Fostering Community Engagement During Nurses Month

The coronavirus pandemic has brought to the forefront the irreplaceable role of nurses as leaders, educators, innovators, and healers within their communities. To advance this week’s Nurses Month theme of community engagement, American Academy of Nursing Living Legend and Fellows share their advice on how to serve within, rely upon, and create equitable communities. These insights demonstrate how, together, we can advance better health outcomes, address environmental factors that impact well-being, foster inclusivity, and lead in times of uncertainty.

"In your most challenging days, hours, or weeks, don’t overlook the wellspring of support [from your community of nurse colleagues]. The nurse that’s there for you is the nurse standing next to you, it’s the nurse that’s 1,000 miles away but only a 30 second email away, and it’s the nurses in between—nurses who step in to guide and step up to help."

Mary Wakefield

"From frontline nurses to nurse scientists, the challenges posed by the novel coronavirus pandemic continue to demonstrate nurses as compassionate, innovative, and effective in delivering care in hospitals and in communities."

Ronald Hickman

"We need to make sure we promote policies and stimulus packages that strengthen public health infrastructure and promote population health. We also need to recognize that the health of humans and the health of the planet are absolutely interconnected."

Teddie Potter
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