

Excellence in Chapter Community Education & Public Service



Greater Washington Area Chapter – AACN Washington, DC

Greater Washington Area Chapter of AACN is a mature chapter dedicated to the education and advancement of critical care nurses. GWAC has consistently held quality programs and facilitated professional excellence among our colleagues throughout the Washington, DC metropolitan area. We continue to offer a high quality critical care consortium providing a solid foundation for our newly graduated colleagues as well as planting an early seed for middle school students in one of our rural counties.

Our theme last year challenged us to “act with intention,” which proved to be a very inspiring, active message that transformed and invigorated our community and educational activities.

In an era of economic woes and heightened awareness and scrutiny regarding health care spending and quality, we are intentionally “Standing Tall” and creating alliances that will continue to spread the good news about nurses who are the heartbeat of our hospitals by:

- Partnering with the American Heart Association, Power to End Stroke/BP task Force, covering community events to carry the important message concerning blood pressure as it relates to stroke prevention
- Supporting a local, rural county to provide health information, promote healthy choices and offer blood pressure screening at health fairs
- Serving as medical volunteers to raise breast cancer awareness and participating with fundraising
- Providing monetary gifts to 4 new AACN chapters - our Christmas in July program committed a portion of funds raised from the sale of 2010 NTI T-shirts to support Region IV educational activities.

GWAC’s outreach goals are targeted toward our youth in an attempt to help them grow, our community in offering healthcare screening and education, our nursing community in their professional education and our AACN community in chapter growth

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