

CREATING A LEGACY TO SUPPORT NURSE SCHOLARS

“Nursing has been a great career. Now that I’m retired, I enjoy giving back to help others lead successful nursing careers,” says Gail Comer Davis, EdD, emeritus full professor of nursing at Texas Woman’s University and Texas Christian University.

Recalling the early career grant she received from the American Nurses Foundation for scholarship on osteoporosis, she says, “That support is one of the reasons I want to give back to nursing, and to do so in ways that I hope will inspire nurses to do more research to advance knowledge.”

Davis and her husband recently made a planned gift to the Foundation to support future nurse scholars. Through the Gail C. and D. Jack Davis Fund for the Gail C. Davis Nursing Research Award, the couple’s legacy will live on through support for nurses’ research and career advancement. The fund’s preference for research on pain management reflects Gail’s 50-year career as a nurse, nursing educator and scholar, and more specifically her research on chronic pain management, which continues to serve as a resource for current and future nursing students, scientists and nursing education faculty.

“We’re willing to be up front about our giving because we hope this will spur others to do the same to increase opportunities for nurses to make a meaningful contribution to healthcare and research through the Foundation. Hopefully, a lot of other nursing researchers and faculty will read this and think, ‘Maybe I can do that, too,’” she says, noting that, “I really enjoyed my career in nursing and have known all along that I wanted to give back to the profession. I really hope this will spur nurses on to do more.”

“If a grant from our fund will inspire someone to do the research that will launch their career and then attract further grant support along the way, that’s worth the investment we’re making in this award,” says Jack, a retired university professor and administrator. “Had we not received grant support early on in our careers, we would never have been able to accomplish the things we feel really good about today. Now it’s our turn to give back.”

The couple made their gift with guidance from financial and legal advisors. “If you think you might have potential to give, talk with people who really understand the complex world of taxes we live in to maximize your giving power,” he says. “Sometimes people don’t realize what their capacity to give really is. When you sit down with advisors, you may discover that you can do more philanthropically than you realize.”

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Gail and Jack Davis

LISTENING TO THE PULSE OF HEALTH CARE



Debra Fawcett and James Spahn

network and to keep our finger on the pulse of what is going on in health care. Fortunately, they agreed right away.”

“ I’M NOT DOING THE TWO-STEP ANYMORE. I’M LEARNING HOW TO WALTZ ”

“I’m not doing the two-step anymore. I’m learning how to waltz,” says Debra Fawcett, PhD, RN.

That’s how Fawcett describes her recent career pivot. After decades as a nurse, nursing professor, and most recently as a hospital director, in 2018 she became Director of Clinical Affairs for EHOB, Inc. a privately-held Indianapolis-based firm with specialized products to prevent pressure injuries.

“This company believes in nurses, supports nurses, and feels like nurses should have a say,” says Fawcett. Her expertise, leadership and published research on the prevention of pressure injuries (especially in the operating room) led to her recruitment by EHOB’s founder and Chairman of the Board, James Spahn, MD, FACS.

Soon after joining EHOB, Fawcett recommended the firm join the American Nurses Foundation’s Corporate Advisory Board because, “This is an important way to

Serving on the Foundation’s advisory board, “Supports our ability to build EHOB’s nursing presence and clinical impact,” Fawcett says. “This is an opportunity to learn about what’s going on clinically across the U.S., which helps us recruit and partner with nurses whose extraordinary skills and knowledge will help us reduce pressure injuries and improve patient outcomes.”

Fawcett looks forward to supporting the Foundation’s work to expand the presence of nurses on boards. “Nurses have a really well-rounded education, a lot of knowledge to provide and share, and possess the skills for leadership,” she says. “All too often nurses are regarded as a service industry and as a consequence aren’t considered for board positions within and beyond the health care sector.”

Helping other nurses achieve leadership roles is a priority for Fawcett, who credits her career progression to her ongoing education, networking and leadership in professional nursing organizations. “You can never mentor others enough,” says Fawcett. “You have to reach out yourself to get those mentors if you don’t have them. Professional organizations are absolutely the best way to do it.”

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INVENTING 'iN' TO FIX GAPS IN PATIENT CARE

Challenges encountered as patients and as nurses inspired Michael Wang and Paul Coyne to invent a clinical support device to improve bedside care.

Wang and Coyne were honored as team recipients of the inaugural ANA Innovation Award powered by BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company) in 2019 through the American Nurses Foundation. Their co-founded start-up, Inspiren, developed a data hub device that transmits time-sensitive care information between care teams and the patient's bedside.

"Our vision has always been a single hardware device capable of sophisticated, powerful analysis of the patient environment to empower and amplify the capabilities of frontline nurses and care providers," says Wang, MBA, MSN, RN, Inspiren CEO. "We knew the gaps that we were trying to fill, and went after it with a pure determination not to compromise our vision."

The company's oval-shaped device, 'iN,' sits on the wall above a patient bed, and is designed to look friendly and intelligent as it collects information via internal movement, temperature, light, sound, and air quality sensors. Sensor data augmented by predictive algorithms supports real-time decision making to improve patient outcomes, mitigate the risk of medical errors, assess patient workloads, and enhance staffing.

"We call this the world's first 'cognitive patient care assistant' because it supports timely decision making by the health care team to help patients achieve better health outcomes," says Coyne DNP, MBA, MSF, RN, AGPCNP-BC, Inspiren president.

Shifting colors inside 'iN's' glowing perimeter convey changes in patient status: it glows light blue when analyzing data, green when rounds are completed on time, purple during shift changes then green when shift change reports are complete, and orange after a patient presses a call button or when time-sensitive care is needed such as repositioning to prevent pressure injury.

"We designed this from the ground up with the user experience as our top priority," says Wang. Apps for iPads

at nursing stations and smart phones access 'iN' data and algorithm-linked care recommendations, and can be linked to data from antiquated call bell systems and other devices. Gamification features reward best clinical practices such as timely rounding and response to patient call bells.

Wang and Coyne first met at Columbia University's accelerated Nursing Master's program. Coyne enrolled after working as an analyst at Goldman Sachs and after recovering from a stroke at age 26. Wang enrolled after serving seven years with the U.S. Army in Afghanistan.

An odd twist of fate after their graduation contributed to their decision to launch Inspiren: Wang had a camping accident involving an ax, wet firewood, his knee and 18 stitches. "As I was recovering, I was restless and wanted to solve some of the problems I had seen on the bedside," recalls Wang. "I had ideas to pursue; and Paul was the smartest person I knew." They sketched out their business plan over coffee, and over the next three years launched the company.

Inspiren's technology was well-received at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital where recently 100% of staff and nurse managers who used 'iN' recommended it for every nursing team plus scale up enterprise-wide. The ANA Innovation Award powered by BD provides Inspiren with \$50,000 toward the nurse-led team's crucial next phase of product validation, technology and production scale-up.

Kelly Larrabee Robke, RN, MBA, MS, Vice President of Clinical Thought Leadership, Medication Management Solutions for BD, notes, "Nurses are leaders in managing care delivery and advocating for the interests of their patients and families. Our engagement and leadership in planning, engaging and advocating for innovation in healthcare is essential for efforts to improve patient outcomes and reduce the costs of healthcare. We applaud the efforts of the Inspiren and the nurse leaders that brought this vision to reality."



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Pictured from left to right: Mike Wang, Inspiren CEO, and Paul Coyne, Inspiren president, discuss iN's outer encasement with Andy MacDonald and Lane Buie, employees at Normative, Inspiren's development partner for software and analytics.

All articles in this issue by writer Jessica Stein Diamond.

HONOR A NURSE HIGHLIGHTS

Through our Honor a Nurse Program, people choose to say a heartfelt thank you to specific nurses, while at the same time donating to enable nurses to help more people, every day.

Barbara A. Shields

“Barbara was a loving and caring nurse, wife, mom, grandmother and a great family member. She always found the time to help everyone, she will be deeply missed.”

— Love always, Patti Ochtera and Paul Purzewski

Holly Thompson

“For all your hard work and dedication to serving patients/families and for maintaining a harmonious and welcoming environment at your workplace.”

— Anastasie Mpombo



Lynn Bausch

“Congratulations on your retirement. You have been an inspiration to me since the day I first met you.”

— Stephanie R. Paulmeno

Helen Erickson

“Thank you for being a mentor and holistic nurse who demonstrates deep understanding of how to model the client’s world and role-model nursing interventions that promote eudemonistic health over the past 30 years!”

— Judith Hertz

Theresa Ann Lewis Mayhew

“Nursing takes a very special kind of person, Theresa, you were indeed THAT kind of person! Forever in our hearts and our thoughts.”

— Tom, Debbie, Angel, Tiffany, Anthony, Brendan and Natalie

Kristin Tuozzo

“Kristin works tirelessly to better the cardiac cath lab. It was no different as she worked on her final research project to earn her DNP. The dedication and standards Kristin upholds each day through her practice and extracurriculars is exemplary.”

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“For your contribution to the nursing profession and dedication to mentoring multiple generations of nurses. Thank you for believing in me and supporting me through every step of my career. It is a privilege to learn from you.”

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