

May 6, 2021

Dear PHV Nurses,

For nearly two decades and the 19th consecutive year, nursing tops the list of most-trusted professions in the US. In polling results released by the Gallup Org this Past December, 89 percent of the population rated nurses as “very high” when it came to integrity and ethical standards. Health care providers earned three spots in the top five most trusted professions — and nurses are at the top of that list.

For all who work in health care, these are upholding statistics and encouragement to continue with the honorable tradition. Trust is the heart of the nursing profession. About one-third of our workforce at PHV consists of nurses, and we benefit from these remarkable people every day — in innumerable ways.

Our nurses immediately and essentially develop and nurture relationships with patients, family members and the other members of our care teams. Nurses are unrelenting in seeking helpful responses to the tasks and challenges they face.

Nurses wholeheartedly share in our mission — I know this personally and I see it throughout our organization. They are sympathetic and appreciative. They are, by nature and training, comforting and caring. Empathy defines and encourages them. They set high standards for themselves and constantly strive to meet them. It is no wonder that our patients trust them and that we depend on them.

National Nurses Day was Thursday, May 6, and anchors Nurses Week through the 12<sup>th</sup>, the Week has become one of the largest workday celebrations in American life and across the globe, culminating the commemoration of Florence Nightingale’s birthday on May 12. It is a privilege for us to recognize the contributions of the 4.1 million nurses here in the United States and the overall 28 Million globally and to show our gratitude to the many nurses who are an important part of our PHV family.

If you are in nursing, thank you! Thank you for giving the best of yourself to the mission of partnering for healing and a healthy future. All throughout Nurses Week, we honor your essential role in health care and express our gratitude and appreciation for what you do so devotedly day in and out.

Warmly,

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