



Nancy K Lewis Memorial Fund

The Nancy K Lewis Memorial Fund will allow RDNA to

- ◇ responsibly increase nursing capacity beyond the current limitations, meeting the growing need
- ◇ address emerging community health needs
- ◇ work with emergency management partners in times of community disaster and pandemic
- ◇ absorb future operating expense increases

A gift to the Fund

will grow over time, sustaining Nancy Lewis' legacy in the Rockland area community. The RDNA Board of Directors has chosen the Maine Community Foundation to manage the fund with the principal invested and a percentage of the fund's value, currently 4%, made available each year to support the work of RDNA. Contributions may be made with an outright gift of cash or securities in a single gift, or as an estate gift.

Gifts other than cash or marketable securities, such as real estate, or with special requests attached, must be accepted by the RDNA Board of Directors per the agency Gift Acceptance Policy. *Please inform RDNA of your plans.*

"When we consider the whole movement of social progress - the breaking down of the spirit of hatred and prejudice, the promotion of kindlier and more humane relations between human beings, the organization of practical and effective measures for reducing human suffering and distress - it would be hard to find any group of workers who have contributed more to the sum of social effort."

*-From "A Short History of Nursing"
Dock and Stewart, 1925*



A Message to the Community from Nancy's Children

In a world where almost every one of us has had an experience in a hospital or medical practice that involves an interaction with a nurse, an image is quickly conjured of an individual who is efficiently taking vital signs while patiently listening to the story of how the patient came under their care. Lavinia Dock and Isabel Stewart knew well the social and communal beginnings of modern nursing, and Nancy Lewis understood that community nursing was a calling. Nancy never overlooked that good nurses could be an important link between the community and medical providers, never forgetting the shared humanity that runs through a community and the important roles that nurses play. Nancy Lewis didn't spend time calculating a person's station in life... she only calculated if that person needed help, and how she could best get it to them. Nancy kept it simple, which is why she was a Board member and supporter of RDNA, giving her another opportunity to directly tend to the needs of the midcoast community as only a nurse can. The midcoast lost Nancy in 2015, but we, her family, wish for our mother's important work with RDNA to continue through community support in her honor. Her memory lives on through the community nurses who today are the embodiment of the words Dock and Stewart wrote back in 1925, and who honorably carry on the long standing traditions of the nursing profession.

We thank you.

Mark Lewis, Susan Lewis Baines, Todd Lewis, Renee Lewis Heal, Tracey Lewis Morrill

Prior to her passing, Nancy shared a message of love, joy and enduring friendship for RDNA and the people we serve. Her wisdom lives on through each of us – whether we served with Nancy, or are new to the fold. Nancy is missed and remembered in all we do.

- Peta vanVuuren, RDNA Agency Director

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