



Registered Nurses Foundation of B.C.

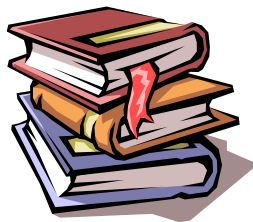
30 Years Supporting Tomorrow's Nurses

1979-2009

Winter Spring 2009

WHO ARE WE?

RNFBC is a registered charity dedicated to the promotion of nursing education and research. Its purpose is to promote the advancement of nursing care through education and research. Through the Foundation, bursaries are provided to nursing students in all types of nursing programs.



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RNFBC Awarded a Record \$102,905.00 in 2008!

Each year the Registered Nurses Foundation of British Columbia awards bursaries to students enrolled in basic, post-basic, refresher, specialty and graduate education programs in nursing, or to nurses involved in research. In December 2008 a record \$102,905.00 was awarded.

These bursaries will assist 98 nursing students in their education this year. The RNFBC Bursary winners' list can be found on Page 3 and 4.

President's Message




Established in 1979 by a group of farsighted nurses, RNFBC celebrates its 30th anniversary this coming fall. The transition to finalize operational independence from CRNBC was completed in 2008. CRNBC, and before that RNABC, had provided in-kind financial and secretariat services to the board from 1979 to 2004, and later on a fee-for-service basis. The transition was mandated as a result of changes under the Health Professions Act.

The foundation, as you know, promotes quality health care in B.C. through financial support for nursing education and research. In the last three years, RNFBC has

- Recruited board members with diverse backgrounds and the right skills to move the foundation forward.
- Established a Finance and Audit Committee
- Approved an investment policy to be implemented in 2009/2010.
- Doubled restricted and unrestricted capital funds to \$3,000,000.
- Awarded \$86, 900 in 2006 to 92 recipients, \$98,000 in 2007 to 94 recipients, and \$102,950 in 2008 to 98 recipients.
- Published a regular newsletter
- Mounted its own website
- Arranged for on-line donations with a link from the website to CanadaHelps.org.

Board members held a strategic planning session in January to start updating the last Strategic Plan. Three strategic areas were identified: Fundraising, Communications and Administration. The Board will meet again in March to flush out strategic goals for the next three years. We expect to have the 2009-2012 Strategic Plan in place by the Annual Meeting this coming June.


Mary-Ann Wythe, President

RNFBC Announcements	RNFBC Website
<p>Congratulations!</p> <p><i>On behalf of the RNFBC Board of Directors, I would like to congratulate all the 2008 Bursary Recipients!</i></p>  <p>Mary-Ann Wythe RNFBC President</p> <p>RNFBC's address and contact number is:</p> <p>Registered Nurses Foundation of BC P.O. Box 33957, Station D, Vancouver, BC V6J 4L7 Tel: 604-739-1944 Email: info@rnfbc.ca</p> <p>Administrative Officer: Jo Pleshakov</p>	 <p>RNFBC's website is located at the following address: www.rnfbc.ca</p> <p>Information about RNFBC can be found there including our mission and goals, our newsletters, bursary information, contacts, etc.</p> <p><i>You can donate to RNFBC by using the link on the website to CanadaHelps.org. If you donate through CanadaHelps, you will be able to print your tax receipt immediately!</i></p> <p>www.rnfbc.ca</p> 
RNFBC BOARD MEETING DATES	WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE
<p>Board meetings Monday, March 23, 2009 Monday, May 11, 2009 Monday, September 14, 2009 Monday, November 9, 2009</p> <p>Annual Meeting Monday, June 15, 2009</p> <p>30th Anniversary Gala Event October 2009, date and time TBA</p>	<p>Some ways you can help</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Become a member and renew your membership each year <input type="checkbox"/> Let others know about RNFBC and encourage others to become members <input type="checkbox"/> Make a donation to RNFBC (Please see page 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Ask about volunteering for our events

REGISTERED NURSES FOUNDATION OF B.C.
2008 Award Winners
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<p>BC Occupational Health Nurses Professional Practice Group Bursary, \$707 Gardezy, Simone Sophia, BCIT</p> <p>Beverly Douglas Memorial Bursary, \$1190 each Crombie, Jody Lea, UVIC Jonzon, Kirsten Laine, UBC</p> <p>Carol Winter Memorial Bursary, \$1164 Wigglesworth-Fafard, Rhonda, Athabasca University</p> <p>Challenge Bursary, \$886 Paul-Jost, Shannon Lois Darlene, UBC</p> <p>Children and Women's Health Centre of BC Bursary, \$800 each Matheson, Lorraine (Lori), Douglas College</p> <p>Clarice Lee, Kathleen Ure & Wesley Bell Memorial Bursary, \$865 each Belton, Katley Mayumi, University of the Fraser Valley Gatto, Jayme Lorene, UVIC - Selkirk College</p> <p>Dorothy Kergin Bursary, \$903 Cherney, Jenna Lynn, UVIC</p> <p>Elgin and Vivian Lockridge Bursary, \$1591 each Barnard, Tanya M, UVIC de Hrusoczy-Wirth, Denise A., UVIC Folk, Kristy Lee Patricia, UBC - Okanagan Khan, Shazeen Zabeen, UBC Schricker, Louise Anne, BCIT White, Diana Leigh, UVIC</p> <p>Esther Paulson and Sylvia Code Memorial Bursary, \$1021 Vapenik, Jacqueline Anna, Athabasca University</p> <p>Frederick & Elizabeth Willett Registered Nurses Foundation Bursary, \$1000 each Amstrup, Caitlin Elizabeth, Thompson Rivers University Blouin, Catherine Ginette, Vancouver Island University Cermel, Erica Louise, College of New Caledonia Crowe, Sarah Jayne, Athabasca University de Bruin, Nathene, Kwantlen Polytechnic University Donaldson, Deanna Leigh, UVIC - Selkirk College Dykstra, Emily I., UBC - Okanagan</p>	<p>Faber, Elizabeth Diane, Vancouver Island University Fitterer, Nicholas, UVIC French, Bradley Arthur, Thompson Rivers University Giese, Joshua A, Camosun College Gill, Amarpreet Kaur, UBC Harding, Jillian Tara, UBC Hawkes, Brittany Jacelyn Jay, Camosun College Hermiston, Kirsten Amy, Langara College Jeskova, Emilia, BCIT Jorgensen, Kirsten Britt, UBC Kennedy, Cheralynne Marie, Selkirk College Krafczyk, Andrea Karlee, UNBC Lamb, Tara E., BCIT Lewis, Ashleigh Lynn, North Island College Macdonald, Jessica Jean, UBC - Okanagan McTavish, Thomas, Selkirk College Moniz, Noella Margaret, Langara College Nichols, Jessica Anne, UNBC Pater, Christina Anne, Trinity Western University Schindler, Jessica Anne, Thompson Rivers University Stanton-Collins, Alicia Renee, UBC Okanagan Walker, Natasha Ann, Langara College Wolfe, Kelsey Janine, Langara College Wright, Sarah Jane, North West Community College</p> <p>Gordon J. Murphy Memorial Bursary, \$992 Lambert, Leah Kimberley, UBC</p> <p>Helen Margaret King Memorial Bursary, \$1203 each Dahlke, Sherry Ann, UBC Grant, Lyle G., UBC Hunter, Heather Janice, UBC Tilley, Carla M., UVIC Vaughan, Jody Lyn, BCIT</p> <p>Kenneth Clark and Ellen Woolfitt Bursary, \$995 Vinette, Natalie Michelle, UVIC</p> <p>Mary Sutherland Bursary, \$1054 each Foat, Melissa E., Camosun College Kurucz, Susan Marjorie, UVIC Lowry, Allison Elizabeth, Douglas College Martin, Gail A, Camosun College Tomczyk, Sylwia, Kwantlen Polytechnic University Upright, Christine Margaret, UVIC</p>
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<p>Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Bursary (with support from Mount St. Joseph Hospital Foundation) and Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception Bursary, \$977 each Le, Thuy, UVIC Mitchell, Amanda Jane, UVIC</p> <p>Monica Green Bursary, \$1091 each Dizdarevic, Amra, UBC Hanlon, Elaine Susan Mary, UBC Pikksalu, Kristina Lee, UVIC</p> <p>Research Bursary, \$800 Tang, May On Ting, UBC</p> <p>RNABC Nursing Education Bursary, \$1111 each Alderliesten, Esther Mina, BCIT Bland, Clea Moselle, UBC Boudreau, Terri Lyn, UBC - Okanagan Hamilton, Senz Cecelia Mary, Camosun College Jones, Kimberly Nicole, UBC - Okanagan Newton, Lorelei Joyce, UVIC Ozarko, Erin Kathleen, UBC Ward, Erin, UVIC Weatherbee, Sarah Faith, UNBC</p> <p>Royal Jubilee School of Nursing Alumnae Bursary, \$803 each Hobson, Cheryl A., UVIC ter Mors, Rachel Elizabeth, Camosun College</p> <p>Sinn-Archibald Memorial Bursary, \$922 Wiebe, Claire Frances, North West Community College</p> <p>South Fraser Chapter Bursary, \$800 Dy, Christine May, Camosun College</p> <p>St. Joseph's School of Nursing (Victoria, BC) Alumnae Bursary, \$933 each Griffin, Shannon E.J., UVIC Shipway, Kirsten Lilla, UVIC</p> <p>Sylvia J. Holmes Bursary, \$862 each Croft, Rhonda Kathleen, UBC - Okanagan Richert, Tessa Marie, UBC</p> <p>Val Dyck Memorial Bursary, \$400 Kotak, Kunal Navin, College of New Caledonia</p> <p>Vancouver General Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Bursary, \$1115 each Bain, Kristina Alexandria, UVIC</p>	<p>Ferreira, Barbara, UBC Gibson, Deborah Ann, UBC Hobbs, Rhodina Marie, UBC Okanagan Latimer, Amy Rebecca, UVIC Lee, Margaret M Peggy, UVIC Marsden, Catherine Ivy, UVIC Mayer, Debra A, UVIC Purcha, Jill Arden, Kwantlen Polytechnic University Raphael, Hannah Lara, UBC Stilwell, Kimberlee Ruth, UVIC</p> <p>Vivian Grantham Memorial Bursary, \$800 Fieldhouse, Andrea Corinne, UBC</p> <p>Xi Eta Chapter Bursary, \$800 Clark, William Bradley, Thompson Rivers University</p> <p>Yvonne Andrews Memorial Bursary, \$1233 Prescott, Andrea M.L., UVIC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Congratulations to all the 2008 RNFBC Bursary Recipients!</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
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FREDERICK & ELIZABETH WILLETT REGISTERED NURSES FOUNDATION BURSARY

This is the largest bursary administered by RNFBC thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Elizabeth Willett whose bequest established a bursary in the name of her late husband Frederick and herself to enable student nurses to attend any school of nursing in BC. First awarded in 2003, this bursary is awarded to 30 nurses in basic and post-basic studies annually. It is also used to “top-up” smaller bursaries. Debra Thomas, Executive Trust Officer at TD Waterhouse, knew Mrs Willett well and was able to tell us more about her:

Elizabeth (Irish) Willett was born in Ireland and trained as a care aid – she did not have the financial resources to become a nurse. She went to England and found work in a psychiatric hospital. She met her Canadian husband Fred during the war. After a very short courtship, they married and Fred brought "Irish" home to Vancouver as a war bride. Irish could not work as a nurse because her training was not recognized but she did work at VGH and subsequently worked for "invalids" in their homes – including the wife of one of the doctors at VGH. She eventually looked after their children who maintained their relationship with Irish until her death. Irish wanted to help others who, like her, are unable to afford the costs of education and she specifically wanted to provide monies for those who sought to become registered nurses.

Deanna Donaldson, BSN, Selkirk College/University of Victoria – Statement of Goals



As a fourth year nursing student, I am excited to be nearing the end of my formal education and to fulfilling a long-time desire to become a registered nurse. At this time, many aspects of nursing interest me. However, my passion seems to be moving toward working with marginalized populations and community nursing. A successful practicum assignment last year gave me the opportunity of working in an outreach capacity with the homeless on the streets of Nelson. This resulted in a new placement for future nursing students to work with this population. In continuation of my efforts, I am currently working on a project to initiate a position within the community for nurses in collaboration with community agencies and local health authority. It is my hope that this will provide better access to healthcare for marginalized individuals and families and in turn an overall healthier community.

Sarah Crowe, RN, Master of Nursing, University of Athabasca– Statement of Goals



I would like to obtain the skills needed to become an effective leader and a positive change agent for the profession of nursing. My specific interests and aspirations are to become a nurse practitioner and to work in an environment that serves women's health needs. I believe that women experience health and illness differently from men and need health care providers that have an understanding of that. I would specifically like to create a clinic that would help empower women (especially those who are marginalized) over their own health and to create a safe, positive environment where they feel safe asking questions and having their concerns met. A few areas that I am especially passionate about: providing culturally sensitive healthcare, health promotion and prevention, and palliative care with a female focus.

Armapreet (Amy) Kaur Gill, Post-RN/BSN, UBC – Thank-You Letter

I am currently registered in the Post RN-BSN program at UBC and this is my last semester as I complete my BSN. I am also helping my younger sibling with financing his post-secondary education. As we come from a single-parent family, I was not sure if I would be able to continue my own education. So I had a very hard decision to make whether to fund his semester at Douglas College or my own last semester. Education is important for both of us and we both deserved it. Not only has your bursary helped me finance my own education, but I also feel honoured to be recognized for the hard work I put into my studies.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE

BEING A GENERAL MEMBER...

Joining the RNFBC as a general member is your opportunity to make a contribution to the nursing profession. Student nurses need your support with the high cost of nursing education. The nurse shortage and the crisis in health care require involvement at all levels. Joining RNFBC is one concrete way you can make a difference. You can download a membership application at **www.rnfbc.ca**.

BECOMING A BOARD MEMBER ...

Are you looking for a way to contribute and enjoy working with an interesting and dynamic group of people? Become a Director of RNFBC! The Directors are nurses and members of the public from a variety of backgrounds who support the educational endeavors of student nurses. Becoming a board member offers you the opportunity to support the nursing profession and network with nursing and other leaders. RNFBC Directors meet five to six times a year. Call Linda von Tettenborn, Chair of the Nominations Committee, at 604-534-5582 if you are interested.

BECOMING A RNFBC PATRON ...

Please call Jo Pleshakov, Administrative Officer 604-739-1944 if you are interested in supporting the RNFBC as a Patron. Becoming a Patron includes an initial \$500.00 donation to the RNFBC and then a commitment of \$100.00 annually to RNFBC.

DONATION TO RNFBC

Yes, I would like to donate to the Registered Nurses Foundation as follows:

\$25.00 \$50.00 \$100.00 \$250.00 \$500.00 Other \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Tel: _____ Email: _____

My cheque is enclosed (Please make cheque payable to RNFBC)

Please charge my VISA \$ _____ MasterCard \$ _____

Credit Card Number _____ Expiry Date: _____

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Please mail your donation to: Registered Nurses Foundation of BC, P.O. Box 33957, Station D, Vancouver, BC V6J 4L7. Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$50.00 or more.