

Investing in Nurses



Registered Nurses'
Foundation of Ontario

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Mission

To raise funds and steward sound investments to provide awards and scholarships to Registered Nurses and nursing students in Ontario.

Vision

To be recognized by the Ontario nursing community as the leading provider of nursing awards and scholarships in Ontario.

Values

Integrity —We will act with integrity, honesty and openness, clearly explaining our priorities and the purpose for which we are raising funds.

Partnerships —We are committed to effective partnerships and alliances with many stakeholders.

Donor-centred Stewardship —We will respect the privacy of our donors by not selling or exchanging their names and honour all requests for anonymity. We will acknowledge those donors who wish recognition in an appropriate and balanced manner.

Accountability —We will be fiscally responsible with the funds entrusted to us by our donors by ensuring that those funds are distributed effectively. We will account to our donors regularly.

Academic Achievement —We believe that academic studies promote the development of nurses and the advancement of nursing.

There are many ways you can invest in nurses:

Your annual gift is vital to The Registered Nurses Foundation of Ontario

Honour a friend or loved one on a special occasion by making a tribute gift.

Honour the memory of those important to you through a memorial gift.

Recognize a nursing colleague's significant contributions to nursing and the nursing profession.

Establish a bequest or an endowment fund, the income from which will support the Foundation's mission.

Organize a special event for your family and colleagues to benefit the Foundation.

Share your enthusiasm for RNFOO with a friend.

Get involved and invest in nursing by giving your time to RNFOO.

Make your gift now.

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RNFOO Special Occasion Gift Program

My special occasion gift is enclosed in the amount of \$ _____
to commemorate Birthday Retirement Other
 Anniversary Holiday Season

An appropriate letter of acknowledgement will be sent on your behalf,
indicating that you have marked this occasion by your donation to the RNFOO, to:

Name: _____ Receipt to: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

Thank you for your gift



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Purpose

The Registered Nurses Foundation of Ontario (RNFOO) is a charitable organization that provides financial support for Registered Nurses and nursing students to further their education or engage in research.

History

The Foundation began in 1972 as an arm of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO). Awards and scholarships were provided by donation from RNAO members to support further studies for member nurses.

In the early 90s the Foundation was in jeopardy as a viable entity, as a small number of members provided the bulk of the income. The Board of the Foundation recognized a need to increase the number and value of the awards, and to target the greater population of nurses. A shortage of Registered Nurses and rising tuition costs accelerated this need.

In 1997 several individuals set out to revitalize the Foundation with a broader set of goals and to separate from the RNAO umbrella. Since then the organization has been rebuilding itself to provide greater financial support for all eligible Registered Nurses and nursing students in the province. For more than 30 years over 200 awards and scholarships have been given to deserving recipients across Ontario.

Today nurses, friends, corporations and the public contribute to the scholarship funds, with investments now totaling over half a million dollars. The Board is focusing on fund-raising activities to further increase the capability to support nurses. Over the past five years RNFOO has promoted fundraising through an annual Gala. The Gala has been successful in showcasing the revitalized Foundation and in celebrating nursing.

Awards & Scholarships

The 2005 RNFOO Awards and Scholarship Program was highly successful! **\$62,500** was granted as 31 awards and scholarships to 28 recipients. Twelve were at the undergraduate level including 7 nursing students, and 16 recipients were at the graduate level.

\$55,500 for a total of 29 awards or scholarships are budgeted for 2006!

The Foundation's awards and scholarships are accessible to over 100,000 Registered Nurses and nursing students in Ontario. Funds are available for study at the certificate level, baccalaureate, and graduate levels. Candidates must provide evidence that their continuing education and/or advanced education will advance nursing practice and/or promote public health.

In addition to its own scholarships, RNFOO administers the RNAO Interest Group Awards and the Molson Canada SARS Memorial Fund. This fund, supported by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, provides grants to nurses and other health care professionals to support continuing education, certification/recertification and professional development to enable them to advance their knowledge and lead Infection Control practices within their health care settings.

Nursing has afforded me a very challenging and rewarding career, and I have great respect for all the nurses I have worked with over the years. Supporting the continuing education of nurses through the RNFOO is a way I can give to others in recognition of what I have enjoyed.

Dorothy Ferguson, Scholarship Donor

I believe nurses need more support from the community at large. Too often we take their contributions for granted. Since most nurses have limited training in business, we in the business community can help and should.

Martha Schade, RNFOO Volunteer

Your donations at work



*Sue Matthews
Isabel Black Award
Charles Sturt University*

The RNFOO Scholarships that I have received have been instrumental in my ability to increase my knowledge of nursing, and understanding of the health system. This ongoing learning has directly impacted my career, and most recently, I believe had an influence on my appointment as Ontario's Provincial Nursing Officer.



*Sepali Guruge
Kathleen Howe Mitchell Scholarship
University of Toronto*

The RNFOO Scholarship enabled me to concentrate on developing my thesis proposal for my study on Gender Roles, Power Relations and Support Networks in the context of domestic violence in the Sri Lankan Tamil Community of Toronto.



*Kim Krog
Ontario Association of Rehabilitation Nurses Award
York University*

The RNFOO Scholarship has enabled me to focus my studies on Watson's Theory of Human Caring and the Promotion of Health in Communities and to learn about advocacy and empowerment for clients living in the community with chronic diseases. These experiences have enabled me to provide a more holistic approach in caring for children and their families.



*Celia Li
Dorothy Ferguson Scholarship
University of Ottawa*

The Dorothy Ferguson Scholarship has meant much more than a financial resource to me. The achievement of the scholarship has strengthened my spirit and esteem and inspired me to strive to contribute more to the people that I care for in my professional life.



YES I wish to support the Registered Nurses' Foundation of Ontario by making a donation.

Your donation(s) will help us to support nursing education and research through our annual awards and scholarships.

RN Yes Retired Area of Interest No Relative Other

Name: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

I am enclosing a cheque payable to: **The Registered Nurses' Foundation of Ontario**

I would like to pay by Visa. Card Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

General Donation: \$50 \$100 \$200 \$ Other _____

Donation to Specific Fund: _____

A program has been developed to provide friends of the RNFOO the opportunity to make donations to commemorate any special occasion in the lives of loved ones or friends — please see over ...

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