

Nurses Notes for Novel Times #2 - November 2020

The Cathryne A. Welch Center for Nursing Research (CNR) is grateful to share that we recently received a generous bequest from the estate of Barbara (Bobbie) Harris who passed away on her 80th birthday on February 4, 2019. Those who had the pleasure of knowing Bobbie are aware she dedicated her career to the education of nurses in both the practice and academic setting. Bobbie's passion for sharing her knowledge and wanting nurses to understand the importance of using evidence to inform their practice was inherent in her everyday work, even after retirement. A distinguished professor at Syracuse University (SU), Dr. Harris, along with her colleagues, Evelyn Osborne and Rosemary Lape, was responsible for the development of the first Primary Nurse Practitioner program at SU. After an almost 120-year history, the School of Nursing at the SU sadly closed in 2006.



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The Cathryne A. Welch Center for Nursing Research has been an active entity for decades and has received occasional donations to support our work, however, with Bobbie's gift the Center for Nursing Research is better positioned to implement a plan for sustainability. Post the Institute Of Medicine's Future of Nursing Report in 2010 and the anticipated National Academy of Medicine's 2020-2030 Future of Nursing Report due out in April 2021, the need for relevant data, research, and evidence-based practice (EBP) is becoming more and more pertinent to provide timely and quality care.

Current Research in Progress at the Center for Nursing Research:

- A research study using the Delphi method to examine the barriers to implementing evidence-based practice (EBP) into practice and education, resources needed to implement, and ways the Center for Nursing Research can assist just finished Round 2 and is preparing to publish its results soon.
- In collaboration with [Nurses House, Inc.](#), the Center for Nursing Research embarked on two projects in response to the COVID-19 pandemic:
 1. Documenting the pandemic and its impact on the nursing profession with a historical context by collecting oral histories from nurses across the nation;
 2. Conducting a descriptive analysis of the 2,400+ RNs and LPNs who received financial assistance from Nurses House during the peak of the pandemic with plans to conduct further studies, including the possibility of a longitudinal study.

In honor of Bobbie, we are embarking on a campaign to raise more funds to support the work of the Cathryne A. Welch Center for Nursing Research that is aimed at enhancing the knowledge of how critical it is for nurses in all settings to use evidence to inform their practice.

Please consider making a gift in Bobbie's honor to the [Center for Nursing Research](#) or mail a check, made out to FNYSN, and indicate in the memo that your donation is in honor of Bobbie Harris.



As always, we hope you and yours are doing well during this third wave of the pandemic. Please stay safe, remain healthy, and wear a face mask when in public!

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Joan Madden Wilson, MA, RN
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah Elliott". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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