

# THE FAPHN VOICE

## FAPHN IS RECOGNIZED AS A 2012 TOP-RATED NON PROFIT



Merry Christmas!  
Happy New Year 2013!

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### TOP-RATED AWARDS

**C**ONGRATULATIONS MEMBERS! When contacted to write reviews to help FAPHN achieve this recognition, many of you stepped up to the plate and your comments paid off. It was Thanksgiving Day I received the e-mail congratulating FAPHN on receiving this award. The e-mail was from Ms. Perla Ni, CEO of the GreatNonProfits organization. Ms. Ni wrote:

**“Dear Florida Association of Public Health Nurses, Inc.,  
Congratulations on qualifying for the GreatNonProfits 2012 Top-Rated List. We are especially thrilled to recognize the great work of your organization, given that less than 1% of eligible nonprofits have received this distinction.”**

FAPHN receives a certificate that can be copied, printed and hung proudly in your offices where FAPHN supporters and members can see it and recognize this accomplishment. The certificate is displayed on page 3 in this issue of **The FAPHN VOICE**.

Ms. Ni’s letter went on to say, **“Your online profile on GreatNonprofits.org has also been updated with a Top-Rated 2012 badge. For more ideas and information on how you can share your reviews with donors and volunteers, visit our homepage to sign up for our free newsletter.**

**Congratulations again for winning a spot on the 2012 Top-Rated List!”**

FAPHN can now proudly use the image below on its stationary, membership cards and any other communications. The following pages will share proudly some of the reviews submitted by loyal FAPHN members . Thank you very much special members because without your few minutes of interest and loyalty to FAPHN, we would not have achieved this recognition! Thank you! Thank you!

Most Sincerely,

*Amalia Kane-Crawford*



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***The following are some of the wonderful comments shared by loyal members with the GreatNonProfit organization during the month of November 2012.***

**LC wrote:** FAPHN provides excellent opportunities for continued education advancing Public Health nursing service to the community. We had the opportunity to assist our Hispanic patients thru a \$1000.00 grant FAPHN offers yearly. My co-workers and I were in need of diabetic education materials for our Hispanic clients of which there was a large number of Gestational Diabetics. There were limited choices of teaching aids in Spanish. There were teaching obstacles for those clients. We were awarded the grant and were able to buy books, pamphlets and teaching materials enabling us to prepare a teaching DVD re Gestational diabetes (including in English and Spanish languages). This DVD was used in all 3 of our offices in this program. Furthermore, we were able to prepare a take home information packet. Consequently, we have had good birth outcomes in those high risk patients.

**PG wrote:** I have had the pleasure of working with FAPHN during the past two years concerning public health in the state of Florida. Its members hail from around the state and are front line professionals assuring the health and well-being of all the citizens in the state. Many have experienced first-hand cuts to their budgets and proceed through difficult financial times, but all work tirelessly to minimize these effects on the people they serve. They assist infants and young mothers, make certain they are clean, our children are immunized, and our neighborhoods are safe. It is through FAPHN that they share ideas, to support one another, and to recognize the professionals in their field. They make a difference every day.

**BS wrote:** FAPHN is truly composed of those who care about people. FAPHN nurses are professionals, who work for public entities rather than for-profit ones. They could individually make more money in the private sector, they sacrifice this in honor of providing free service to those in need. FAPHN very much must receive contributions to further its goals of helping others. There are few other organizations or agencies who do so much with so few financial assets. My then-97-year-old mother (she recently passed away) was excited to be a speaker at their annual meeting, where she shared her experiences working in public health the the early days. Help, FAPHN receive much needed donations to continue their selfless services.

**MLJ wrote:** FAPHN is a great organization spreading the word on the importance of public health to improving the health of the citizens of Florida. Its members all share a common interest in public/community health services and value and the necessity. (paraphrased due to space limitations)

**DC wrote:** I have been a member of this organization since its inception am a Board member. It is a great resource for education of nurses and has presented many conferences with current and valuable information for nurses working in varied areas of public/community health. The information is presented online and Awards and Scholarships are hopefully available and provided each year as long as funding is available. (paraphrased)

**FC wrote:** This association is for nurses who work in public health currently or have a n interest in public health. The association publishes quarterly newsletters that keep up to date with current issues. The annual conference had excellent presenters and provides nurses with continuing education credits. Scholarships have been provided and support advanced nursing education and Mini-Grants have been given and have helped to enhance programs within many Florida communities. The Board works diligently to improve status and standing of Public Health Nursing.

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**CCI wrote:** I have been a member of this group since it was formed from another PHN group. Having been a Board member at first and now a supporting member, this group has been a positive influence for Public Health Nursing in Florida. The mini-grants given to nurses to work on those small dreams that develop into big changes in people's lives.

**CCh wrote:** FAPHN is the voice for public health nursing in Florida. The organization provides continuing education credits, community service, practice references and promotes community health needs. I attended the annual convention which was well organized and beneficial. The newsletters provide timely information on public health issues.

**HJe wrote:** This organization of public health nurses exists to improve the health of the public through interventions by expert nurses in the public health field. The meetings are FULL of pertinent information and the quarterly newsletter brims with timely public health nursing topics.

**CAB3 wrote:** The Florida Association of Public Health Nurses (FAPHN) is an outstanding organization. I am proud to say that I have entered my 2nd year of membership. The continuing education programs put on each year by FAPHN are exceptional and quite reasonable. They enable public health nurses to network with colleagues from around the state and beyond. I would highly encourage any nurse interested in public health to join this wonderful organization.

**MAx wrote:** The Florida Association of Public Health Nurses is an organization who provides to the community and health agencies information to help make communities medically healthy. It uses many avenues to serve the public. Our organization received a grant from them to improve educational offerings to the local Medical Reserve Corp (MRC). I am proud of the work they do in the state.

### **HOW IS FAPHN DIFFERENT FROM OTHER PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS?**

**FAPHN is totally supported with dues from members.**

**FAPHN is totally managed by a voluntary Board of Directors—13 in number.**

**FAPHN *DOES NOT* have any PAID support staff or other “employees”.**

**FAPHN dues have not been increased since its inception—FAPHN now in its 10th year.**

**FAPHN is *committed* to public health nurses, public health services and furthering educational programs and information that is pertinent to YOU...the Public Health Nurse.**

**FAPHN is supportive of all nurses in all specialties; partners with other professional organizations to assist them in achieving some of their objectives.**

**FAPHN is a Florida tax exempt organization.**

**FAPHN is approved by the I.R.S. as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.**

**FAPHN is approved by the I.R.S. as a Public Charity under Section 509 (a) (2)**

**FAPHN is a member of JUST GIVE and can easily accept donations on the FAPHN WEB site using the DONATE NOW button.**

**FAPHN is approved by the Florida Department of Health as an accepted organization for its employees to join.**

**FAPHN is a MY Florida Market Place vendor.**

**ENCOURAGE YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS TO MAKE FAPHN THEIR PREFERRED CHARITY!**



★ GREAT Nonprofits



presented to

**Florida Association of Public Health  
Nurses, Inc.**

presented by

Perla Ni  
CEO Greatnonprofits

This certificate may be copied, framed and posted in your offices or hallways or anywhere you are PROUD to share with visitors, staff and members. Again, many thanks to the loyal members who contributed actively in helping FAPHN achieve this recognition.

**FAPHN NEEDS MORE FROM YOU!  
PLEASE VOLUNTEER!**

Times are tough for most organizations these days! Membership has dropped. FAPHN's primary source of funding for ten years is from loyal members like you. You pay your dues! You continue to renew your membership each year! This is great!

FAPHN's current problem is having an adequate number of dedicated Board Members willing to govern and direct the future of FAPHN.

Historian Linda Bilyeu has resigned. This is an appointed position and the primary duty is custody of the documents and photographs from FAPHN's history. Linda has placed the bulk of the 10 years into electronic files. FAPHN must preserve its history and according to the Retention of Document policy, some items must be preserved forever. FAPHN is a public charity so this is a requirement by the Internal Revenue Service policies. The Historian is invited to attend Board meetings schedule for once each month. If the schedule is followed, two meetings each year are scheduled to be face-to-face. Whenever the financial support is available Board members may apply for some reimbursement for travel and one overnight.

**Director Position is vacant.** A Director may be appointed initially and then at the next election time (July 2013), this person may choose to run by placing name on the Ballot.

**Treasurer position is officially vacant.** Amalia has tendered her resignation; it is imperative someone accept this responsibility. Amalia offers to mentor this person. Her support will remain available as long as the new Treasurer feels the need. Amalia has been Treasurer since 2005. Please re-read the information on Page 3 to see how important it is for the future of FAPHN to continue to operate as a viable corporation and a Top-Rated Not for Profit organization. FAPHN is a public charity. If The Board and members can increase membership and write successful grants, FAPHN has a viable future.

Please call any member of the Board or Amalia if you have questions. E-mails are good also. E-mails may be received through the WEB site by using <http://www.faphn.org>

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WITHOUT  
MEMBERS  
FAPHN WILL  
DISAPPEAR!

MEMBERS  
ARE THE  
LIFE LINE

## *Message From The State Surgeon General*

“Colleagues,

Please join me in congratulating Charlotte Curtis on being named the Bureau Chief for Children’s Medical Services Network Operations and Title V Children with Special Health Care Needs Director for the Department. In this role, Ms. Curtis will be responsible for overseeing a variety of CMS programs and functions that provide services to children with special health care needs. I am pleased to have Ms. Curtis serving in this capacity for this very vital program that benefits children and families in our state.

Ms. Curtis has served as the Executive Community Health Nursing Director with CMS since 2006. Prior to being named the Bureau Chief, she served as the Director of Program Planning and Development and was the Acting Bureau Chief for CMS Network Operations since November 2011.

Ms. Curtis served as a Nursing Consultant with Maternal and Child Health and as the Executive Community Health Nursing Director for the Child and Adolescent Health Unit in Family Health Services prior to joining the CMS team in 2006. Ms. Curtis has been with the Department of Health since 1999, starting her career as a public health nurse in Leon and Gadsden County Health Departments. Ms. Curtis has been instrumental in the development, implementation and expansion of the first publicly-funded Pediatric Palliative Care Program in the nation, and provides technical assistance to other states who aim to replicate Florida’s Palliative Care Model. Ms. Curtis received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Certification in Public Management from Florida State University.

Her vast experience in nursing will be vital in our efforts to provide a variety of services to those who need them most. Again, congratulations to Ms. Curtis.

Thank you,

**Dr. John Armstrong”**

Dated Wednesday November 28, 2012

Hey Members; I am proud to remind you that Charlotte Curtis served on an earlier Board of Directors For FAPHN. This is her official 2006 photo from that time with FAPHN. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU CHARLOTTE!

FAPHN would love to have you re-join!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!





*IN MEMORY OF*

**UF** . . . UNIVERSITY *Of* . **FLORIDA**

**College of Nursing**

The UF College of Nursing sadly mourns the passing of one of its earliest faculty members, Virgie Pafford, who died peacefully last month with family at her side. She was a professor emeritus of the College of Nursing and served as a faculty member from July 1959 until her retirement in January 1986. Pafford developed and taught the first public health nurses courses in the curriculum. "Professor Pafford will be remembered as a woman full of energy and enthusiasm for life who was dedicated to public health nursing," said Kathleen Ann Long, PhD, RN, FAAN, Dean of the UF College of Nursing.

Born in Melbourne, Fla., Pafford received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Florida State University and her master's degree in nursing from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. She was a beloved professor of the College and was known for her remarkable contributions to the health of our local community. The College established the Virgie Pafford Award in 1987 to recognize students who provided excellent community-based nursing care. Her legacy will live in the many lives she touched, including former colleagues and students, and those she served in the community. Donations can be made to the UF College of Nursing to support community health. Checks should be made to the UF Foundation, Inc. "In Memory of Virgie Pafford" in the memo line. The address is UF College of Nursing Office of Development, P.O. Box 100197 Gainesville, FL., 32610. College of Nursing I Office of Development and Alumni Affairs.

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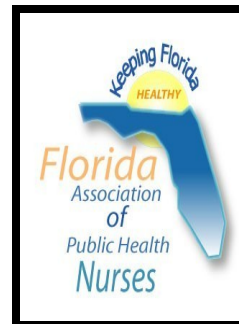
FNA reports the passing of Judith Coffman. Judith Coffman was a member of the East Central Region of FNA (formerly District 8). Ms. Coffman passed away peacefully on Friday, December 14, 2012 after a lengthy illness. She was born in Boca Raton, Florida; the daughter of the late Harry M. Coffman and the late Mary Ryan Coffman. Judith was a graduate of the Pennsylvania School of Nursing. She received her Master's degree in Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania. Ms. Coffman was a retired neo-natal nurse and college nursing professor. She served many years as Secretary of the Orange County of Florida Democrats, Secretary for County Watch, the bipartisan group and was an active Democrat throughout her life. A memorial service for Judith Coffman will be held at Sunset Memorial Park, County Line Road, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on January 5, 2013. Donations in her name may be made to the American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, Maryland 20852 by mail. Please include the following information with your check: name of the person your gift is in memory of. Online American Kidney Fund (AKF).com

Ms. Coffman was active in the FNA and served as an LDC representing nursing and FNA very well in the political arena.

The above is excerpted from the Orlando Sentinel on December 18, 2012.

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**MISSION:** *The Florida Association of Public Health Nurses, Inc. provides leadership for the nursing profession and promotes quality health care for consumers through education, advocacy and influencing public health practices in the State of Florida.*

**VISION:** *The Florida Association of Public Health Nurses will start a nation-wide movement to create a national Public Health Nursing Organization.*

**VALUES:** *Excellence in Public Health Nursing Practice  
Leadership/ Mentorship/ Preceptorship  
Advocacy positions on Issues  
Advance Public Health Nursing through evidence-based research.*



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