

# CENTER FOR NURSING

# ADVANCEMENT

THOUGHTS FROM THE FRONTLINE



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## The Center's Response to Hurricane Helene: Compassion in Action

In the wake of the devastating flooding caused by Hurricane Helene, the Center quickly mobilized to support the affected communities, particularly focusing on area nurses who found themselves on the frontlines of both the flood's impact and its recovery efforts. With the distribution of over 500 wellness bags, we sought to bring not only essential supplies but also comfort and encouragement to those who have been tirelessly serving others during this difficult time.



In addition to this effort, donation drives from our community. Volunteers gathered for families who had lost everything. Many cleanup, providing meals, and offering



sprang into action, with an overwhelming response clothing, hygiene items, food, and other necessities individuals also dedicated their time, helping with emotional support to those in need.

One recurring theme emerged in the stories from volunteers and recipients alike: though many had lost homes, possessions, and a sense of normalcy, their spirits remained remarkably high. They expressed a deep desire for human connection, reinforcing a sense of resilience and solidarity that has come to define Tennessee during times of crisis. It's in moments like these that we are reminded why Tennessee proudly holds the title of the "Volunteer State" — where communities come together to lift each other up, no matter the challenges ahead.

At the Center, we are humbled to have been part of this effort and are committed to continuing our support as the community rebuilds. Together, we move forward, knowing that our greatest strength lies in our unity and compassion for one another.





## Center's Search for Executive Director Update

We're thrilled to provide an update on the Center's search for our next Executive Director, in collaboration with Parker Executive Search. This critical role will lead our dedicated team as we continue to address the key challenges of recruiting, retaining, and advancing our healthcare workforce, with a special focus on nursing across our region and state.

Our search has progressed, and we've narrowed the field to three exceptional candidates, each bringing unique skills and perspectives to the role. On-site interviews were conducted on October 8, 9, and 16, where each candidate had the opportunity to meet with our Advisory Board and share their vision for the future of the Center. During these discussions, we were inspired by their ideas and commitment to our mission.

Notably, one candidate, in response to the ongoing recovery efforts from Hurricane Helene, expressed a strong desire to get involved locally and immediately asked about volunteer opportunities to support those impacted by the flood. This proactive and compassionate approach is just one example of the leadership qualities we are seeking in our next Executive Director.

As we continue this process, we are excited about the future of the Center and the leadership that will guide us in addressing the evolving needs of our healthcare workforce. We look forward to making an announcement soon and sharing the exciting next chapter for the Center and our community. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to build a stronger, more resilient healthcare system for our region.

## Voices From the Nursing Frontline Podcast

We are excited to share some impressive statistics from Season 2 of our Voices from the Nursing Frontline podcast! Thank you to all our dedicated listeners who continue to support us and uplift the voices of nurses everywhere. Here's a look at our season highlights and our most popular episodes.

### Total Unique Listeners

October 1, 2024: 786 unique listeners

November 1, 2024: 1,343 unique listeners

We've seen significant growth in our listener base, and we couldn't be more grateful for your support!

### Top 5 Episodes of Season 2

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| 1 | Intersecting Technology and Wellbeing: Optimizing Nursing Practice with Lis... | Oct 2, 2024  |
| 2 | Tack & Jibe: Music from the ETSU Bluegrass Pride Band                          | Oct 9, 2024  |
| 3 | Claim Your Power: Nurse as Healer with Kathleen Bartholomew                    | Sep 25, 2024 |
| 4 | 'Chats with Nursing Students' with Camgan White, ETSU                          | Oct 23, 2024 |
| 5 | Well-Being Wednesday   | Oct 16, 2024 |

### Listen Now!

Don't miss out on our insightful discussions! Scan the QR code below to tune in to our latest episodes and join the conversation.

Thank you for being a part of our journey! Stay tuned for more engaging content in the upcoming season, and keep sharing your feedback and stories with us. Together, we amplify the voices that matter in nursing!



## Stay Connected with Us on Social Media!

We're excited to announce that the Center is actively engaging with our community on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn! Follow us for the latest updates, inspiring stories, and valuable resources that can enhance your professional journey.

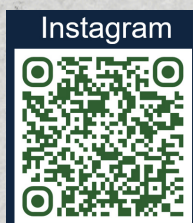
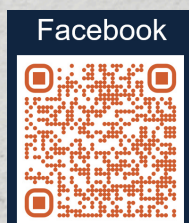
### Join Our Online Community!

**Facebook:** Stay informed about upcoming events, workshops, and community initiatives. Join the conversation and connect with fellow professionals!

**Instagram:** Experience a visual journey through our programs, success stories, and behind-the-scenes moments. Follow us for inspiring content and engaging posts!

**LinkedIn:** Network with industry leaders and stay updated on professional development opportunities. Connect with us to expand your professional horizons!

**Prize Pack Winner!** Congrats to **Carla Taylor Orsburn from the University of Tennessee** for winning this month's prize pack! Stay tuned for more opportunities to win.





## Celebrating Our Community Partners: The Heartbeat of Our Mission

As we reflect on our journey and the impact we strive to make, it's essential to spotlight the incredible community partners that help us turn our vision into reality. Their unwavering support, expertise, and commitment enrich our initiatives and strengthen our mission.

### Why Community Partners Matter

Community partners are more than just collaborators; they are the backbone of our efforts. They provide valuable resources, unique perspectives, and essential services that enhance our programs. Together, we can tackle challenges, reach more individuals, and create lasting change.

**Thank you Community Partners!! We appreciate you!**



### Looking Ahead: Building Stronger Partnerships

As we continue to grow and evolve, the role of our community partners remains vital to our success. We encourage you to connect with these incredible organizations and explore new ways to support their efforts. Let's celebrate the power of collaboration and the lasting impact we can make when we come together. By joining forces, we are more than just a network—we are a united community dedicated to creating meaningful change.

A heartfelt thank you to all our partners for their unwavering dedication and passion. We look forward to achieving even greater things together in the months ahead.

Stay tuned for next month, when we'll provide more details on how the Center is collaborating with our partners.