



News Release

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VNA Philadelphia Celebrates Nurses Week 2020

Philadelphia--- Visiting Nurse Association of Philadelphia Celebrates Nurses Week 2020, HONORING staff and the nursing profession.

Nurses Week is celebrated annually from Wednesday, May 6th through Tuesday, May 12th. This year the holiday and the need for recognition carries even more weight as our medical staff continues to be the essential part of the frontlines battling the coronavirus and COVID-19. Celebrated each year on May 6, National Nurses Day raises awareness of the important role of nurses. National Nurses Week goes through May 12, which is the birthday of Florence Nightingale.

VNA Philadelphia -- the Visiting Nurses Association --employs close to 150 nurses and provides care to approximately 1,200 patients each day through home health, hospice, and palliative care. With over 16,000 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Philadelphia, medical professionals - including nurses --are on the front lines of this pandemic.

Retailers such as Target and BKON iced coffee and nonprofit Good360 are coming together to support VNA staff. Children from The Haverford School are also creating cards of thanks. With staff providing care to people in 4 of the poorest zip codes in the country, the majority of VNA's patients are low-income. Since 1886, and through several epidemics, VNA Philadelphia staff is continuing to provide care to our patients, the majority of whom are "at risk."

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VNA Philadelphia is the oldest and largest non-profit home health and hospice provider in the region and one of the most innovative in the nation. Founded in 1886, VNA Philadelphia is headquartered in the East Falls section of the city and serves more than 50,000 residents of Philadelphia and the surrounding suburbs each year.

VNA Philadelphia is Medicare Certified, licensed by the State of Pennsylvania, and Accredited by the Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP). To find out more about the VNA, contact us at 215-473-0772 or visit www.vnaphilly.org.