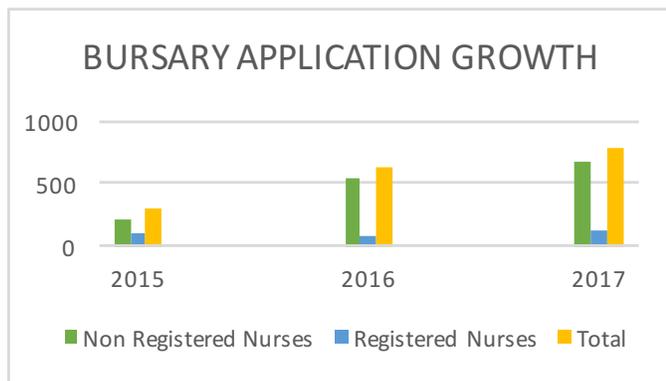


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Over \$200,000 In Bursaries Made Available In 2017 For Nursing Students To Support Their Educational Goals

Since the establishment of the RNFBBC in 1979, the objective has always been to help students of nursing reach their educational goals. And with each passing year it is evident that our help is needed even more than ever! Our applications come from all over the province from attendees in every nursing school in BC.

As shown below, bursary applications have dramatically increased since 2015 and so has the number of bursaries provided. The growth of the amount we award is thanks to support from generous donors, vision of past and current board members and sound financial management of the RNFBBC.



When all the 2017 bursaries are distributed by the end of the year, we are proud to announce that \$234,000 will be given out to 220 worthy recipients through the generosity of our bursary partners as listed below.

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Source	Funds Available for payment in December	Funds Distributed	Funds Distributed	Funds Distributed
Named Bursaries	\$200,000	\$110,000	\$101,000	\$75,000
Willett Estate	\$30,000	\$25,000	\$32,000	\$34,000
Other	\$3,900	\$2,700	0	\$1,000
Total	\$233,900	\$137,700	\$133,000	\$110,000
	2017	2016	2015	2014
Source	No. of Recipients	No. of Recipients	No. of Recipients	No. of Recipients
Named Bursaries	186	110	92	76
Willett Estate	30	25	32	34
Other	4	3	0	0
Total Awarded	220	138	124	110

RNFBC BOARD UPDATE



We would like to welcome **Heather Straight** to the RNFBC Board. Heather is the Director of Academic Education for Provincial Health Services Authority. Heather has over 30 years of experience as a registered nurse and has held many leadership roles in healthcare, recreation, and in the volunteer sector. Heather graduated from Langara Nursing program in 1984 and went on to complete her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Masters of Nursing from UVIC.

Heather is the recipient of the Excellence in Nursing Education Award, College of Registered Nurses of BC and the Canadian Governors General, Queen's Royal Golden Jubilee Medal for her volunteer contributions. Heather is a lifelong learner, having recently completed her Co-Active Coaching Certificate from the Coaches Training Institute, California.



As well, Sally Thorne completed her third term as a Director on the Board of RNFBC this year. Her wisdom, knowledge and energy have contributed enormously to the work of the Board and will be greatly missed. The Directors, members and staff of the Foundation wish to thank her for her commitment and her significant contributions to the success of RNFBC. We are confident that she will continue to

support the Foundation as a member, but we would also like to say a huge thankyou to Sally for all her hard work with the RNFBC.

Sally Thorne, Graduation Photo, 1972

ACCOLADES TO RNFBC PRESIDENT, FIONA KARMALI!

Congratulations to RNFBC President, Fiona Karmali for receiving the Canadian College of Healthcare Leaders Nursing Leadership Award. Fiona was awarded this at the 2017 National Conference.

THANKS 4 GIVING EVENT

In our many years as the Registered Nurses Foundation of BC, everything that we are is because of outstanding support. This support takes on many faces – the dedication of our volunteer boards under exceptional leadership, our donors (each and every one, no matter the size of the contribution), those who are responsible for establishing one of our nursing student bursaries, often in memory of a loved one, staff members and finally but not least, our bursary applicants/winners.

Too often we don't say thank you to those in our lives who have made us what we are today. But on October 19, 2017 at the Coast Plaza Hotel in Vancouver we made a sincere effort to do just that. Despite the dismal Vancouver weather, the board and staff welcomed 56 of our 'friends' to spend an evening of celebration and appreciation. Guests enjoyed a magnificent view from the 35th floor as they grazed on all the delicious culinary offerings before the festivities began.



Fiona Karmali and David Byres, Photo by Carson Au.

John Endo Greenway gave a brilliant taiko drum welcome before our President, Fiona Karmali introduced our guest speaker and past board member, David Byres, Chief Nurse Executive, BC Ministry of Health who gave a thought provoking synopsis of the future of nursing in BC. In keeping with our In Tribute program, the entertainment reached a new level with Bill Pentazis' energetic George Michael impersonation.

We sincerely hope that each one of our supporters left the evening with a sense of camaraderie for all that RNBC encompasses and how their contributions impact us and that they will proudly display their certificates of appreciation. This will be an annual event and moving forward, annual donors of \$300 per year, will receive a complimentary ticket to this event. We would love to see you there!

PLEASE MAKE A GIFT ONLINE TO RNFBC TODAY!

Visit our website to make an online donation at: rnfb.ca/donate

If you are having troubles, or prefer to donate by mail or over the phone, please contact Josh Coward, Fundraising and Donor Relations Manager at 604.781.938. Your information is kept safe and secure and will not be shared.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE RNFBC!



Thanks 4 Giving Participants. Photo by Carson Au.



Donald Ransom, Founding RNFCB President. Photo by Carson Au.



George Michael tribute performer, Bill Pentazis. Photo by Carson Au.

LEGACY BOOK COMMITTEE

In anticipation of the Foundation's 40th Anniversary in 2019, RNFBC is planning to produce a *Legacy Book*. It will document how RNFBC came to be – and why – and highlight those who helped to make the Foundation what it is today through their work or financial support or both. A Legacy Committee has been created to assist in this initiative. Committee members are: Lynette Best, Johanne Fort, Irene Goldstone, Judy Huska, Heather Mass, Lauren Tindall and Josh Coward. Updates about the progress of this initiative will be included in future Newsletters. If you have any old nursing photos we can use, please email Josh Coward at jcoward@rnfbcc.ca and we will try and use them in the *Legacy Book*.



THE LIGHT A LAMP FOR KNOWLEDGE INITIATIVE UPDATE

The RNFBC launched the Light a Lamp for Knowledge initiative this past January with a goal to raise \$250,000 over the next three years to provide 10 additional bursaries. In 2019 the RNFBC hopes to celebrate our achievement of this goal at our 40th birthday! To date \$119,334 has been raised toward this goal (48% of our three-year goal) with the help of 102 donors – 78 of whom are new donors. We would particularly like to acknowledge the \$100,000 contribution from the Estate of Clara Fern Irwin to create the Ruth McIlraith Memorial Bursary.

We would also like to acknowledge the family of Patricia Wadsworth (Beck). Upon her passing, her family asked that instead of flowers, people wishing to celebrate her life and contributions to the nursing profession and the health care system memorialize her by making contributions to the RNFBC. To date, \$6,000 has been received in support of the creation of the Patricia Wadsworth Graduate Bursary in Nursing and Health Care Leadership/Administration. If you would like to make a gift towards this or other bursaries or initiatives, you can do so on our website at rnfbcc.ca/donate/#donate-memory.

RNFBC RECOGNITION PROGRAM

In conjunction with the "Light a Lamp for Knowledge" initiative, we are developing a new recognition program to acknowledge donor support. Gifts donated to the RNFBC during the initiative will be recognized in one of a series of "Circles of Support". More information on what this will look like will soon be available so stay tuned! In the meantime, please view our interim list attached and please let us know if your name is missing or if we have made any errors.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE RNFBC!

2017 RNFBC Board and Team

- Fiona Karmali**, President
- Heather Mass**, Past President
- Ginger Brown**, Chair, Bursary Committee
- Sharon Toohey**, Chair, Audit & Finance
- Judy Huska**, Board Member
- Heather Straight**, Board Member
- Catherine Syms**, Board Member
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Top: Anne Earthy and Mary Flatter

Middle: Back Row: Tilly Bara, Mary Raikes-Tindle, Sue Forshaw.
Front Row: Kathleen Murphy and Robert Wadsworth.

Bottom: Sharon Toohey and Rejeane Kemp