Volunteers in support of nursing education

Friends of Nursing, a volunteer philanthropic group established in 1988, promotes excellence in Nursing Education at Boise State University. Friends of Nursing seeks your support to help provide for the faculty, facilities and scholarships needed to prepare the nurses you will need over the coming years.

The Need:
By 2016, Idaho will need 7500 more new nurses and Nursing Faculty to teach them.

The Challenge:
There are qualified nursing school applicants to meet the need, but…

BUT,
There aren’t enough Nursing Faculty to expand the current Nursing Programs in Idaho…

SO,
Qualified nursing school applicants are turned away each year.

The Issues:
Idaho and the Nation’s growing and aging population is driving the increased demand for more nurses.

If we don’t increase the number of new nurses, Idaho’s nursing workforce to care for our population will be:

20% BELOW the national average
Norco Building

In spring 2008, construction began on a new building partially funded with a lead gift from the Kissler Family Foundation and Norco, Inc. and matched by Saint Alphonsus, St. Luke’s Health System, Allen and Billie Dee Noble, the Estate of Jody DeMeyer and Ed and Shirley Bews. This building will provide new and greatly expanded facilities for both the Department of Nursing and University Health Services.

New Classrooms

The Norco Building is the new 81,000 square foot home to the Department of Nursing with classrooms, seminar rooms, practice labs and state-of-the-art simulation labs. It will also house a new University Health Services unit providing health care, wellness and counseling services for Boise State students.

New Practice and Simulation Labs

With clinical sites in the Treasure Valley at a premium and to maximize clinical learning capabilities for our students, simulation suites are the way of the future. Those designed for the Norco Building can be equipped to provide hands-on experiences for BSU nursing students and will be available for community use for training workshops for practicing clinicians.

If you are considering a donation and have questions, please contact:

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Providing Idaho’s Nurses

Your Support Assists Nursing Education

Students

Scholarships, Graduate Assistantships and Fellowships provide support to the recipient with funds to allow them to concentrate on their studies and to encourage them to complete their degrees --- both undergraduate and advanced.

Faculty

Doctoral education funding provides the support necessary to allow BSU nursing faculty to complete their doctorates. Professorships are a means of honoring and attracting to the University outstanding faculty who are essential to a metropolitan research university of distinction. Endowed Chairs are the most prestigious designation that can be bestowed on a faculty member. And endowed chair confers its holder with additional funds for research and graduate student support.

Building and Programs

Cutting edge Research helps inform practice. What kind of health care would we have if we did not have practitioners studying the next best treatments? Technology is something today’s students expect to learn. Computers, pumps, manikins and virtual reality! Your support provides us with the resources to offer these essentials and to keep them current. Library Resources help to ensure that our students and faculty have the most up-to-date and easily accessible information available.