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Simple ways to nank local ńurses

urses have long been unsung heroes of the cal community. But that tide began to turn 20 as the world confronted the COVIDandemic and realized just how invaluable es are to public health.

ccording to the American Nurses ciation, nearly 400 nurses in the United s died as a result of COVID-19 within months of a pandemic being declared in rica. Globally, data from the International icil of Nurses indicated that roughly 1,500 es lost their lives to COVID-19 by the end of

at data is sobering and serves as a remindat nurses put their lives on the line each day go to work. Such sacrifices are worthy of spread support, and there are many ways ary citizens can thank nurses working in communities.

upport efforts to protect nurses. The public do its part by urging local lawmakers to ort legislation that increases domestic proon of PPE so the brave men and women in ursing profession can feel safe when doing

Give nurses and their families a night off cooking. Long shifts in stressful situations taken a toll on nurses and their families. nbours can pitch in by offering to cook and er meals or pay for takeout for nurses and



their families. This simple gesture can provide a much-needed break for nurses and their spouses who have been stretched thin during the pandemic, and it's a great way to remind nurses their heroic efforts are not going unnoticed.

· Help out with chores. Before going to the grocery store, text or call a friend or neighbour in the nursing field to see if he or she needs anything from the store. If nurses shop online for their groceries, arrange to pick them up so nurses can spend more time relaxing at home with their families. During warm weather seasons, offer to mow the lawn or help with leaf pickup.

· Offer discounts to nurses in your community. Local business owners can do their part by offering discounts to nurses and other health care professionals in their communities. A 10 per cent discount on a restaurant bill or a nursing discount on a fresh bouquet of flowers can lift nurses' spirits and reassure them that their communities are behind them.

Nurses have made immeasurable sacrifices throughout the pandemic. Communities can come together in various and often simple ways to show nurses just how much those sacrifices are appreciated. (MCC)



























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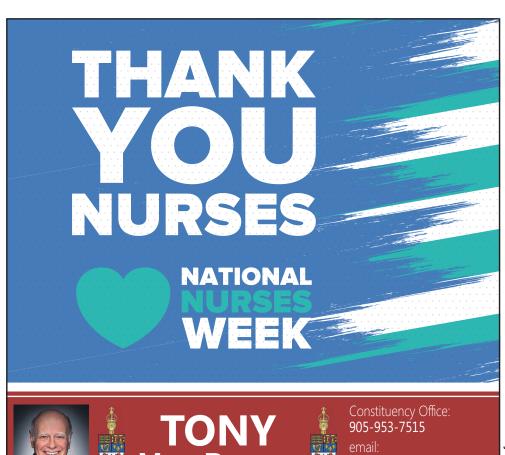
Thank you nurses for all that you do!

We are tremendously grateful, today and everyday, for the tireless work being put in by nurses from all across the region.

Let's all show our appreciation by taking steps to reduce the spread of #COVID19.

#IKnowANurse #NationalNursingWeek







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