

# EMBRACING EXCELLENCE

# REACH HIGHER!

Yes, I would like to support the RPNF embrace  
excellence and reach higher

Registered Psychiatric Nurses have been important members of Manitoba's mental healthcare system for half a century. The profession was first granted self-governing status by legislation in 1960. Since that time the profession has grown and psychiatric nursing education programs have expanded to include undergraduate, post-diploma and soon, masters level programs.

The Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Foundation Inc. (RPNF) was incorporated as a registered charity in 1993, and the first bursary was awarded in 1997.

The RPNF was created to enhance psychiatric nursing education, practice and research, to help RPNs and psychiatric nursing students to further their education in the profession, and to honour some of the leaders in the field. The Foundation raises funds to help Registered Psychiatric Nurses and psychiatric nursing students to pursue or continue their education, which in turn helps to promote the profession as it continues to grow. With your support the RPNF can help psychiatric nurses and psychiatric nursing students to reach higher.

Scholarship applications are received until January 15th each year. Applications can be obtained by emailing [rpnf@crpnm.mb.ca](mailto:rpnf@crpnm.mb.ca) or by calling 204-888-4841.

There are several ways you can help the Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Foundation Inc. to reach higher and support excellence through education.

- You can make a personal one-time donation, designate a bequest to the RPNF in your will, or make the RPNF a beneficiary of your life insurance policy.
- You can recognize and honour colleagues, relatives or friends through an in Memoriam gift, or an Appreciation gift or a Corporate gift as part of your business's charitable giving program.
- You can support the RPNF through the Husky/Mohawk Rebate Program by making purchases at Husky or Mohawk gas stations or Husky House Restaurants.
- You can donate through the CRPNM debit plan with regular deductions each month.
- You can donate to the RPNF through the All Charities campaign at your workplace.

For more information about any of these options, you can reach the RPNF by e-mail at [rpnf@crpnm.mb.ca](mailto:rpnf@crpnm.mb.ca)

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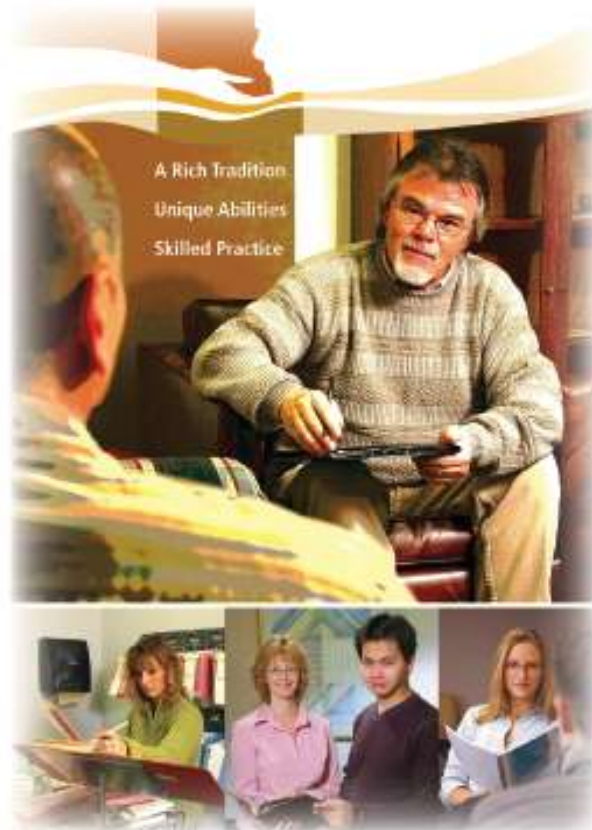


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## RPNS - IMPROVING MENTAL HEALTH CARE

## SCHOLARSHIPS PROMOTE OUR FUTURE, AND HONOUR OUR LEADERS

For the past 50 years, the role of Registered Psychiatric Nurses (RPNs) in Manitoba has steadily expanded. Hundreds of RPNs work in hospitals, long-term treatment facilities, clinics, schools, youth centres, suicide prevention programs, crisis teams and other services. They are employed as staff psychiatric nurses, community mental health workers, addiction counsellors, therapists, case managers and consultants throughout the province.



Your donation to the Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Foundation Inc. helps us fund our scholarship program for current and future RPNs. These scholarships support psychiatric nurses and psychiatric nursing students who will lead the profession into the future.



"This award was of great assistance in funding my second year of studies and allowing me to complete the program on a full-time basis. During my second year, I had the opportunity to complete three clinical placements, including Geriatrics, Acute-medical and Acquired Brain Injury. They were all excellent and rich learning placements, and provided the opportunity to apply the academic theory into practice."

JAYDA SOSNOWICZ



"The award showed me that I was going into a professional field that showed pride and recognition in the hard work of its members."

SARA LYNN WIKSTROM



"The award was more than money. The recognition built on my confidence. It made me feel a part of something larger than myself."

ANDREA THOMSON



"I sincerely appreciated the financial assistance received from the Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Foundation not only for the actual tuition dollars, but also for what it represented. I felt that fellow RPN's and supporting donors were providing moral support and encouragement as we worked to accomplish the next goal in our academic and professional life."

BEV GRADIDGE

The awards administered by the RPNF recognize some of the many RPNs who lead the way for the profession:

**The Alf Barnett Scholarship**, awarded to an RPN who is pursuing graduate studies, honours the first president of what is now the College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Manitoba (CRPNM).

**The John Kellie Scholarship**, granted to an RPN or psychiatric nurse who is eligible for registration with the CRPNM and accepted into a post diploma baccalaureate degree, pays tribute to the man who helped develop the first Standards of Psychiatric Nursing Practice in Canada and Standards for Approval of Psychiatric Nursing Education Programs in Manitoba.

**The Kay Armstrong Scholarship**, awarded to a psychiatric nursing student enrolled in a baccalaureate program in Manitoba, celebrates one of the leaders who advocated for university based education for psychiatric nurses.

**The Marlene Fitzsimmons Scholarship**, granted to an RPN enrolled in a related certificate program or presenting at a relevant conference, honours a long-time supporter and visionary leader of the profession and the founding president of the RPNF.