



REGISTERED PSYCHIATRIC NURSES'  
FOUNDATION INC.

**REPORT TO THE 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
May 11, 2017**

The Foundation has two main activities: allocating Scholarships to qualified applicants and giving out Awards of Excellence in Psychiatric Nursing Practice. Both of these activities support the ongoing growth and development of the profession of Psychiatric Nursing. Both activities also require funds.

In 2016, the RPNF allocated \$4,500.00 in scholarships, including the first allocation of the McCormick/Henry Scholarships for RPNs advancing their knowledge and skills in the area of mental health of older persons. Two graduate and three undergraduate scholarships were also allocated. There is both a provincial and a national scholarship committee, both of which are chaired by Dr. Beverley Hicks.

Our fundraising activities have been limited, mostly due to the person power that we have being already busy persons. Our Newsletter, however – as spearheaded by Darlene Henry – has become a regular feature on the website and on Facebook. The Newsletter is from 1 to 4 pages long and provides some news items about the profession as well as the RPNF. The longest edition is usually after the Awards presentations when there are write-ups about the recipients. Our presence on Facebook and on Twitter has become more regular.

We still have a serious challenge in having a strong mailing list. We sent out our first fundraising letters in late November but we could only send our letters to previous donors as we cannot access RPN contact information from anywhere but from those who have donated or signed up with the RPNF. Our goal is to have all correspondence done electronically to a much broader audience than we currently have. To that end, we have distributed informational bookmarks to all third and fourth year students in the baccalaureate psychiatric nursing program.

The RPNF board has determined that we are not in a position to take over the hosting of the former RPNC World Congress. Our volunteer resources are already strained and we therefore cannot sustain such a large activity. We are checking whether the receipt of a scholarship, especially the Marlene Fitzsimmons Scholarship which sponsors RPNs presenting at a national or international conference could potentially affect funding received from an employer.

Our very long-term goal is to become a stronger advocate for the profession of Psychiatric Nursing and to that end, we encourage ALL RPNs to sign up with the RPNF. Meanwhile, we ask for support for the Scholarship and the Awards programs. Donating through the CRPNM debit plan is still an excellent

option for all current, past and future RPNs. We have also started receiving a few more In Memoriam donations.

Our shorter term objectives are to increase our funds. One of the ways to do that is to have local fundraising events. Tanya Denys, Darlene Henry, Marlene Fitzsimmons Beverley Hicks organized and hosted a SudSpud event at Houston's in Brandon on April 21<sup>st</sup>. This was a successful event and will significantly help the fundraising goals for 2017.

Thank you to all the board and committee members of the RPNF . A special thank you to Laura Panteluk, John Schmidt, and Marigrace and Sherry of the CRPNM who continue to facilitate access to resources that the RPNF badly needs, especially through the bank debit plan and accounting services.

Here is a summary of the RPNF's financial position as audited. The full statements are available to any member of the public and should be available on the RPNF website [www.rpnf.ca](http://www.rpnf.ca) shortly.

**REGISTERED PSYCHIATRIC NURSES FOUNDTION INC.**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**December 31, 2016**

	2016	2015
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
<b>Bank</b>	\$ 13,459	\$ 12,351
<b>Marketable securities</b>	68,789	67,241
<b>Prepaid expenses</b>	<u>873</u>	<u>1,310</u>
	<b>\$ 83,121</b>	<b>\$ 80,902</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
<b>Accounts payable</b>	\$ 850	\$ 851
<b>Due to CRPNM</b>	<u>2,224</u>	<u>2,679</u>
	<u>\$ 3,074</u>	<u>\$ 3,530</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<u>80,047</u>	<u>77,372</u>
	<b>\$ 83,121</b>	<b>\$ 80,902</b>

Respectfully submitted,



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