



PHILANTHROPY IMPROVING HEALTHCARE THROUGH NURSING

“Nurses are the backbone of the American healthcare system and underappreciated by the public. It is essential that we support nurses and the vital role they play in our hospitals, schools, clinics, nursing homes and on the battlefield.” – Donald Jonas

Who We Are

In 2006, active New York City philanthropists Barbara and Donald Jonas founded **The Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence** to give a voice to the men and women in whose hands we place our care throughout our lives. Nurses make up the largest segment of the healthcare workforce and more demands are put on them every day—to handle new technologies, provide more services, ensure quality of care and reduce costs. Yet as a group, they receive little attention, support and funding.

The Jonases set out to change that with a first-of-its-kind philanthropic program dedicated to advancing nursing. In just five years, the Jonas Center has begun shifting the landscape of possibilities for the nursing profession and raising awareness among many sectors of the responsibilities we all have to these men and women. The Jonas Center is funded through the Jonas Family Fund, a larger initiative that also supports programs that focus on mental health and youth-at-risk.

What We Do

The Jonas Center advances the nursing profession through grantmaking in three strategic areas:

Scholarship

Scholarships support the educational development of nursing doctoral students, increasing the number of advanced practice nurses who can fill varied roles as primary care providers, nursing school faculty and health care leaders.

Leadership

Convening nurse leaders—both clinical and academic—at major national events helps to cultivate new relationships and foster new leadership in the profession.

Innovation

Initiatives that spark the development of new approaches to nursing education will result in better patient care at a lower cost, improving health care for all Americans.

JONAS CENTER HIGHLIGHTS

*In 5 years, the Jonas Center has awarded **285 grants** totaling **\$8.5 million***

*Our grantmaking has sparked an **additional \$10 million of leveraged funds** for nursing*

59 Jonas Nurse Scholars** are pursuing doctoral degrees at **23 schools in 17 states** with an additional **200 to be added across all 50 states in 2012

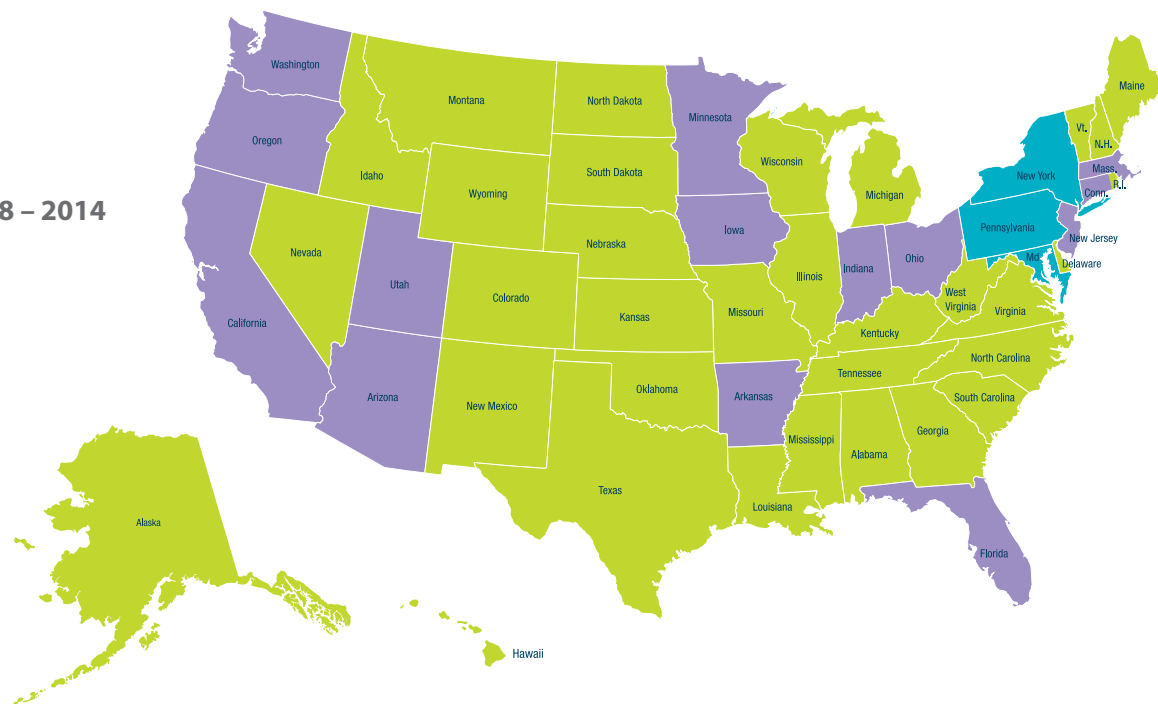
*Over **50% of Jonas Scholars** have contributed to **communities of practice** through publications and presentations*

***41% of current Jonas Scholars** are from **traditionally underrepresented ethnic backgrounds** in nursing*

What's Next

Jonas Scholars, 2008 – 2014

- 2008
- 2010
- 2012



Since its launch in 2008, the Jonas Nurse Scholars program has grown from six scholars in three states to 59 scholars in 17 states. In fall of 2012, the Jonas Center will **expand the Scholars program to include 200 new doctoral nursing scholars that will extend the program's reach across all 50 states.**

Doing Our Part to Improve Veterans Healthcare

We are proud to announce the Scholar program expansion will include the formal launch of the Jonas Nursing Scholars Program for Veterans Health, a cohort of 50 PhD and DNP students dedicated to pursuing research and practice that will address the veterans' healthcare crisis in the US. The program will build on our pilot Military Scholars program launched in 2011, which includes five scholars at the University of San Diego. The Jonas Center will support nursing doctoral students who will become leaders in research and clinical practice in areas related to veteran healthcare including mental health, poly-trauma, traumatic brain injury and women's health, among others.



Who We Work With

The Jonas Center is pleased to collaborate with major nonprofits and foundations, national organizations, top-tier academic institutions and other leaders in the nursing field:

American Academy of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
The Morton K. and Jane Blaustein Foundation
The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
Foundation for Nursing Excellence
The Hearst Foundations
The Alex and Rita Hillman Foundation

The John A. Hartford Foundation
The National League of Nursing
New York Presbyterian Hospital System
Northwest Health Foundation
The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Visiting Nurse Service of New York

How You Can Help

The Jonas Center aims to foster new partnerships to improve healthcare through nursing. If you are interested in joining our efforts, please visit our web site, www.JonasCenter.org, or contact our office at 212.609.1583. You can also stay up to date on our work by joining us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/JonasCenterforNursingExcellence, and Twitter, www.twitter.com/jonascenter.



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