

EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Readers:

An article appearing in January 2019 on nurse.org paraphrased the head of the World Health Organization (WHO), saying that nurses were the “bridge of health care” and that “they [provide] a crucial link between the people of the community and the complex health care system.” That same month the WHO designated **2020** as the “**Year of the Nurse and Midwife.**”



According to 2018 data from the HRSA Bureau of Primary Health Care's Uniform Data System, the number of nurses serving at community health centers as Registered Nurses (RNs), Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs), and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), number some 28,000. This may not include the many who serve in administrative capacities. In any case, thousands of nurse professionals today are fulfilling critical roles in the Health Center Movement as caregivers, patient/community educators, researchers/scientists, leaders and advocates.

Throughout 2020 NACHC will celebrate nurses in the Movement by sharing their personal stories and accomplishments. We are starting off by highlighting in this issue of the *Forum* a few of the outstanding nurse trained individuals who in their individual roles have made a positive difference in the health and lives of people and communities served by America's Health Centers.

To your good health,

Claudia Green Gibson
Executive Vice President for Communications
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This issue is dedicated to the following outstanding nurse leaders whose service and commitment at the national level helped to move the Health Center Movement forward to where it is today.

- Janice Robinson*, NACHC President (1975-1976) and NACHC Executive Director (1979-1985)*
- Janie Geer*, NACHC Secretary (1984-1987)*
- Jessie Trice*, NACHC Chair (1992-1993)*
- Carole Morris, NACHC Chair (1995-1996)*
- Bobbie Maniece-Harrison, NACHC Consumer Representative (2002-2006)*
- Lil Anderson, NACHC Chair (2007-2009)*

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