



# The Foundation of the National Student Nurses Association

In Memory of Frances Tompkins

## Hurricane Response

### Hurricane Nursing School/Student Relief Fund Established

In September, two hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico changed many lives, destroying towns and cities, and changing the outlook of many people. The lives of many nursing students have been interrupted by the destruction of nursing schools, as well as personal losses. There are also rays of hope amidst the darkness of devastation—and your support can foster hope for the nursing schools and students impacted by this natural disaster. Email messages from students who lost their homes, their schools, and family members, stimulated the creation of the Foundation of the National Student Nurses Association (FNSNA) Hurricane Nursing School/Student Relief Fund.

Funds contributed to the FNSNA Hurricane Nursing School/Student Relief Fund will help to rebuild nursing labs and libraries destroyed by the hurricane, and will assist nursing students to purchase books, uniforms, nursing shoes, and other items they need for their nursing education. Your generosity can help to bring much needed relief to nursing schools and nursing students.

NSNA chapters are invited to help by sponsoring fund-raising events and activities at their schools. State chapters are encouraged to collect funds during their annual conventions. Everyone is invited to make an individual contribution. Please go to [www.nсна.org](http://www.nсна.org) and click on Foundation to download a contribution form and to check for Hurricane Fund updates. Or, you may call FNSNA at (718) 210-0705 or write to us at [nsna@nsna.org](mailto:nsna@nsna.org). Thank you for your caring and compassion.

## TOUCHlives Nursing Awareness Bracelet

Medical Staffing Network (NYSE:MRN), one of the largest supplemental nurse staffing companies in the country, and the Foundation National Student Nurses Association (FNSNA), have partnered to distribute the TOUCHlives Nursing Awareness bracelet. Created by Medical Staffing Network to raise awareness and appreciation for America's nurses, the bracelet's proceeds will go to FNSNA to raise money for its undergraduate scholarships.

The TOUCHlives bracelet was originally made for distribution during Nurses Week 2005, but Medical Staffing Network wanted to continue to use it to benefit nursing education. Because it strongly supports the values and mission of FNSNA, it has found an ideal partner in the FNSNA, which awards scholarships to qualified nursing students.

When Medical Staffing Network introduced the TOUCHlives bracelet, its president and COO, Kevin S. Little, commented: "There are many serious issues that face our nurses today. And yet, nurses remain agents of change and committed to their profession in a way that is inspiring to us. As a company founded by nurses, managed by nurses and working for nursing, we want to do our part to continue to support and bring focus to the important role they play."

To that end, the company hopes that nurses, nursing students, and their families will wear the bracelets to recognize and acknowledge the nursing profession.

TOUCHlives bracelets will be on sale at NSNA's 23rd Annual MidYear Conference in Louisville, KY and online at [www.nсна.org/foundation](http://www.nсна.org/foundation). Each bracelet costs \$3.00 or can be bought in packages of 25 for \$ 25.00.

Medical Staffing Network's clients include over 7,000 healthcare facilities, including leading for-profit and not-for-profit hospitals, teaching hospitals, and regional healthcare providers. It maintains a list of over 31,000 active professionals in its databases ready to place on temporary assignment in healthcare facilities.

For information on this or any other question relating to FNSNA, please call (718) 210-0705. To obtain scholarship applications, go to [www.nсна.org](http://www.nсна.org) and click on Foundation, or send a self-addressed envelope with 83 cents postage to:

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