American Holistic Nurses Association Awards Children’s Hospital for 2016 Practice Grant Award

Children’s Hospital, of New Orleans, Louisiana was awarded the 2016 Practice Grant: Implementing Institutional Self-Care Activities Award at the American Holistic Nurses Association’s (AHNA) 36th Annual Conference in Bonita Springs, Florida May 31-June 5, 2016. The Practice Grant provides financial support to initiate and integrate a self-care program for registered nurses and hospital staff within an institution. The intent is to assist institutions in promoting and encouraging diverse models of holistic nursing activities focused on self-care and designed to provide nurses an opportunity to practice holistic nursing aimed at extending their self-care influence and practices to other nurses and/or patients and families.

About Children’s Hospital
Children’s Hospital, New Orleans is a 247-bed, not-for-profit pediatric medical center in New Orleans, Louisiana that offers a complete range of healthcare services for children from birth to 21 years. It is also the only full-service hospital exclusively for children not only in Louisiana, but also the Gulf South. The mission at CHNOLA is to “Care for each child as our own”, and to accomplish this nursing staff supports and cares for the patient’s and their families simultaneously.

In order to help their nurses combat these stressful times and to bolster their recruitment and retention rates, CHNOLA has developed a two-part action plan that the grant will fund. Part one includes a Rejuvenation Room and Roaming Rejuvenation Cart to “Care for the Caregivers” and “Heal the Healer”. Part two is to inspire and teach the “Healer to Heal Thyself” so that the over-worked nurses can better nurture and care for themselves and in turn continue to care for the whole patient.

About AHNA
At its founding in 1981, the American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) adopted as its primary mission the advancement of holistic healthcare by increasing awareness and promoting education as well as personal community-building among nurses, other healthcare professionals and the public. This professional specialty nursing membership organization is becoming the definitive voice for holistic nursing for registered nurses and other holistic healthcare professionals around the world. Holistic nursing focuses on integrating traditional, complementary and integrative treatment opportunities to improve the physical, mental, emotional and relational health of the whole person.

AHNA delivers valuable resources, improves educational tools, and offers superior networking opportunities to a vibrant and expanding universe of healthcare professionals. AHNA currently services almost 4,500 members through 143 local chapters/networks in the U.S. and abroad.
Holistic nursing is recognized by the American Nurses Association as an official nursing specialty with both a defined scope and standards of practice.

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