



Beth Israel Deaconess  
Medical Center

NURSING

Legacy | Compassionate Care | Art | Science | Advocacy

# Nursing News Brief

SUMMER 2018

An update on professional nursing from the Lois E. Silverman  
Department of Nursing at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

NURSING  
AWARDS  
2018!



BIDMC nursing director Alison Small, RN (left), with daughter Brittany Small, RN, a 2018 Schwarz awardee

## To heal the world

### Grateful family establishes the Tikkun Olam-Humanitas Giving Program

The 2018 Nursing Awards Ceremony, held at historic Fenway Park, began with the announcement of an important new giving program. Established by Raymond and Nora Wong, the Tikkun Olam-Humanitas Giving Program was inspired by the philosophies of Tikkun Olam, meaning “to heal the world,” and “Humanitas,” signifying a code of excellence, education, kindness, and humanity. Mr. and Mrs. Wong, whose late son Daniel was a patient in the surgical ICU at BIDMC, were on hand to announce the program and to explain its origin as a way to honor the people who tried to save their son. Nora Wong gave a moving account of the 78 days she and her husband spent with Daniel at BIDMC. She shared, “I soon witnessed how, even though they had never met Daniel before, had never heard his voice or seen him smile, Daniel’s nurses became the devoted guardians of his health.” The Wongs made the program’s inaugural gift in honor of the SICU nursing staff. It will support a residency and scholarship program for critical care nurse practitioners. They singled out four of Daniel’s nurses for special recognition, noting how these nurses repeatedly asked to care for Daniel despite the complexity of his needs. Said Mrs. Wong, “They



chose Daniel, knowing the sacrifices they would make for him. We want to honor Daniel’s nurses, Stephanie Ferrara, Susan Kelley, Erica Rivituso, and Liz Tangerini. They represent what Tikkun Olam-Humanitas means to us.” Marsha Maurer, DNP, RN, senior vice president for patient care services and chief nursing officer, thanked the Wongs for their “incredibly generous gift,” adding that it will have a tremendous impact in the years to come.

▲ Nora and Raymond Wong (center) attended the 2018 Nursing Awards Ceremony at Fenway Park and announced the establishment of the Tikkun Olam-Humanitas Giving Program. Shown with the Wongs are (left to right) Daniel Talmor, MD, chair of anesthesia, critical care, and pain medicine; surgical ICU nurses Erica Rivituso, RN, Liz Tangerini, RN, and Stephanie Ferrara, RN; Suzanne Joyner, RN, nursing director for the surgical ICU; and Marsha Maurer, DNP, RN, senior vice president, patient care services, and chief nursing officer.