

# Supporting Nurses Through Philanthropy: A Message from MaryLee Pakieser, ANA-Michigan Foundation

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"I think one's feelings waste themselves in words; they ought all to be distilled into actions and into actions which bring results." — Florence Nightingale

This quote by Florence Nightingale resonates deeply with anyone who has ever reflected on the support they've received throughout their nursing education and career. Most likely, everyone reading this can recall a person or resource that made a difference along the way. The ANA-Michigan Foundation is dedicated to being that source of support, helping nurses achieve their educational and professional goals.

In today's challenging healthcare environment, we hear countless stories of nurses facing burnout due to overwhelming workloads. Others are unable to complete their studies due to the financial burden of education. As a profession, we find ourselves at a crossroads, and it is more important than ever to invest in the future of nursing.

Philanthropic giving plays a vital role in sustaining and advancing nursing. Contributions to the ANA-Michigan Foundation help fund scholarships for both aspiring and practicing nurses and sup-

port research initiatives that improve healthcare outcomes. These investments directly impact the quality of care patients receive and strengthen the nursing profession as a whole.

Beyond education and research, philanthropic contributions foster a sense of community and support among nurses. Donations can help create resources for innovative health programs, leadership development workshops, and networking opportunities—all essential elements for nurturing resilient and empowered nursing professionals.

By supporting the ANA-Michigan Foundation, donors play a pivotal role in shaping the future of healthcare. Their generosity uplifts the nursing profession and ensures that patients continue to receive compassionate, competent, and innovative care.

Your gift to the [ANA-Michigan Foundation](#) makes a meaningful difference. Together, we can empower nurses to reach their full potential and advance the health of our communities. So do as Flo said put your action (\$ donation) into helping nursing colleagues. ■



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- World Health Organization
- National Governors Association
- and Federal Trade Commission

Who are APRNs? APRNs—nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, certified registered nurse anesthetists, and clinical nurse specialists—are prepared at the master's or doctoral level. They serve in all settings and areas, including rural and underserved communities.

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