

## Celebrating Nurses Week

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“There is a Light in this world...a healing spirit much stronger than any darkness we may encounter. We sometimes lose sight of this force...where there is suffering, too much pain. And suddenly the spirit will emerge... through the lives of ordinary people and answer in extraordinary ways.”  
Mother Teresa

Each day thousands of individuals enter their community hospitals with fear and uncertainty of the unknown. They are entering a busy world in which they are unfamiliar with the language, the culture, the equipment that surrounds them, and the strangers that hurry up and down the hallways. It is in these moments that they look for comfort and they find it in the nurse who walks into their room with their reassuring smile and compassionate

heart. These are the men and women who chose to dedicate their life to ensure that the strangers they encounter are given a meaningful quality of life. They are the light that brings comfort to the sick and the dying. They are the light that pushes through their own struggles to help carry the tears and sadness of strangers. They are the light that burns bright in the darkest of moments and they are a symbol that words like selflessness and dedication still exist in a world that at times appears cold and unkind. They laugh with you and cry with you. They hold your hand and they help to ease your fears. They are a beacon of light for hope and understanding. They are God's Angels who we call Nurses.

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