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PHILANTHROPIST, SANDRA EVERS-MANLY CONTRIBUTES TO NATIONAL BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION TO COMBAT GLOBAL COVID-19 PANDEMIC



Dr. (Hon) Millicent Gorham
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(April 7, 2020- Silver Spring, MD) As the world meets the unprecedented impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Sandra Evers-Manly stands with the **National Black Nurses Association of Silver Spring, Maryland** and their efforts to limit the spread of the virus. Together they labor on the frontline to ease the related medical and psycho-social hardships faced by the communities in which we all live and work.

Guided by her family values and a spirit of giving, Ms. Evers-Manly has established and contributed funds to the National Black Nurses Association to support its work in communities around the globe. *“I’m proud to partner and work with the National Black Nurses Association. Their members are serving at every level to help fight this COVID 19 pandemic; from the most severe and acute to those helping in hospitals and clinics to provide public information,”* states Ms. Evers-Manly.

The special fund provides support grants to NBNA Chapters whose operations address the basic needs of vulnerable populations that are under additional strain due to the pandemic. Vulnerable populations include but are not limited to advanced age persons, single parents, children and the homeless.

Projects will include but are not limited to the following:

- Providing respite care
- Picking up medications
- Providing safety checks
- Taking food baskets
- Giving hygiene products to shelters
- Giving personal protective equipment (PPE) to front-line nurses
- Offering disaster preparedness and universal precautions training.

Evers-Manly stated, *“It is critical that **all** underserved, under-resourced and underinsured populations are embraced in a **“Safety Net”** during these trying times. I believe that the NBNA and their cadre of nurses are a core component of that **“Safety Net.”** No older person should be forced to go outside to get groceries or their medication. Across the nation we must look after the older adults in our communities.”*

“Each and every one of us must reach out in a safe way to make sure vulnerable populations have someone to talk to, have medications and have enough food to eat during these difficult times,” expressed Dr. Martha A. Dawson, President of the National Black Nurses Association. *“We are pleased to partner with Ms. Sandra Evers-Manly during these challenging times.”*

As the COVID-19 crisis evolves, Ms. Evers-Manly will continue to align her philanthropic resources based on emerging needs, prioritizing food, medical and emergency assistance to elders and children.

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