

A MESSAGE FROM DR. DAVID KESELMAN, CEO

The week of May 11-15 is National Nursing Week 2020, alongside International Nurses Day and Florence Nightingale's birthday, May 12. This year the Canadian Nurses Association theme, ***Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Nursing the World to Health, demonstrates how nurses are central to addressing a wide range of health challenges***, emphasizes how important nurses are in our lives – at every age, in all health situations, for all Canadians.

With approximately 431,000, regulated nurses in Canada (including RNs, NPs, LPN/RPNs, and Registered Psychiatric Nurses) are the largest of any health provider group, they are the backbone of our health system. This week, we recognize the profession for their dedication and commitment to making Canada a healthier nation.

This year's theme, ***Nurses: "A Voice to Lead – Nursing the World to Health, demonstrates how nurses are central to addressing a wide range of health challenges"***, reflects the significant role nurses play in every stage of our lives. This fact is increasingly apparent with our growing senior population, who not only count on nurses for their expertise, but their compassion and care. Nurses are also essential advocates for healthy living and teaching individuals of all ages how to prevent illness and injury. The important contributions of nurses can be found in hospitals, Long Term Care facilities, community centers, patients' homes, research centers, universities and field hospitals in the developing world.

Many would consider our nurses an integral part of the LBHH and WR team and we agree. As frontline care providers, they work tirelessly to meet the needs of our residents at all hours of the day and night. They provide highly skilled, expert care with dignity and kindness throughout our facility. Their compassion extends to our resident's families and to the communities that we serve.

Nursing Week allows us to take the time to reflect on what nurses do, and be proud of their work and give thanks. We hope you, your colleagues, and friends take part in this year's activities. There are a number of activities slated for this week. We will launch nursing week with a cake at the fire side lounge, followed by LBHH and WR Florence Nightingale award voting at LBHH reception. Throughout the week you will see nurses in traditional nurses wear, so say hi and acknowledge their effort. We challenged our staff to come up with the best Tik Tok nursing week video, please visit our website to see all the clips and the activities for nursing week at www.louisbrier.com. We will conclude nursing week celebration on Friday May 15th @ 1430 with cake at the fire side lounge.



On behalf of the leadership team, LBHH and WR board, and foundation we thank our nurses for their extraordinary care, dedicated service and contributions to quality healthcare.

Dr. David Keselman, RN, CEO



Florence Nightingale (1820-1910)

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