# Visiting Nurse Association Health Group 2012 ANNUAL REPORT





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# **MESSAGE FROM VNA HEALTH GROUP LEADERS**

Dear Friends,

The year 2012 was a milestone year for Visiting Nurse Association Health Group. Through multiple events and observances, our organization celebrated the 100-year anniversary of the founding of VNA Health Group. We looked back at the VNA's rich history, raised awareness of the VNA and its vital mission of keeping people healthy in communities across the state of New Jersey, and increased opportunities for the community to contribute philanthropic support.

In addition to our Centennial, we had much to celebrate in 2012. We provided home health care, hospice care and community-based care to more than 124,000 individuals throughout the state. True to our mission, we served people of all ethnicities and economic levels, never turning away anyone who was unable to pay for care. This was made possible through the generous support of our community, the continued commitment of our boards of trustees and volunteers, and the dedication of our employees.

We now look ahead to our next century of service, fulfilling the vision of Geraldine Thompson, our founder, to keep our community healthy. The future holds great promise. With the dramatic increase in the aging baby boomer population, changes in healthcare finance and policy, and consumer preference for being cared for at home, keeping people healthy at home is more relevant than ever before. With your continued support, VNA Health Group will be there for you, your family, your neighbors, and your community. We are pleased to present you with a recap of the year's major achievements and want to express how grateful we are to you for your continued and generous support.

Thank you so much,

Steven H. Landers, MD, MPH

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# **OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS 2012**

The past year was one of both celebration and change for VNA Health Group. The organization enjoyed a year-long observance of its IOOth Anniversary, paying tribute to community-based care through regional and national events. Significant external and internal changes also took place during the year. VNA continued to respond to national and statewide healthcare reform while undertaking organizational changes in leadership and structure. The organization welcomed a new President/CEO and a new Chairman of the Board, and carried out a complete organizational redesign. In 2012:

- · VNA Health Group provided care for more than I24,000 individuals an increase of more than 4%— and a total of nearly 900,000 episodes of care.
- The number of patients admitted for home care and hospice services **increased** by 2.7% over the previous year to 29,668 patients served.
- The **OSCARS** (Outstanding, Sensitivity, Communication, Attitude, Respect, Service) Program made its debut in April 2012. The program was created to recognize **outstanding job performance** by both clinical and non-clinical staff. Over 70 employees were nominated by managers and peers.
- As a result of an intensive survey process, VNA Health Group was awarded accreditation for the period 2012 –2015 by the Community Health Accreditation Program, CHAP
- · VNA Health Group was voted a 2012 Best Place to Work by NJ Biz, a statewide business publication.

# CELEBRATING OUR CENTENNIAL 1912-2012 .......

In 2012, VNAHG celebrated its 100th Anniversary, a major milestone. Highlights included a spectacular Centennial Gala on June 23, 2012 that drew more than 530 attendees and raised nearly \$550,000; publication of a beautiful commemorative book, "100 Faces of Caring"; and a VNAHG historical exhibit which began on Ellis Island and traveled throughout New Jersey.



Patients receive home care and hospice care each day (average daily census)

Total patients in 2012 received home care and hospice care

Total individuals
enrolled in community health programs

Total episodes of care
were delivered by VNA Health Group



Hurricane Sandy Donations: Stevens Institute intern Tom Phillips, left, and VNAHG maintenance team members (1 to r) Ed Jones, Steve Louth, and Ted Giannechini collected supplies donated by generous friends and family members near and far.



VNA Hospice Children's Day: "Hearts of Remembrance" Children's Day is a volunteer driven event which allowed 29 children and their guardians to attend grief support camp after experiencing the death of a loved one.



Flu Shots: VNA Health Group nurses attended numerous health fairs after Superstorm Sandy to ensure community members were receiving their flu and pneumonia shots.

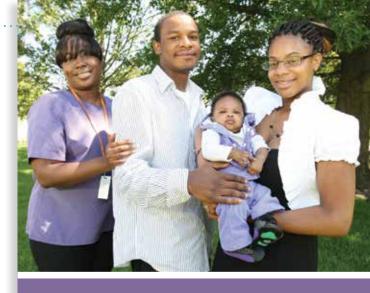
# **COMMUNITY BENEFIT AND COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS**

"Community benefit" conveys an organization's commitment to the well-being of individuals in the communities it serves. It offers the possibility of healthier lives to people, families and children who are challenged by poverty, disability and lack of access to care. Direct and indirect funding and services that make up VNA community benefit include charity care; unreimbursed care; in-kind donations; government, private, and corporate funding; research and education; scholarships; and free community health activities. In 2012, VNAHG provided more than \$12.6 million in community benefit and community-based programs for those who needed them most.

# Community Benefit Highlights in 2012:

- VNAHG staff presented **health education programs** to **II**,500 individuals at conferences, community groups, health fairs, clubs and churches throughout the year.
- 4,000 adults and children were immunized against flu and pneumonia.
- Through the Cancer Education and Early Detection Program (CEED), 850 uninsured Monmouth County residents received free cancer screenings.
- 4,964 individuals received HIV/AIDS services including prevention, education, treatment adherence, case management and home care.

- · 36,784 mothers and children received nutrition education and healthcare referrals with more than I5I,000 visits through the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). Over \$14 million worth of vouchers were given to provide children with healthy and nutritious foods required for essential and adequate growth and development.
- At the 8th Annual Children's Day, held at the Rumson home of Liz & Tom Thees, 29 children and their families participated in grief support activities organized by hospice professionals and trained volunteers.
- Through the **Healthy Families** program, 7,200 nursing visits were provided to 516 families, including first-time mothers. The visits provide parent education, healthcare, welfare and public assistance.
- I,OI5 of the most vulnerable and disenfranchised members of the community residents of boarding homes, motels, and homeless shelters received **Mobile Outreach nursing care and support**.
- Supportive services through the School-Based Youth Services Program, were provided to 424 students at Asbury Park High School.
- · Advanced practice nurses provided school-based health services to 2,076 students in 5 school districts. An estimated 30,000 hours of school absenteeism were prevented.
- Health screenings, health education and nursing assessments were provided to 2,400 seniors through the Senior Wellness Program.



#### Laque and Ben:

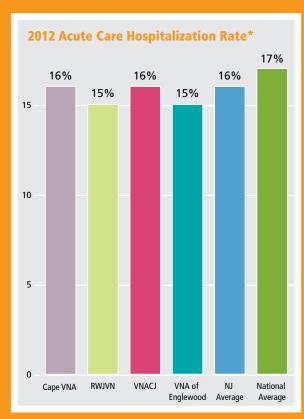
"We are more confident now."

Laque: "When we found out I was pregnant, we were uneasy and uncomfortable with the idea. We didn't know if we would be able to handle this huge responsibility and change in our lives. Becoming a young parent changes everything, and that is very nerve-wracking.

"We spent a lot of time working with Dawn Ellis, our Healthy Families family support worker, whom we affectionately call Miss Dawn. We began to be more relaxed and comfortable about this new chapter in our lives. We became excited and more confident. We felt like 'we can do this'."

Ben: "Miss Dawn has helped empower us as parents and also as individuals. Her belief in us gave Laque the courage to go back to school for forensic science, and I have been working two jobs and applying to colleges.

"We feel so blessed to have each other, our baby Cherish, and especially Miss Dawn!"



The Acute Care Hospitalization Rate measures how often patients were admitted to the hospital while under the care of the home health team. Lower numbers are better for this measure. VNA Health Group members are all below the national average and are at or below the New Jersey state average.

# **OUTCOMES OF EXCELLENCE**

VNAHG's ongoing commitment to outstanding, patient-centered care continues to be our guide for decision-making, resulting in better outcomes and better health for patients and individuals at home and in communities.

Here are a few outcomes from 2012 that measure VNA Health Group's health care performance:

# Reducing Rehospitalization

Heart failure patients utilizing VNA Health Group in-home telehealth monitoring reported a II.39% acute care hospitalization rate compared to the 2012 national average of 27.24%

#### Better Outcomes for Mothers and Children

The subsequent birth rate of teens age 15–19 participating in the VNAHG Nurse-Family Partnership Program was 7% as compared to the New Jersey state target of 20%.

90% of new mothers enrolled in the VNAHG Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program initiated breastfeeding.

#### Better Outcomes for Adults

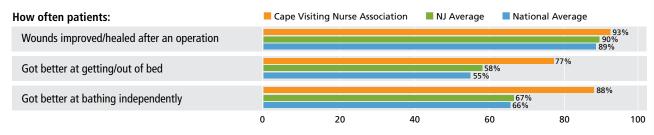
In 2012, VNA Health Group focused on the chronic disease population, particularly those with heart failure. Best practice information was shared, staff were educated, and heart failure signs and the signs and symptoms of shortness of breath were monitored. All VNAHG members reported a higher percentage than the New Jersey average outcome of 70% for improved breathing in patients:

- · Cape Visiting Nurse Association: 83%
- · Robert Wood Johnson Visiting Nurses: 78%
- Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey: 74%
- · Visiting Nurse Association of Englewood: 82%

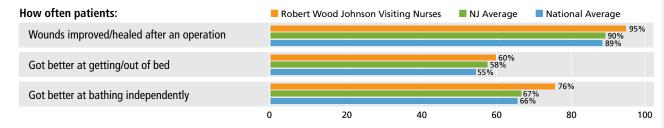
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# How Does VNA Health Group compare?

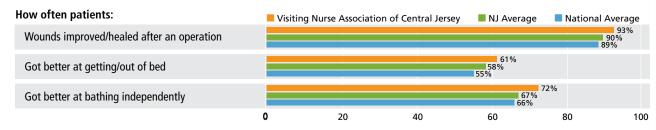
#### **Cape Visiting Nurse Association**



#### **Robert Wood Johnson Visiting Nurses**



# **Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey**



# **Visiting Nurse Association of Englewood**





#### June:

# "The VNA sent me a ray of sunshine."

"Last year was very hard for me. I had cared for my husband through a lengthy illness. The day after his funeral, Hurricane Sandy came through and destroyed most of my house. I went to live temporarily with my daughter. About three weeks later, while I was out shopping, I had a stroke. My legs went numb and my feet went right out from under me. I went first to the hospital and then to a rehab facility. As the days passed, I became very depressed.

"When I was discharged to in-home rehab, there was no question that I wanted the VNA. I have been a volunteer for years at the VNA thrift shop in Manasquan, and have heard a lot about the organization's wonderful work. What I didn't realize is the dramatic impact one dedicated person can have on your life. My physical therapist, Mary Lore, was a ray of sunshine. We had a lot of laughs as we worked together on the exercises that gave me back the use of my legs. One time shortly after Mary left, my daughter walked in and said, 'You look so cheerful. Mary must have been here.'

"I'm looking forward to returning to work at the Thrift Shop soon. I'm back in my own house now, and I wake up every day with a smile."

<sup>\*</sup>Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Home Health Compare







# **INNOVATIONS**

In 2012, VNA Health Group continued to evolve as a regional leader of home health, hospice and community care through the use of innovative care delivery initiatives and state-of-the-art technology.

- · VNA Health Group played a collaborative role as a member of task forces designed to reduce hospital readmission rates at Monmouth Medical Center, CentraState Medical Center, and Saint Peter's University Hospital.
- In a joint program with a major medical insurance company, VNAHG provided "Transitions of Care" nursing to II8 Managed Medicare patients and reduced the patients' 30-day readmission rates to 7.63%.
- ·VNAHG contracted with two insurance companies to provide 3,968 individuals with nursing assessments.
- Advanced Practice Nurses provided at-home nursing assessments and lab screenings for
   294 Managed Medicaid patients in 21 counties.
- In 2012, VNA Health Group partnered with 14 providers in three counties which included acute care hospitals, home health agencies, and community partners/Offices on the Aging to apply for the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovations Community Based Care Transitions program. The goal of the demonstration program is to improve transitions of beneficiaries between care settings, improve quality of care for patients in the surrounding communities, reduce readmissions for high risk beneficiaries by 20% and document measurable savings to the Medicare program.
- · VNAHG developed an evidence-based coaching model to teach patients and families how to keep healthy and improve the management of their conditions. This care coordination begins in the hospital and transitions to the home.
- VNAHG deployed more than 500 Android tablets and 100 smart phones to field clinicians and home health aides to increase usability, portability and speed for completing documentation.
- 50% of VNAHG's computer infrastructure was moved to a new internal cloud to reduce cost and enhance our information technology systems.

# A TRIBUTE TO EXCELLENCE

#### **VNA HEALTH GROUP AWARDS**

John C. Archibald

VNA of Central Jersey Board of Trustees

Judith Stanley Coleman Award

for Exceptional Community Service

Margaret Walsh

VNA of Central Jersey Volunteer

Rosemary Cook Volunteer Leadership Award

#### VNA HEALTH GROUP EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS

Colleen Nelson, RN, BSN

Marcia Granucci Leadership Award

Geraldine Wilkins, CHHA

Home Health Aide of the Year

Leanna R. Hubert, RN

Nurse of the Year

Fatoumata Niang, CHHA

Home Health Aide "Rookie of the Year"

Linda Rose Duddy

Doris A. Septen Employee of the Year

Khalid Hameed, PT

Rehabilitative Therapist of the Year

Karen L. Ventriglia, MSW, LSW

Social Worker of the Year

#### STATE AND REGIONAL AWARDS

Pauline R. DePalma, BSW

Manager of Volunteers

New Jersey Hospice & Palliative Care Organization

Volunteer Manager of the Year

# NURSES' DAY CELEBRATION 2012 .....

VNA Health Group celebrates Nurses' Day each May during National Nurses' Week. In 2012, more than 350 nurses gathered to celebrate their chosen vocation of nursing and to receive accolades for their hard work and dedication. They paid a special tribute to Florence Nightingale by reading her pledge, lighting candles and renewing their commitment to nursing. The organization recognized its Nurse of the Year and Home Health Aide of the Year, and presented DAISY awards to a number of nurses who went "above and beyond." Nurses who earned bachelor's and master's degrees during the year were also honored. Six scholarship award winners were announced, including recipients of the Marcia Granucci Scholarship, the Violet Yurowski Scholarship, and the Visiting Nurse Association Health Group Nursing Scholarships.



Doris Septen, left, who was a longtime VNA employee, presented the 2012 Doris Septen Embloyee of the Year Award to Linda Duddy.



Patricia Rusca, RN, BSN, vice president, compliance and quality, congratulates high schoo seniors (1 to r) Heather Altardo, Susanna Cruz and Lauren Heddy, who received VNA Health Group nursing scholarships.



Colleen Nelson, RN, BSN, vice president, children and family health, center, received the Marcia Granucci Award for excellence in community-based nursing leadership.

She is congratulated by Michael Granucci, left, and Theresa Beck, right, retired chief mission officer.



Centennial Gala: (L to r) Honoree Peter Carton, VNA Health Group Vice Chair

Denise Devine, Honoree and Foundation Trustee Nancy Mulheren, and VNA President &
CEO Dr. Steven Landers.



Salute to Volunteers: Pauline DePalma, manager of volunteers, center front, enjoy an "Around the World"–themed appreciation dinner with VNA Health Group hospice volunteers.



Hospice Holiday Tree Lighting: Vinny Tavormina, center, pictured here with his family lit the hospice tree in memory of his wife. Elaine.

# THE POWER OF PHILANTHROPY

Throughout the history of VNA Health Group, friends, donors, and supporters have made generous gifts to sustain the mission of caring for people, irrespective of their circumstances, and deliver groundbreaking advances in the way nurses provide care in patients' homes and in the community.

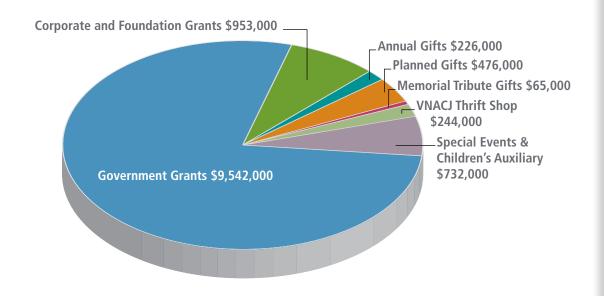
# Highlights of Your Generosity in 2012:

- · Over \$12.2 million in contributions and grants were given to VNA Health Group in 2012.
- The VNACJ Thrift and Consignment Shop contributed \$244,000, its largest donation to date, to fund care for individuals in need.
- The Centennial Celebration Gala raised \$548,000, becoming the largest fundraiser in VNA history.
- Private corporations and foundations awarded grants in the amount of \$953,000 in support of community-based programs.
- The Hospice Tree Lighting and Holiday Dinner Dance collectively raised \$76,000 to benefit hospice patients and families.
- The Children's Auxiliary raised \$57,000 to benefit children's programs through their annual family event, "Halloween Fest" at Riverwind, and their popular "Power of the Purse."
- Contributors near and far donated \$200,000 to VNA Health Group's Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund. Gifts came from VNA trustees, employees, loyal supporters, local businesses and other VNAs across the country.

• VNA Health Group volunteers are an essential complement to VNA health care professionals, administrators, office staff and patients. In 2012, they donated 6,500 hours of their time to a variety of projects. They visited 294 hospice patients, made 663 bereavement calls, assembled hospice charts and assisted with special events. Volunteers play an instrumental role in both the annual "Hearts of Remembrance" Children's Day and the "Seasons of Hope" program, which in 2012 provided more than 600 families with holiday gifts.



Sources of Contributed Funds





#### Maria:

"Thank you for your years of love and care."

"We have been patients as a family with Cape Visiting Nurse Association on and off for the last ten years, and in that time we have never had a complaint. The nurses are caring and compassionate and steadfast in promoting their patients' wellbeing. The aides are cheerful, caring, gentle and — most important — reliable.

"Our nurse Nancy gives her all to make sure her patients receive the care they need from doctors, labs, and even social services—anything that may be beneficial to their health and their lives. She does not falter until that goal is reached.

"When Frank, my father, was admitted to hospice, we told the VNA we wanted Denise to return as his aide. She is giving, patient, warm, reliable and caring. He is very comfortable and relaxed with her. And in a time like this, 'little' things mean a lot. My mother was a great cook, and since her passing we have truly missed her Italian meatballs. I could not get the recipe right, but Denise can, thank goodness!

"Thank you again, Cape Visiting Nurse Association, for the years of love and care. We are deeply appreciative of all you did for our family through the years and are still doing today."







#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

#### **26TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC**

August 6, 2012 Hollywood Golf Club, Deal

Joseph Sodano, Chairman

#### COMMITTEE:

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# **2012 HALLOWEEN FEST** AT RIVERWIND

October 14, 2012 Riverwind Estate, Middletown

Presented by the

VNA Health Group Children's Auxiliary

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# **6TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE**

#### December 1, 2012 Spring Lake Golf Club

Honoring Frank & Diane Vigilante

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Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Wheat Co-Chairmen

Dr. and Mrs. Vincent Zales

Co-Chairmen

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#### **POWER OF THE PURSE**

April 26, 2012 David Burke Fromagerie, Rumson

Presented by the VNA Health Group Children's Auxiliary

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(L to r) Bridget Murphy, chief philanthropy officer; Dorothy Silady, president of the VNACJ Thrift Shop; Kevin Rogers; and Mindy Minerva, VNAHG Foundation chair, with 2012's record-setting check from the thrift shob.



VNACI Thrift & Consignment Shop volunteers help shoppers make some stunning burchases



Volunteer Lorraine Grogan, left, helps regular customer Jackie DeLeeuw, right, shop for a child's shirt

#### VNA OF CENTRAL JERSEY THRIFT & CONSIGNMENT SHOP

On April I, 1960, VNA founder Geraldine Thompson cut the ceremonial ribbon to open the MCOSS Thrift Shop, now the VNACJ Thrift and Consignment Shop. After only I6 months of business, the volunteer-driven thrift and consignment shop was able to donate \$2,500 to agency services and programs. Since the shop's founding, its volunteers have donated a total of more than 700,000 hours and contributed more than 4 million dollars.

In 2012, the shop's board of managers announced a donation of \$244,000, their largest ever. With more than 200 volunteers and a well known tagline, "Where what you purchase to wear, turns into care," the VNACJ Thrift and Consignment Shop is in every respect a thriving community institution.

#### **VNACJ THRIFT & CONSIGNMENT SHOP BOARD OF MANAGERS**

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# **CHILDREN'S AUXILIARY**

The Children's Auxiliary was founded in 1992 to develop a permanent endowment fund specifically to support services for children. The auxiliary currently has 24 members whose goal is to raise funds to ensure that all children receive the care that they need. Auxiliary members have hosted many successful events including the a Halloween-themed children's fair, fashion shows, cocktail parties and a ladies' night out and purse auction. In 2012, the Children's Auxiliary raised \$57,000 through the "Halloween Fest" at the Riverwind estate in Middletown and the "Power of the Purse" event at David Burke Fromagerie in Rumson.

#### CHILDREN'S AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

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(L to r) Nancy Montserrat; Nikie Sourlis, Children's Auxiliary chairman; Nancy Mulheren, VNAHG Foundation trustee; and Carmela Tedesco, special event manager, enjoy a beautiful afternoon at "Halloween Fest."



Children's Auxiliary members prepare for the Power of the Purse event.

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The following individuals, corporations, organizations and foundations made generous contributions of \$150 or more in 2012 to support VNA Health Group

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Mrs. LaLore, our Early Intervention service coordinator, was always compassionate, professional, and understanding. I am definitely one very satisfied mother and speak very highly of the Early Intervention services my son was given. He blossomed because of everyone and their support.

- Trudie C.

Our family thanks VNA of Englewood from the bottom of our heart for all you did to make our mother's last days ones of comfort and dignity.

-Family of Ramona C.

I am writing to you with great thanks for the superb care you provided to Mary. Bernadette and Melissa showed Mary the utmost respect and care daily. Sara and Sally, her nurses, were superb with Mary and our entire family.

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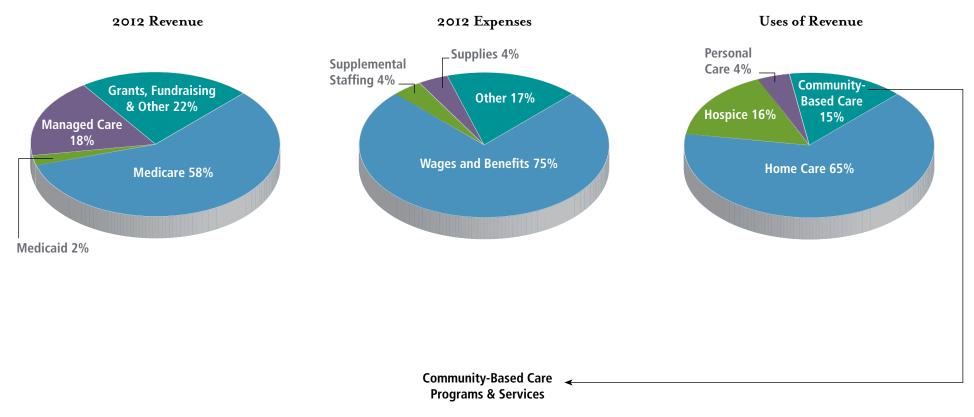
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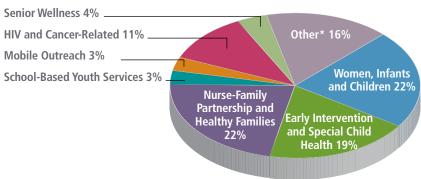
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# **SUPERSTORM SANDY**

On October 29, 2012, the New Jersey coastline was pummeled by Superstorm Sandy, the second worst hurricane-type event in recorded history. More than 2.6 million people lost power and 346,000 homes were damaged — of which 22,000 were rendered uninhabitable. Sandy's wide path of destruction made it one of New Jersey's most significant disasters. As has been the case throughout VNA history, staff went "above and beyond" to prepare for the storm and then provide care for patients and the community. VNA staffed nine shelters, provided 1,000 hours of service and — most important — cared for 3,500 patients throughout the state. Friends and strangers near and far contributed money, food, clothing, supplies, and time. Members of VNA's staff donated 442 vacation days valued at \$16,000 to help their colleagues adversely affected by the storm.



Olivia Glah, RN, BSN, ran out of gas while on her rounds. To care for her patients, she walked from 8:30 a.m to 5:30 p.m. carrying 60 pounds of supplies.



Special Delivery: Mavis Doozie, RN, left, delivered baby Saed in a car stuck in Newark's gridlocked traffic in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. His parents are Charmania Florence, center, and Qaadir Brooks, right. Doozie was recognized by radio station Z100.



farion Norman, APN, RN, a Keansburg school nurse practitioner, discovered that many of her school childrer were evacuated to the shelter where she was volunteering. The children and parents felt at ease seeing a familiar ace.



Catherine Donahue, APN, a VNAHG school-based nurse practitioner, found 91-year old Benito confused and disoriented outside the Monmouth University shelter clinic where she was assisting. He is diabetic and has a pacemaker. Catherine discovered his blood sugar level was dangerously low. She immediately went to work to raise his levels and prescribed insulin to be delivered to the shelter.

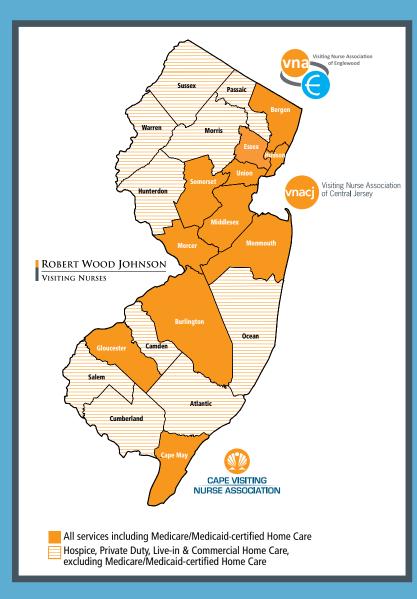


Fred Ledger, manager of purchasing, had no experience working with generators but knew he had to act when the generator for VNAHG's Red Bank headquarters malfunctioned. Fred replaced the fuel pump, wired the pump shut and jump-started the generator with his car to power the building.



Darlene Cadigan, R.N. spent more than 80 hours at shelters luring the weeks following Hurricane Sandy. Cadigan brought supplies, comfort and support for people who were feeling anxious and hobeless.





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