

Report of the *American Nurses Foundation* (ANF) to the 2014 ANA Membership Assembly

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Transforming the nation's health through the power of nursing. As the philanthropic arm of the ANA, the Foundation raises funds and invests in projects that directly support its mission as a 501c3 and complement and support the work of the ANA.

Annual Review:

- The last 12 months were a time of accelerated and exponential growth at the Foundation. Programmatic investment – financial support for programs that benefit the health of the public and nursing – grew and ranged from supporting new hospital quality of care projects to launching a strategic project to increase the number of nurses in nationally visible boards of directors to new nurse research awards in the Nursing Research Grant Program to sponsoring *The American Nurse* documentary premiere.
- This programmatic growth is a direct result of new partnerships that the Foundation has formed with national and regional non-profit and for-profit organizations. These have included:
 1. Working with Wolters Kluwers on a new **national Honor a Nurse program**
 2. Partnering with Fresenius Kabi and Carolyn Jones Productions on *The American Nurse* documentary
 3. Joining with the American Academy of Nursing and ANA to advance the collective goals to increase number of nurses in positions of influence
 4. Collaborating with the Oklahoma Nurses Association and the Philippine Nurses Association of America to bring aid to disaster victims
- The Foundation's work was enabled by growth in fundraising and the organization's endowment. Each increased by more than 25% over 2012. This funding was driven by an increase in the number of individuals, corporations, and foundations giving to ANF.

Plans for the Future:

- Help transform the nation's health by investing in nurses' own ability to be better role models for health.
- Expand our programs that, like collaboration with *The American Nurse* documentary, elevate the voice, work and critical contributions of nurses.
- Increase collaboration with the ANA state nurse associations and national organizations to engage more nurses and non-nurses in philanthropy.

Concluding Comments:

- The Foundation is proud to be a member of the greater ANA enterprise and looks forward to advancing health through our collective efforts.

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