



Jonas Philanthropies Announces 2018-2020 Jonas Scholar Cohort

Organization celebrates a decade of high-impact investments in nursing education to address our nation's most pressing healthcare needs

NEW YORK (September 5, 2018) -- Jonas Philanthropies, the leading national philanthropic funder of graduate nursing education, today announced the new 2018-2020 cohort of Jonas Scholars. The premier initiative was founded in 2008 to address the nursing faculty shortage in the United States through the advancement of nursing leadership in research, policy and practice.

The new cohort welcomes more than 200 doctoral nursing scholars across 95 universities who will begin their graduate education this fall; they join more than 1,000 Jonas Alumni Scholars in all 50 states who have advanced into roles as faculty, clinical leaders and researchers. Each scholarship provides academic funding for PhD, EdD and DNP students as well as leadership development, mentoring and professional networking.

To commemorate 10 years of supporting the nursing profession, founders Barbara and Donald Jonas expanded their strategic vision with the launch of Jonas Philanthropies in January 2018 to bring scalable solutions to the country's most neglected populations.

"As we welcome another impressive group of nurse leaders into the Jonas Scholar community, Barbara and I are honored to celebrate all that the program has achieved in the past decade," said Donald Jonas, president of Jonas Philanthropies. "Nurses play a pivotal role in advancing our nation's healthcare, and as we look to the future, we are thrilled to continue our work with our partner nursing schools and expand our impact to help the country's most vulnerable citizens."

According to Wanda Montalvo, PhD, RN, executive director of Jonas Nursing and Veterans Healthcare, "A highly educated nursing workforce is the key to a healthy family, community and nation. Jonas Scholars are addressing important healthcare challenges: psych-mental health, chronic illness, public health, veterans healthcare, vision and children's environmental health."

Through the growth of the Scholar Program, Jonas Philanthropies believes that an investment in the education of nurse leaders is integral to tackling the greatest healthcare needs of our time, a belief supported by several long-standing partners who co-fund Jonas Scholars, including The Morton K. and Jane Blaustein Foundation, The Ahmanson Foundation, The Geneva Foundation and Columbia University Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association.

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Jonas Philanthropies is transforming healthcare for the better by investing where it matters most, in solutions that can be scaled for the greatest impact. Its programs address high-need issues and audiences with high-impact solutions: promoting leadership in nursing and veterans healthcare, preventing and treating low vision and blindness, and protecting our children's environmental health.