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If every person gives a little, all RN students in financial crisis can be helped and we can increase the number of RNs in California. Please let us know if you have a friend who should know about Flo's Cookie Jar:

We are all patients – past, present and future. We need RNs to ensure safe, quality care for ourselves and our families!

Special thanks to these generous supporters:

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And to the many dedicated nurse leaders throughout the state who have provided funds and their time to help RN students.

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Through Tough Times

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Flo's Cookie Jar

**Helping RN Students
through Tough Times**

Flo's Cookie Jar provides
emergency grants to eligible
pre-licensure RN students



Keep Future RNs in School...

Support Flo's Cookie Jar!

Flo's Cookie Jar: Helping Student Nurses Through the Tough Times...

Robert experienced the irony of many student RNs – a costly health issue was forcing him out of school.

Extensive emergency bridge-work repairs required that Robert spend his limited cash reserve on dental bills instead of school. As he put it: "I had to eat."



Nakia and her husband had planned carefully for her return to school. What they didn't plan was his months without work and the in-

crease in rent. Each passing month put them further behind. \$2000 helped the family stay in their home. Nakia will finish school on time.

A third of RN students either drop out or fall behind in their studies. This is due mainly to small personal financial crises, according to a recent Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) study.

Their needs are small... a new set of tires... uniforms, textbooks... an unexpected bill... a health issue....

No RN student should have to leave school for want of \$2000.



Flo's Cookie Jar keeps student RNs in school – the cheapest and fastest way to educate more nurses. If we cut the drop-out rate in half, we graduate 1,000 new nurses annually.

Support Flo's Cookie Jar



Flo's Cookie Jar provides emergency grants-in-aid to prelicensure RN students facing a one-time need that otherwise would force them to leave school. Flo's also focuses on fostering a diverse RN workforce to better serve California communities.

Developed by a group of experienced nurse leaders and educators, Flo's Cookie Jar provides up to \$2,000 for:

1. Personal and educational emergencies that would cause the student to leave school.
2. Professional supplies, such as uniforms and equipment, that exceed the first-semester student's ability to pay.

Donations made to Flo's Cookie Jar go into the California Nursing Student Association Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, and are tax deductible.

Flo's Cookie Jar is a collaborative venture of the Association of California Nurse Leaders, California Institute for Nursing and Health Care, Foundation for California Community Colleges, and deans and directors of college nursing programs.

Attention Students:

Applications are on the website:

www.floscookiejar.org

Please read and follow all instructions.

Applicants must be pre-licensure RN students in good academic and clinical standing.

Not all grant applications are funded.

Educating More California RNs is a Critical Need

- California ranks 50th nationwide in the number of RNs per capita, with more than 20% fewer nurses than the national average. (HRSA)
- 17% of nursing students are forced to drop out of school. A financial issue is the #1 reason why students end up leaving school. Due to the nature of RN educational programs, these spots are rarely filled with new students. The result: fewer RNs graduate.
- Only 70% of California's nursing students graduate on time – in addition to those dropping-out, 14% have to take one or more semesters off – most due to minor financial emergencies.*
- The nursing shortage will get worse before it gets better: The average age of RNs today in California is 47. Yet, aging Baby Boomers will drive up the demand for more RNs over the next several years – just as many in the RN workforce are retiring.

*Annual School Report 2005-06, state Board of Registered Nursing, March 2007

**CPC "Back To School" report, September 2006.

82% of the nursing students helped by Flo's are already working as RNs. Others are completing school.