

# TGHSON Education Endowment Campaign Newsletter



## TGHSON Endowment Update

Our community benefits every minute of every day from the extraordinary contributions our MultiCare nurses make. With more than 3,000 nurses in our system, they are the front line of health care — and the demand for more nurses is only growing stronger. Never has it been more crucial to provide ongoing nursing education to prepare nurses to deliver the best and highest quality care to our patients.

Thanks to more than two decades of support from our Tacoma General Hospital School of Nursing (TGHSON) alumnae, their family and friends, the TGHSON Endowment Fund has grown to \$1.75 million, making it one of MultiCare Health Foundation's largest endowment funds. This year, \$80,000 will be awarded in scholarships and grants, but there's still more to do. It's critical to invest in nurses who enable us to keep pace in a rapidly-changing health care arena, and to ensure we're always ready for the next patient.

## Stories of Impact

### Heather Pounds, BSN, Trauma Program Manager MultiCare Tacoma General Hospital 2015 Scholarship Recipient

Heather Pounds always knew she wanted a career in medicine.

In college, she was sure she wanted to become a doctor, but then shifted her interest after she had the opportunity to ride along with a group of paramedics from the hospital where her mother worked as an emergency room nurse.

Heather became a paramedic in 1995 and worked at Tacoma General Hospital for more than 10 years.

Being a dedicated champion of ongoing education, she decided to follow in her mother's footsteps and go back to school to become a registered nurse (RN), eventually leading her to work as an emergency department RN for Tacoma General. In 2015, Heather went back to school a third time to complete her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. She had to work overtime most days to pay her tuition, and that's when she turned to the TGHSON Endowment Fund for help.

Heather was awarded a scholarship in 2015, which allowed her to spend less time working and more time focusing on her studies and her family. As a mom of four, having that time back was invaluable.

As Tacoma General's Trauma Program Manager, Heather encourages RNs from all areas of the hospital to pursue options for continued education as often as possible.

"So many times, people feel like they can't afford the cost of going back to school or getting new certifications. But there are always resources that can help," Heather explains. "Having this scholarship available made everything so much less stressful for me."

Heather is grateful for the compassionate alumnae and community donors who contributed to furthering her education. In her own words, she says: "From the bottom of my heart, thank you! Thank you for giving people the opportunity to advance their careers, and supporting those who want to pursue their passions."



### Andrew Morash, RN MultiCare Allenmore Hospital 2016 Scholarship Recipient



Andrew has been a registered nurse for the Allenmore Hospital Intensive Care Unit (ICU) for nearly a year, but he's been part of the MultiCare family for much longer.

In 2008, he became a paramedic for the Allenmore emergency room (ER) where he developed a strong passion for emergency medicine. That passion led him to

pursue a degree in nursing, with the ultimate goal of becoming an ER or ICU nurse.

"I wanted to be part of a patient's care for more than just the first 30 minutes of their emergency," he says. "I knew that becoming a nurse would allow me to make a positive impact in the lives of my patients."

Andrew went back to school in 2014, but balancing full-time work and nursing school schedules proved to be a challenge. He had very little time to study in between shifts and the cost of tuition was daunting. It was Andrew's wife Jenny, a nurse for MultiCare Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, who suggested that he should apply to the TGHSON Endowment Fund.

Thanks to generous donations from TGHSON alumnae and members of the community, Andrew was awarded a scholarship and completed his nursing degree in 2016. He is forever grateful for the people behind the endowment that made his scholarship possible, and is excited to continue a patient-centered, long-lasting career with MultiCare.

## FREE Professional Services to Plan Your Legacy

Are you interested in supporting the future generations of nurses and excellence in nursing care for our community? MultiCare Health Foundation partners with Thompson & Associates to offer complimentary, values-based estate planning services for alumnae and friends of the foundation.

To schedule your no-obligation consultation, free of charge, contact:

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# History of Success

The history of Tacoma General Hospital is linked to the earliest days of the city. In 1895, as the population of Tacoma continued to expand, there was an increasing need for well-trained nurses who could help care for the growing number of patients. The Fannie C. Paddock Memorial School of Nursing (later renamed the Tacoma General Hospital School of Nursing) was founded that year, and began training its first six students. It was the very first school of nursing in Washington state.

The quality of the education students received was universally recognized, allowing graduates to secure a job just about anywhere. Many alumnae have gone on to become leaders in the field of medicine, propelling Tacoma General into prominence as a top-tier facility that provides high-quality health care providers to its community.

The dedication to providing excellent, ongoing education and professional development to MultiCare nurses lives on through the TGHSON Education Endowment Fund. It provides scholarships to nurses of all levels for continuing education and professional leadership development, as well as training opportunities for departments.

Our vision is to grow the endowment fund to \$5 million. This endowment level would generate \$250,000 in annual funding for caregiver education needs, helping us meet the community's demand for highly-skilled and competent nurses.



## TGHSON Education Endowment Campaign Honor Roll

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## Join us on May 11 to celebrate how far we've come, and where we're going

2018 marks a historic year. We're celebrating a milestone for the TGHSON Education Endowment Fund (which has provided more than \$1 million in scholarships and grants for the continuing education of MultiCare's nursing workforce) as well as the unveiling of the student nurse statue. Both the endowment and the statue are hallmarks of our enduring legacy.

To recognize these milestones, we invite you to join us for the statue dedication event at Tacoma General Hospital on Friday, May 11, during Nurse and Hospital Week. Help celebrate our legacy and see the new statue that was created as a tribute to all TGHSON graduates, and for the outstanding care, service and leadership they've provided here and across the country.



*John Jewell's granddaughter watches as he puts the finishing touches on a replica of the student nurse statue. John is an artist from Gig Harbor and sculpted the real-life statue. He is well-known for many other creations he's sculpted in Washington state.*