



HONOR AND CELEBRATE NURSING HEROES - THOSE WHO SERVED US
WITHOUT FEAR OR HESITATION IN 2020 AND CONTINUE TO SERVE!

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Texas Nurses District 9 Foundation Announces NURSING HEROES

Virtually from HOUSTON, Texas (April 7, 2021) – The Board of Texas Nurses Association District 9, and the nearly 4,500 Professional Nurses they serve, know all too well the stress, trauma, and heartbreak endured in 2020 and 2021. District 9 is the largest and oldest nursing district in Texas serving the Houston-Galveston area encompassing 11 counties.

Emerging from the challenge of a pandemic, persevering through uncharted territory, and making an impact along the way was ever present in the daily work of the Nurses in District 9. As family members were not allowed to be with their loved ones, Nurses became a patient's connection to the outside world; gloved hands embracing and comforting anxious patients; face timing family members so they could "see" their loved ones; Quarantining from their own families, working beyond the limits of exhaustion and then going home to create PPE factories in living rooms to protect coworkers, neighbors, and friends... These are just a few of the stories that will be shared on April 22 at 7pm during the virtual Meaningful Recognition ceremony honoring District 9 Nurses.

While most of Houston was in quarantine and working from the comfort of their homes, nurses showed up, leaned in, sacrificed, and worked overtime to get the job done.

Dr. Kimberly "Kimmie" Curtin serves at the President of Texas Nurses District 9, "Nurses are heroes every day. But what we saw and are still seeing during the COVID 19 pandemic was nothing short of remarkable. Honoring those who served without fear or hesitation is important to the Board and me. Congratulations to all of the District 9 Nursing Heroes! Thank you for your leadership, innovation, and sheer determination in this increased time of need." The nursing profession is a family affair for Dr. Curtin as her daughter Cindi Curtin is also a nurse.

After a committee review of nominations submitted by peers, leaders and mentors, Texas Nurses District 9 is pleased to announce 151 Nursing Heroes will be honored at our pre-recorded virtual Meaningful Recognition

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Event on April 22, 2021 at 7pm. The event link will be shared on the organization's website, on social media and sent to all donors and recognized Nursing Heroes to share with family, friends, and coworkers.

Curtin continues, "I am proud of the amazing work and dedication that our Board and organization provides to membership. I ask all Houston area individuals, families, and corporations that have been touched or impacted by the incredible work of a nurse to consider making a 100% tax-deductible donation to the Texas Nurses District 9 Foundation. Ensuring the future of healthcare and the highest level of performance from those in the nursing profession is our mission and our charge and we cannot do what we do without the generous support of our donors."

To thank a nurse and show your gratitude and support, 100% tax-deductible donations can be made online at: www.tnadistrict9.com or mailed via check to the District Office.

NURSING HEROES

Jennifer Abernathy, Texas Children's Hospital
Angelica Aja, Harris Health System: LBJ General Hospital
Sheila Askeland, HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast
Tara Barrick, Texas Children's Hospital
Jason Baumgarten, Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital
Regi Biju, Texas Children's Hospital
Catherine Bilden, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center
Leah Blackwell, Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital
Tamika Brown, Harris Health System: Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital
Lani Cabral Pasao, Angels Over Us
Christina Calderon, HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast
Tammy Cameron, HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast
Chelsea Campbell, Texas Children's Hospital
Liliana Catalan, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital
Sarah Charbonneau, HCA Houston Healthcare West
Mona Clark, Texas Children's Hospital
Pamela Clark, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Molly Conklin, The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Sheritha Copeland, Texas Children's Hospital
Maria D. Cruz, Texas Children's Hospital
Lindsey Curry, Texas Children's Hospital
Allison Damron, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Karin Davies, HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast
Maria Del Rosario, Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital
Michelle Delaney, Harris Health System
Grace Diaz-Font, Memorial Hermann Hospital
Anh Dinh, Minivasive Pain & Orthopedics
Shela E. Ecobiza, Harris Health System
Kellie Eleby, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital

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Sarah Enghardt, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center
Dana Essary, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital
Sheranda Fesler, Texas Children's Hospital
Amelia Fleming, Texas Children's Hospital
Emily Foreman, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Sheila Garcia, HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast
Andy Garza, Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital
Jeannie Ghelardini, Angel Staffing
Teresa Gomez, Texas Children's Hospital
Tyonia Gomez, Harris Health System
Elizabeth "Betty" Gonzales, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Michael Gonzales, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Lindsey Gooding, Texas Children's Hospital
Maria Gordon, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Douglas Grimes, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital
Janis Hammond, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center
Danielle Hardin, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Susan Hardy-Croskey, Texas Children's Hospital
Mary L. Harris, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Marylyn R. Harris, Harland Healthcare Consulting, LLC
Marissa Hergott, Texas Children's Hospital
Christina Hernandez, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Lorena Herrera, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital
Myoshia Hollings, Texas Children's Hospital
Chelsey Hood, Texas Children's Hospital
Krystal Hopson, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Stacey Hudspeth, Texas Children's Hospital
LaDuska "Dusty" James, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital
Martha Jimenez, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center
Harvinder Kaur, Houston Methodist West Hospital
Mildred Kho, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Usha Kizhakkedan, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Brittany Koon, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center
Rima Kordie, Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital
Oksana Korotun, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center
Rebecca Kudlaty, Texas Children's Hospital
Jackie Kuna, Texas Children's Hospital
Maureen Lall, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Julie LaSalle, Texas Children's Hospital
Susan Laws, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Janet Leatherwood, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Sang Lee, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center
Patricia S. Lewis, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Jennifer Lockett, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Jason Lockwood, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Melissa Lopez, Texas Children's Hospital
Donna "DK" Lovick, Texas Children's Hospital
April Lyle, Texas Children's Hospital
Cristina Martin, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Marcia Mason, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital
Kathy McCarthy, Texas Children's Hospital
Morin McMillian, Texas Children's Hospital West Campus

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Laura Medina, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital
Lillie Meng, The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Pam Mengo, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Wendy Miller, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital
Amy Mitchell, Texas Children's Hospital
Alva Mixon, Texas Children's Hospital
Cristina Montalban-Dimafiles, Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital
Denine Moody, Texas Children's Hospital
Judy Moore, The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Katrina Moore, Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital
Deanna Nichols, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital
Jennifer O'Brien, Houston Methodist Orthopedics and Sports Medicine
Yvette Ochoa, Texas Children's Hospital
Kevin Oosting, Memorial Hermann- The Woodlands Medical Center
Cindy Orellana, Texas Children's Hospital
Millicent Owusu, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Paula Palla, City of Humble
Kaitlyn Pawelek, Texas Children's Hospital
Jessica Peck, Baylor University
Mary Joy Pedroso, Texas Children's Hospital
Daphny Grace M. Peneza, Memorial Hermann Hospital Texas Medical Center
Knezyk Pennington, Texas Children's Hospital
Fred Perry, Park Plaza HCA
Cheryl Pfennig, The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Rhoda Phillips, Texas Children's Hospital
Ashley Pollard, Texas Children's Hospital
Carol Porter, The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Jada Price, Memorial Hermann Medical Center in The Woodlands
Miriam Quiambao, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Erika K. Quinlan, Texas Children's Hospital
Jonathan Rangel, Houston Methodist Hospital & Houston Methodist Continuing Care Hospital
Rita Richards, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Cintia Rosenbaum, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Pamela Russell, Harris Health System
Nicole Sanders, Texas Children's Hospital
Clemente "Mario" Saravia, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Alex Sardual, Texas Children's Hospital
Aletha Savage, Memorial Hermann Medical Center in The Woodlands
Candace Scheresky, Memorial Hermann Hospital Texas Medical Center
Nicole Schultz, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center
Amy Sebastian-Deutsch, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Tenu Shaji, HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast
Maregina Shankar, Harris Health System Ambulatory Specialty Clinics
Lisa Sheckler, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
L. Sally Shen, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Fiona Smith, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Uniqua Smith, The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Paul Spriggs, HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast
Kenya Starks, Texas Children's Hospital
Lori Stoddard, Texas Children's Hospital
Jennifer Sy, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Jermaine Tan, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital

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Dorothy Terry, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital
Thresiamma Thysheril, The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Jennifer Turner, Aya Healthcare
Mayra Valdez, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital
Elizabeth Vargas, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Jennyfer Vargas, Memorial Hermann Medical Center in The Woodlands
Jennifer Vera, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital
Dia Vinod, Harris Health System: Vallbona Health Center
Jacqueline Ward, Texas Children's Hospital
Kelly Ward, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Karen Warford, HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast
Rachel Werley, Texas Children's Hospital
Jewelli Wetherell, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Deandria Winchester, Harris Health System: Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital
Pamela Windle, Harris Health System
Carrie Winton, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
James Ziegenfus, Texas Children's Hospital

About Texas Nurses District 9 Foundation

The Texas Nurses District 9 Foundation was founded in 2009 to ensure the continuation of Houston area nurses and nursing students' scholarship and research awards. For more information, go to our website at www.tnadistrict9.com, or contact Melanie Truong at the TNA District 9 office, 713-523-3619 or email at tna9@tnadistrict9.com.

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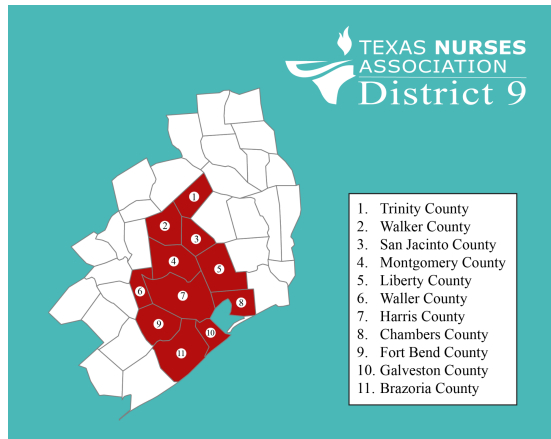




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Cutline 1: Honoring Nurses who served without Fear or Hesitation during COVID 19 pandemic.



Cutline 2: Texas Nurses Association District 9 service area map: 11 Houston-Galveston area counties.