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University of Colorado College of Nursing Announces a New Scholarship to Encourage Diversity of Students Pursuing Midwifery Degrees

AURORA, Colo. (Oct. 9, 2020) – The University of Colorado College of Nursing faculty, in celebration of the Year of the Nurse-Midwife and National Midwifery Week, recently established the CU Nursing Midwifery Diversity Scholarship, specifically to provide support to diverse students who are from geographic areas and socioeconomic backgrounds that are historically underrepresented. More than \$2,000 has been raised, and a matching amount up to \$5,000 has been approved and donated by Darrell and Stephen Hammond, sons of the College’s first African-American graduate Zipporah Hammond. The College is also undertaking a crowdfunding campaign to help raise additional funds.

“We recognize that both nursing and midwifery are not representative of the communities we care for. We want to help change the face of nursing/midwifery professions to better reflect the families we care for and ultimately improve health care outcomes,” said Associate Professor Jessica Anderson, DNP, CNM and the director of Midwifery Services at the University of Colorado College of Nursing. CU Nursing is committed to creating a diverse student population; as a result, the College has incorporated a more holistic approach to admissions. This process involves recruiting, evaluating and admitting highly qualified, diverse student applicants by considering multiple factors, including educational components of academic success, professional and volunteer experiences and other qualities and characteristics valued within the profession of nursing. One of the College’s objectives is to have its student population better reflect the communities it serves.

A way to do that is to support diverse students who pursue nursing and nurse-midwifery programs and provide scholarships that help pay for their education. Scholarship support is vital to ensuring bright young minds have the resources they need today to serve as the highly skilled nurse-midwives and health care providers of the future. Investments in student scholarships today are investments in the next generation of health care leaders and providers. “We know inequities exist in health care. One way to change health care inequities is from within by embracing our differences and to encourage and support a diverse workforce,” said Anderson.

The CU Nursing Midwifery Diversity Scholarship Fund is open to any current nursing student. Students from geographic areas and socioeconomic backgrounds that are historically

underrepresented in the nursing and midwifery professions are encouraged to apply. In addition, anyone can contribute to the scholarship through the crowdfunding link: [CU Nursing Midwifery Diversity Scholarship](#)

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