

VISITING NURSES FOUNDATION

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Visiting Nurses Foundation Community,

As we step into 2025, I am thrilled to reflect on the incredible milestones of 2024 and share our exciting vision for the year ahead.

Our partnership with Assured Hospice continues to play a vital role in fulfilling our mission. In 2025, the **Comfort Therapy Grant has grown to \$132,000**, enabling us to provide essential comfort therapies to hospice patients. Since 2023, we have increased this grant from \$108,000, demonstrating our unwavering dedication to expanding support for Home Health and Hospice patients and their families. Last year, this grant supported **1,042 site visits across eight counties** in Washington State—a growth of 100 visits from the previous year.

In 2024, the 'Round Up at the Register' program in our thrift stores achieved another remarkable year, **raising \$20,517.97**. These funds allowed us to expand our Medical Equipment Bank offerings significantly. Today, over 2,500 pieces of equipment are in use throughout Lewis and Thurston County. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our thrift store patrons—your support makes this impact possible.

We remain dedicated to fostering the next generation of caregivers. In 2025, we're committed to awarding **another \$25,000 in scholarships** to deserving local students. Applications are now open online at: visitingnursesfoundation.org/scholarships.

In addition to our scholarships, we are thrilled to expand our grant opportunities. For 2025, **over \$20,000 is available in respite grants** to help cover private pay respite care or days not covered by Medicare, Medicaid. Additionally, **more than \$20,000 is available for individual grants** to assist with medical equipment not offered in our medical banks, living costs, and more.

Applications for these grants are also available online at:

visitingnursesfoundation.org/grant-application

Our partnership with the Pet Peace of Mind program continues to flourish, underscoring the critical role pets play in the caregiving journey. This initiative supports the well-being of patients and their beloved animals. You can contribute to this program by donating pet supplies at our thrift stores or online at:

visitingnursesfoundation.org/support-us.

As we move into 2025, we are focused on supporting not only patients but their families and caregivers as well. **Together, we provide comfort, care, and quality to everyone** touched by our mission. Your unwavering support fuels the heart of Visiting Nurses Foundation, allowing us to introduce impactful new programs and resources for families navigating the hospice journey.

Thank you for being an integral part of our success. Together, we continue to make a profound difference in the lives of so many.

With Gratitude,

Jacki Jewell

