

PRESS RELEASE

FNSNA Establishes Hurricane Nursing School/Student Relief Fund

In response to messages from students who lost their homes, schools, and in some cases, family members, the Foundation of the National Student Nurses Association (FNSNA) has created the FNSNA Hurricane Nursing School/Student Relief Fund. The Fund will help to rebuild nursing labs and libraries destroyed by the hurricanes, and will assist nursing students to purchase books, uniforms, nursing shoes, and other items they need to continue their nursing education.

The two hurricanes that swept the Gulf of Mexico in September changed many lives, destroying towns and cities, and changing the outlook of many people. The lives of many nursing students in the Gulf region were also interrupted by the destruction of nursing schools, as well as personal losses. There are rays of hope amidst the darkness of devastation as nursing students from across the region volunteer at evacuation shelters sharing their skills and compassion, and schools open their doors to take in some of the many displaced students and faculty. In an effort to contribute to these relief efforts, donations to the FNSNA Hurricane Nursing School/Student Relief Fund will be given to schools impacted by the devastation for distribution to students and/or for use to restore libraries and clinical nursing labs.

Everyone is invited to make an individual contribution. 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. Please go to www.nsna.org and click on Foundation to download a contribution form and to check for Hurricane Fund updates. Call FNSNA at (718) 210-0705 or write to nsna@nsna.org for more information.

The FNSNA was created in 1969 to honor Frances Tompkins, the Association's first Executive Director. The Foundation is organized as a 501 (C) (3) charitable foundation and contributions are tax deductible.