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You are receiving this newsletter to help keep you updated on issues and BCNU initiatives that may be important to you in your retirement.

Celebrate BCNU's 40th Anniversary by Helping Build Our Legacy

BCNU was officially founded on June 11, 1981 – marking 2021 as our 40th anniversary. To acknowledge this significant milestone, we are delighted to publicly launch our endowment fund *The BC Nurses' Union Fund*, held at Vancouver Foundation.

This fund was established to support student nurse opportunities, professional development for members, humanitarian and disaster relief efforts and organizations that address societal inequity in BC communities.

As the pandemic swept the globe, BCNU soft-launched this fund in 2020. With help from nurses and the public, BCNU contributed over \$25,000 to Canadian Mental Health Association programs focused on COVID-19 fatigue, and to Food Banks BC in aid of food insecurity.

BCNU has protected and advanced the health, safety, social and economic well-being of our members, our profession, and our communities for 40 years. We encourage you to celebrate with us by making a meaningful and lasting impact for British Columbians.

As a former member of BCNU, please consider a donation to the endowment fund in honour of our 40th anniversary. Donations over \$25 will receive an electronic tax receipt. If you would like to donate, please visit [this page](#). We are grateful for any contributions.

As we celebrate 40 years, you are encouraged to watch a few of our current members share why they chose nursing as their profession. Watch the videos [on our website](#).

Thank you for being part of BCNU's past and present as we build for the future.

Retiree Benefit Program

The Retiree Benefit Program (RBP) committee met this past spring. At the meeting, it was acknowledged that the pension governance review work continues to be significantly delayed because of the pandemic. As a result, there remains no further update at this time regarding the 1% fund, until after the pension governance review completes. The RBP committee has committed to further discuss the use of the fund at the committee's first meeting following the conclusion of the Pension Governance Review. A timeline for such discussion will be shared when known.

If you know another retired member who did not yet receive this email, please forward this to let them know they can update their information with BCNU and be added to this mailing list by contacting

Membership@bcnu.org.

Questions or suggestions? Reply to this email with your feedback for future eNewsletters.

For more information, please visit the [retired nurses page](#) on the BCNU website.

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