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IFN Mission is to preserve the heritage, principles, values, and practices of our healing profession through the support of scholarship, education, and research.

IFN Vision is to engender the spirit of giving to nurture the soul of nursing now and for future generations.

The first few months of 2025 have been incredibly productive for the IFN and its committees. During our March 2025 meeting, Timothy Marks, DNP, MBA, RN, NEA-BC, CEN, was appointed to fill the vacant NJSNA seat on the IFN Board of Trustees. We are excited to welcome Tim aboard and eagerly anticipate his valuable contributions to advancing our mission.

The Scholarship Committee diligently reviewed over thirty applications and was delighted to award more than \$15,000 to this year's deserving scholarship recipients. The C.A.R.E.S. Committee had the privilege of reviewing nominations for more than 40 outstanding nurses, recognizing their achievements in clinical practice, administration, research, education, and support.

The C.A.R.E.S. Gala was a joyous celebration honoring both the C.A.R.E.S. Awards and scholarship recipients. We were especially thrilled to induct Mary Germain into the Institute for Nursing's Roll of Honor, recognizing her remarkable career and invaluable contributions to the NJSNA. Additionally, Dely Go was

formally recognized as a Trustee Emerita for the Institute for Nursing Board, a testament to her long-standing dedication to the IFN and its mission.

I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Board of Trustees and its committees. Their unwavering dedication to the IFN and its mission is truly invaluable.

Thank you, Donors!

We are deeply grateful to our donors for their dedication to the Institute for Nursing. Their generosity enables us to fulfill our mission and advance our goals. Since June 2024, we have received over \$6,700 in donations—an incredible testament to the support and commitment of our community.

Honor a Nurse

Honor and celebrate a nurse today with a donation to the Institute for Nursing! Your generous gift makes a meaningful impact, helping the IFN continue its vital work in supporting the nursing profession. Every contribution, whether one-time, monthly, quarterly, or annual, plays a crucial role in advancing our mission.

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Donor	Gift	Recognition
Anonymous	\$51.40	In honor of Marianna McKenna Bodi
Timothy Marks, DNP, MBA, RN, NEA-BC, CEN	\$200.00	To support the mission
Total Donations June 2024 to Present	\$6,706.75	



Scholarships

Since 1989, the Institute for Nursing has awarded over \$500,000 in scholarships, empowering the next generation of nurses. These scholarships support students across a wide range of nursing programs, from undergraduate and graduate studies to LPNs advancing their careers by becoming RNs.

The IFN NJ Devils Nurse's Night

The Institute for Nursing had an unforgettable Nurses Night at the Prudential Center on March 20, 2025, cheering on the NJ Devils as they faced off against the Calgary Flames. Though the Devils didn't take home the win, the energy and excitement of the night was palpable!

Throughout the evening, NJSNA and IFN were recognized in multiple ways. I had the incredible opportunity to ride the Zamboni between warmups and puck drop—an exhilarating experience! The IFN was also honored during the game, with a group of nurses representing NJSNA and IFN featured on the Jumbotron between the first and second periods. To top it off, we gathered for a large group photo at center ice after the game, capturing the spirit of the night.

In addition to enjoying the game, we hosted a table in the concourse, engaging with nurses and attendees to raise awareness about NJSNA and IFN. It was a fantastic evening, and we're already looking forward to next year's event!



CARES Awards Gala

The C.A.R.E.S. Awards Gala took place on April 10th at the Pines Manor in Edison, NJ, celebrating excellence in nursing and honoring outstanding nurses selected by their peers. These exceptional individuals were recognized for their achievements in five key areas: clinical practice, administration, research, education, and support.

We were honored to welcome Mary Germain into the Institute for Nursing's Roll of Honor, celebrating her outstanding career and significant contributions to the NJSNA. Likewise, Dely Go was officially recognized as a Trustee Emerita for the Institute for Nursing Board, a well-deserved tribute to her enduring commitment to the IFN and its mission.

On behalf of the IFN, we sincerely appreciate everyone who contributed to this event, especially those who took the time to nominate a nurse who exemplifies excellence in their field.

The evening also highlighted the incredible achievements of our scholarship recipients, with more than \$15,000 awarded to support the future of nursing. It was a truly inspiring night dedicated to recognizing and uplifting the nursing community!

50/50 Caring and Sharing Raffle

We are excited for the 50/50 Caring and Sharing Raffle drawing on May 20, 2025, at NJSNA Headquarters. We look forward to celebrating the winner!



IFN Label Old York Cellars Winery and Vineyard

Indulge in delicious wine from the Old York Cellars Winery collection, now featuring updated IFN designer wine labels. With every bottle of Old York Cellars Wine adorned with our label, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to IFN! For more details and to make your purchase, visit Old York Cellars Winery and Vineyards. Your support is deeply appreciated! <https://shop.oldyorkcellars.com/Institute-For-Nursing>

A sincere and heartfelt thank you to the IFN Board of Trustees, the IFN Fundraising Committee, and its dedicated Chair, Jackie Owens. I also wish to express my deep gratitude to the IFN Scholarship Committee, the IFN Award Selection Committee, and all the NJSNA/IFN staff, whose unwavering dedication plays a vital role in the ongoing success of this organization. ■

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