the estate of Dorothy Kergin to support graduate nursing research and education scholarships.

Nancy Edwards, McGill University
- first Dorothy Kergin Fellowship Award recipient

“The Dorothy Kergin award boosted my confidence and helped affirm I was on the right career and research track as I began my PhD program in epidemiology. During my career, I have appreciated opportunities to work in lower income countries and to mentor Canadian and international graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

Later as the Scientific Director, Institute of Population and Public Health, Canadian Institutes of Health Research, I helped shape the agenda for public and population health research in Canada.

Today, I remain affiliated with the University of Ottawa as a Professor Emerita, involved in research including a Citizen Science initiative targeting fall prevention, as well as serving on two scientific advisory committees: UK Schools of Public Health Research, and Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences. I’m also preparing a memoir describing my experience as a community health nurse in Sierra Leone, West Africa between 1978 and 1984.”

TODAY... Reanne Booker, University of Victoria, 2019 award recipient

“The focus of my dissertation research is on the integration of early palliative care in hematopoietic stem cell transplantation. I am incredibly grateful to CNF and all those who support CNF and very humbled to receive the Dorothy Kergin Fellowship Award.”

2 AstraZeneca PhD Nursing Award
- established to support graduate nursing in oncology.

TODAY... the AstraZeneca PhD Nursing Award supports education and research grants for nurses in diabetes care.

Holly Tschirhart,
McMaster University,
2019 award recipient

“While completing a summer research studentship during my nursing degree, I became passionate about diabetes and health sciences research. My PhD thesis is a mixed methods study looking at the prevalence and experiences of diabetes distress in women with type 1 and type 2 diabetes during pregnancy. I hope as a nurse scientist to contribute to the knowledge base of diabetes clinical care, education, and research.”
3 Extendicare Scholarship in Gerontology Award – established in 1989
“Extendicare is honoured to have worked with the Canadian Nurses Foundation (CNF) for 30 years. This partnership has led to a lasting legacy of exceptional nurses who have made a positive contribution in their various roles in the Canadian healthcare industry. CNF continues to be a relevant and dynamic partner to Extendicare. We wish them continued success in their endeavors to build up the nursing profession.”

TODAY... Extendicare supports TWO awards in Gerontology and Long-term Care.
• Gerontology Award
• Nurse Practitioner Award

Zahraa Bhimji, University of Toronto, 2019 award recipient
“I enjoy working in Continuing Care as a clinical nurse educator on the Education Practice Development Team in Edmonton. We provide education, training, resources for staff in home care, supportive living, long term care, hospice, and end of life care. I have a passion for palliative care, which this award will help to fulfill through tuition support for the Nurse Practitioner (NP) program in Gerontology/ Palliative care.”

4 Erin Hogg Northern Nursing Award – funded by Erin Hogg, CNF monthly donor
“My interest in northern nursing peaked in 1986 when I attended the CNA meeting in the Maritimes, which culminated in the establishment of the Northern Scholarship in 1989. Nursing continues to be important to me. I want to help ensure the quality of health care for all Canadians, no matter where they live.”

TODAY... CNF’s Northern Award supports nurses working in Canada’s North.

Jenelle Revells, Memorial University of Newfoundland, 2019 award recipient
“As a mature indigenous student, I always had a passion for helping people, but I hadn’t ever considered nursing as a career for myself. After completing my Bachelor of Science, I realized that health care was my true passion and I wanted to spend my time helping people in their most vulnerable and difficult moments. I am very excited to spend this next year continuing to learn and grow as a nurse.”

25 YEARS
SENIOR NORMAN PATERSON NURSING AWARD – established in 1994

TODAY... Senator Norman Paterson’s generosity lives on through nurses like...
Kirnvr Dhaliwal, University of Calgary, 2017 award recipient
“I am currently conducting research focused on identifying how registered nurses implement nursing practice within the Canadian correctional system. The knowledge generated could potentially lead to enhanced quality of care for offenders, improved nursing practice, and could impact all domains of Canadian provincial correctional nursing practice.”

20 YEARS
YVONNE ANDREWS NURSING AWARD – established in 1999 through the estate of Yvonne Andrews

Yvonne Andrews worked as a midwife in BC. For more than twenty years she practiced nursing in the field of mental health, with a focus on seniors and First Nations health care.

TODAY... Yvonne Andrews' legacy continues to support future nursing leaders.
Julia Kruizinga, Queen’s University, 2019 award recipient
“Advocating for the needs of clients and ensuring they are met is crucial. I am very excited to be able to serve in a healthcare field that is focused on compassionate, empathetic and selfless care.”
**15 YEARS**

**TECLA LIN & NELIA LAROZA MEMORIAL AWARD**

- In 2004, the Weston Foundation established a CNF Endowment Fund to support an annual award in memory of Tecla Lin & Nelia Laroza

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**Remembering TWO Nurse Heroes**

On June 29, 2003, RN Nelia Laroza lost her battle with SARS, becoming the first Canadian nurse to die from the disease. Tecla Lin became the second RN in Canada to die from the disease after contracting it while caring for SARS patients.

**THE DEDICATION OF NELIA AND TECLA HIGHLIGHTS THE COMMITMENT NURSES HAVE TO THEIR PATIENTS REGARDLESS OF THE DANGERS.**

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**In 2003, one nurse shared....**

“I am a nursing student one year away from graduation and Tecla is now another reason that I am becoming a nurse. It is her work ethic and her conviction to her craft that will continue to inspire generations of nursing students like myself. I can’t tell you how proud I was to be in nursing when the news of the SARS crisis hit the papers. At a time when travellers were canceling trips to Toronto, and people were masking themselves in public areas, it was nurses who led the fight at the frontlines and stood by their patients even in the face of danger. It is that kind of selflessness that reminds me there is no other profession like nursing.” *Jodi Tomlinson 4th year nursing student, York University, Toronto*

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**TODAY... CNF continues to support incredible nurses like Tecla Lin and Nelia Laroza**

**Jan Michael Robino, Tecla Lin & Nelia Laroza 2019 Award recipient**

“I am a dreamer who grew up in a small town in the Philippines. In my younger years, I looked after my grandmother with Alzheimer’s. Having been selected as a CNF scholar is a golden opportunity to reach my big dream of becoming a registered nurse in Canada.”

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**NURSES PAYING IT FORWARD**

**DR. MARGARET F. MUNRO UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

- established in 2004

“I was supported by scholarships through my nursing education, but it was all through government support. There was no one to connect with personally. I decided that when I was able, I would like to pay it forward - but in a personal way. My experience made me see the value in scholarships - that it is important for them to know someone is interested in them! Having a scholarship in my name, personalizes it and allows me to meet my award recipient and see the impact of my support. People think it costs a fortune to support a scholarship, but it really doesn’t. I gave 4 smaller cheques each year. It made it manageable for me. If I can afford to fund a scholarship, so can you!”

**TODAY... Margaret continues to support nurses like...**

**Jiselle Bakker, University of PEI, 2017 award recipient**

“In my personal life, a palliative care nurse greatly facilitated the last days of one of my loved ones. These experiences inspired me to enter the profession where empathy, facilitation, research and communication meet.”
10 YEARS
TD ABORIGINAL NURSING AWARD – established in 2009

Since 2009 over 175 Indigenous nurses have received educational and research support from CNF totaling over $500K
• 100 new Indigenous nursing students – Baccalaureate level
• 75 Indigenous nurses – research at the Master and PhD levels

“We are incredibly proud to be honouring the recipients of this year’s TD Indigenous Nursing Awards. Through The Ready Commitment, TD’s global corporate citizenship platform, we’re committed to creating more equitable health outcomes for all, and that starts with supporting healthcare providers from diverse communities. We congratulate the recipients and thank them for the crucial impact they continue to make.”

Andrea Barrack, Global Head of Sustainability & Corporate Citizenship, TD Bank Group.

TODAY... 2019 Award recipients

Emily Sandre, Baccalaureate
St. Francis Xavier University

“I am currently working as a Personal Support Worker at a local retirement home. I believe that nurses are in a unique position to work on an individual level with patients to create meaningful, therapeutic relationships over the entire course of the health care process. I look forward to continuing my learning in my undergraduate degree and I hope to pursue a more specialized career in paediatrics nursing.”

Dawn Tisdale, Masters
University of British Columbia

“As an Indigenous nurse, I hope to build more capacity for Indigenous nursing Knowledge and leadership within our current systems and build on the legacy of Indigenous nurses that have created tremendous change in the face of adversity.”

Christina Chakanyuka, PhD
University of Victoria

“I believe that utilizing Indigenous Knowledge to respond to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s Calls to Action in Canadian Schools of Nursing can have a positive effect on the future of nursing practice, education, research and policy. I plan to study and work towards applying decolonizing practices/initiatives in nursing curriculum and research.”

Vanessa Van Bewer, PhD
University of Manitoba

“Nurses are a special type of teacher, but we also do so much more. I have had the opportunity to share in the joy of childbirth with new moms; listen to adolescents disclose their deepest fears; counsel young people on remaining safe in their sexual relationships; and teach students important concepts for nursing practice. I have been a teacher, a caregiver and a counsellor. My name is Vanessa Van Bewer and I am a proud registered nurse.”
THANK YOU! CNF’s Nightingale Gala raised $110K in support of nurses and the innovative role they play in health care in our communities.

Nurses Driving Change – Are you Ready?

Thank you to all supporters, donors, volunteers and sponsors.
Merci à tous nos sympathisants, donateurs, bénévoles et commanditaires.

GALA HONORARY CHAIR

Dr. Anne Snowdon
Chair World health Innovation network Odette School of Business, University of Windsor

“The future of our health systems will stand or fall on mobilizing the specialized expertise of nurses to lead transformational change that achieves sustainable, high performing health and well-being for all citizens. Nursing leadership has never been more crucial. Nurses’ unique vision, leadership style, expertise and entrepreneurial spirit, focused on population health, is essential to transforming our health systems to meet citizen’s needs now and into the 21st century. It is nurses time to lead, to transform and to inspire the next generation of Canadians to design a proud, impactful, sustainable and healthy future.”
Gala Patrons Honored at CNF’s Nightingale Gala
Leaders in innovative healthcare

Donna Murnaghan
Dean, School of Nursing, Thompson Rivers University

“Nurse educators and students working together where innovative solutions are designed to answer what really matters – better health outcomes.”

Gail Donner
Partner, donnerwheeler, Specializing in Career Development, Mentorship & Coaching

“Nurses have been innovators since Florence Nightingale. We need to use that same knowledge and creativity today to ensure the care Canadians deserve.”

Kristine McGinn
Assurance Health Care, COO & Co-Owner

“To innovate is in all of us. Every day we create unique experiences for our patients/clients. It’s one of the super powers we share as nurses.”

Lynda Balneaves
Associate Professor, College of Nursing, University of Manitoba

“Nurses provide access to quality, evidence-based information and decision support helping to improve clients’ health care journey.”

Lynn Nagle
Director, Digital Health and Virtual Learning, University of New Brunswick

“Since Nightingale, nurses have been and will continue to be leaders in healthcare innovation.”

Richard Booth
Assistant Professor, Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing, Western University

“Nursing leaders must communicate the importance of the nursing perspective in the development/response to technological evolution in the healthcare system.”

Samantha Boulerice
Wound care nurse, Perley Rideau Veterans’ Health Centre

“As nurses, we can improve the quality of life of the people we care for by providing innovative, compassionate and evidence-based care.”

Shirlee Sharkey
CEO, SE Health

“Nurses have unparalleled experience, opportunity, knowledge and creativity to be the innovation vectors in our healthcare system.”

Canadian Nurses Foundation
CNF Donors Corner

Aline Jobin-Fowlow
CNF Donor 2018/2019

I was very fortunate to have an exciting and diverse nursing career. After spending my two first years in Africa, I specialized in education and public health in 1969 and started working in one of Montreal's first multi-disciplinary clinics in pediatrics. I then moved to Canada’s North and worked in public health and as a nurse practitioner for 5 years. I finished my career as a certified occupational health nurse promoting employee health and wellness.

My late husband’s mother worked as a nurse during the war and many of his aunts were nurses. Health care was definitely an important part of his family. It was his wish to help CNF by including a gift in our will - and it is our hope that more retired nurses will think about leaving a legacy gift in their will too. It was interesting to note that when I graduated from nursing in 1961, not one single male was in my class. Today, as a retired Francophone nurse living in BC, I visit students in French Immersion classes and promote the nursing profession to both young girls and boys. As a CNF donor I am so pleased to help support future nurses in my husband’s memory.

Follow an Award Recipient

Meet Netha Dyck, 1995 Dr. Dorothy J. Kergin Masters Fellowship Award recipient

Receiving the Dr. Dorothy J. Kergin Masters Fellowship was highly impactful to the trajectory of Netha’s diverse nursing career. Completing a master’s degree in health services administration served as a catalyst to further develop her leadership competencies. Subsequently, it led to her engagement in doctoral studies in higher education leadership and the concurrent transition from nursing service leadership to academic leadership roles.

Today, as Dean of the College of Nursing at the University of Manitoba, Netha is providing innovative leadership in the delivery of baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral programs, as well as in advancing research and scholarship through the College’s Manitoba Centre for Nursing and Health Research. Leading an amazing team of expert faculty and staff, they are committed to providing an exceptional learning experience for their students.

Prior to her current role, Netha served as the Dean of the School of Nursing and the School of Health Sciences at Saskatchewan Polytechnic, where she led the establishment of Saskatchewan Polytechnic’s first independent degree program, the Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing, as well as a collaborative undergraduate program and a collaborative Master of Nursing program with the University of Regina.

With her student-centred approach, Netha ensured the integration of new technologies, simulation learning, interprofessional education and collaborative practice, and flexible delivery methods into nursing curricula. She developed international partnerships to support student and faculty exchanges, resulting in life changing experiences for both. Netha also led the creation of the Institute for Nursing Scholarship that resulted in a dramatic increase in faculty and student engagement in research and scholarship.

Earlier in her career, Netha provided exemplary nursing service leadership in urban and rural acute care centres, as well as in long term care and the personal care home programs.

Message from the CEO

We are in the midst of fall- a time of year where we can stop, reflect, and be thankful for our families, our friends, and all we have accomplished throughout the year. As I read the stories in this edition of Foundation Focus, I am thankful to the amazing people that have provided such generous support to nurses across the country over the years. And I am grateful to the nurses who have received CNF scholarships and contributed to the rich and bountiful nursing knowledge that has improved the lives of so many people from coast to coast to coast. What a wonderful thing to celebrate and give thanks!

And CNF is planning so much more for the coming year- 2020-the year of the Nurse and Midwife and the 200th birthday of Florence Nightingale! Stay tuned and get ready to be part of a grand year!!

Stay happy and healthy.

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Florence Nightingale’s 200th Birthday

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