

# VISITING NURSES FOUNDATION

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friend and Supporters,

As I reflect on our journey at the Visiting Nurses Foundation, I am continually amazed by the unwavering support of our community. It's your generosity that has powered our mission and allowed us to reach new heights in our programs and services we provide to our community.

### Celebrating Record-Breaking Success: Our Annual Golf Tournament

We are overjoyed by the amount of support that we received at our 25th annual golf tournament. Through sponsorships and our raffle, we raised a **record-breaking \$73,000!** We cannot thank our sponsors, raffle item donors, and raffle ticket buyers enough. Your commitment and enthusiasm for this event made this milestone possible. These funds will significantly impact our ability to grow our Comfort Therapy Grant we award to Assured Hospice annually. Our 1st Comfort Therapy Grant began in 2002 at \$600. Since then we have been able to grow that grant to over \$100,000. This accomplishment is because of our generous community and the continued success of our golf tournament.

### Introducing the Respite Gala: Empowering Caregivers and Families

I'm excited to introduce our newest endeavor, our **Road to Respite Gala**. We understand that the caregiving journey and Road to Respite is unique and extremely personal for each patient and family. The Visiting Nurses Foundation is here to fill in the gaps of care and provide relief and support to match those unique journeys.

Family caregivers often carry the weight of the world on their shoulders, and our goal is to lighten that load. There are over **53 million family caregivers in the United States, and 86% receive no respite**. Your support is essential to launch this new program. Respite allows caregivers and families the opportunity to find solace, a moment to breathe, and strength to continue in their caregiving journey.

This event is more than just a gathering; it's a beacon of hope for caregivers and families in our community. Our focus is on respite care, a crucial program that provides much-needed support and relief to those caring for loved ones.

### Scrub Hub: Supporting Future Healthcare Professionals

Our commitment to supporting healthcare extends to the future as well. Our Scrub Hub program, in partnership with Centralia College, offers a helping hand to nursing students pursuing their dreams. At our thrift stores, these dedicated **students can access free scrubs**. This initiative not only equips the next generation of healthcare professionals but also exemplifies our community's spirit of support and unity.

Your contributions have the power to change lives, enhance our outreach, and secure a brighter future for our caregivers, families, and the healthcare professionals of tomorrow.

### Join Us on Our Journey

The Visiting Nurses Foundation is more than a non-profit organization; it's a community of compassionate individuals like you, dedicated to making a difference. **I invite you to join us in this journey of care, support, and empowerment.**

As we forge ahead, we are dedicated to strengthening the core pillars of our foundation, expanding our offerings, and making a lasting impact on our community. Together, we can achieve remarkable things.

### Your Support Matters

This message carries with it a heartfelt appeal. As we celebrate our successes and introduce new initiatives, **we need your support now more than ever**. Your contributions, whether large or small, are invaluable in fueling our mission and making a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve.

Thank you for being an integral part of our mission, and for your ongoing support.

Warm regards,

*Jacki Jewell*

Executive Director  
Visiting Nurses Foundation



**THE MISSION OF THE VISITING NURSES FOUNDATION IS TO  
CREATE FUNDING FOR EDUCATION AND ASSISTANCE OF HOME  
HEALTH AND HOSPICE PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.**