

Closing Remarks

As we turn the page to a new year at NJSNA, we do so with confidence in our strong leadership at both the state and regional levels. Our association is fortunate to have a dedicated and highly capable staff, complemented by committee heads who are ready to guide our organization's direction and ensure that our mission remains at the forefront of all we do.

Throughout this year, our collective efforts will focus on amplifying, advocat-

ing for, and advancing the nursing voice in New Jersey. With determination and unity, we will continue to elevate our profession and make meaningful progress on behalf of our members and the communities we serve.

Let me thank all those that made this lovely event possible- Judy Schmidt, Nina Raoji, Tyea Santiago, Lisa Golini, and Jennifer Chanti. I thank past presidents, current and past board members and other association leaders for their amazing dedication and service. My gratitude also

goes to the Chair of the Institute for Nursing, Kristin Sagedy, and the members of the foundation's Board of Trustees. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all those installed on this special occasion and eagerly anticipate working side by side with you. Together, we will celebrate 125 years of the NJSNA and build upon the legacy that has been established by generations of dedicated nurses. ■

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NJSNA President-Elect and Chair, Institute for Nursing

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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.

In December, I traveled with our President, Peggy, and CEO, Judy, to Arlington, VA to attend the ANA Leadership Summit. We participated in professional development sessions, listened to speakers, networked, and brainstormed some ideas to bring back to NJSNA.

In January, the ANA launched its year of celebrating 130 years with the slogan, *The Power of Nurses*. We, too, are celebrating an anniversary this year. NJSNA is 125 years strong! As I reflect on the many meanings of *The Power of Nurses*, I am struck by the way we nurses have the power to effect change. We do this in myriad locations, from bedside to boardroom. The changes we are empowered

to make may affect one person at a time and may affect a community.

The Institute for Nursing leverages your power with every donation you make. Whether you participate in a fundraiser or make a direct donation, you are affecting change for a nurse as well as enabling the IFN to fulfill our mission and advance our goals. The funds we raise are distributed to nurses to pursue education, fund research, and recognize excellence in our profession. I am deeply grateful for your commitment to nursing and to using your *Power* to affect changes. The nurses who benefit from your generosity are equally grateful.

Together, you and the Institute for

Nursing are using your *Power* to effect change for the nurses of NJ. Bravo!

Thank you, Donors!

Without the generosity and involvement of our members, the essential work of the Institute for Nursing cannot continue.

Your contribution directly fuels programs that strengthen nursing practice and prepare the next generation of nurse leaders.

Together, we can ensure that nursing in New Jersey continues to thrive. Support the Institute for Nursing today — because when we invest in nurses, we invest in the future of healthcare.

Donor	Gift	Recognition
Teri Wurmser	\$2,000.00	
Alison Skoff	\$50.00	Maryellen McHale
Nicky & Nick Notaroberto	\$25.00	On behalf of Theodore Connors First Birthday (from the daughter of a wonderful RN)
Alyssa Tacopino	\$25.00	On behalf of Theo Connors and in honor of Judy Surko
Total Donations June 1, 2025 to December 25, 2025	\$3,450.00	

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- Old York Winery
- IFN Shoppe
- Caring & Sharing 50/50 Raffle
- Directed Donations

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Honor and celebrate a nurse today with a donation to the Institute for Nursing! Donations are always welcome online and can be made in honor of a loved one, to celebrate a special occasion, or with a personal intention. You may choose to be recognized for your gift or remain anonymous, according to your preference. Every contribution, whether one-time, monthly, quarterly, or annual, plays a crucial role in advancing our mission. Thank you for thinking of us and supporting the nursing profession.

50/50 Caring and Sharing Raffle

50/50 ticket sales are well underway. The 50/50 Caring and Sharing Raffle is the largest annual fundraiser for the Institute for Nursing. Monies raised help us to advance the mission of the IFN. Please scan the code to purchase tickets online. The winning ticket will be drawn on Tuesday, May 19.

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 our website. Your support is deeply appreciated!

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With sincere appreciation, I extend my thanks to the IFN Board of Trustees, the IFN Fundraising Committee, and its passionate Chair, Jackie Owens, for their outstanding leadership and commitment. I am equally grateful to the NJSNA/IFN staff, whose dedication and hard work make our shared success possible.

I am excited to see what *The Power of Nurses in Nj* can do! ■

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