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**GRETTA FOUNDATION LAUNCHES NURSING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS
FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (September 17, 2008)—The Gretta Foundation, the only nonprofit organization solely dedicated to providing in-country nursing scholarships to residents of developing countries, announced the support of its first nursing scholars today.

The foundation's model is aimed at improving the severely depleted healthcare workforce around the world, while helping to decrease the exodus of nurses from disease-burdened nations. Scores of nurses leave these areas each year to obtain higher pay and better workplace conditions in more developed parts of the world.

The Gretta Foundation granted support of its first full scholarships to five new nursing scholars in Malawi, Africa. The scholars recently began studies at Kamuzu College of Nursing in a four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program.

Scholarships from The Gretta Foundation provide students with annual tuition, living stipends, basic school supplies, nursing uniforms, shoes, and clinical supplies, such as stethoscopes and blood pressure readers. Nursing scholarships range from country to country. On average, a full nursing scholarship in government-sponsored schools is approximately \$1,500-\$3,800 per scholar, per year depending on the country.

In repayment for the scholarship, Gretta Scholars agree to serve in their country's clinics and hospitals for a period commensurate with each year of scholarship assistance. For example, those entering a four-year baccalaureate program will serve in-country for four years.

The Gretta Foundation was formed by Meg Styles, a Northern California entrepreneur in honor of her mother, the late Dr. Margretta Styles ("Gretta"), who was a beloved global nursing figure and a pioneer in the nursing profession.

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“Critical nursing shortages in diseased-burdened countries severely undermine all global health initiatives,” said Meg Styles. “Sub-Saharan Africa has 24% of the global disease burden, but only 3% of the healthcare workforce worldwide. Initially, we want to help increase the healthcare workforce (“Nurseforce”) capacity in target countries such as Malawi, Uganda, and Zambia. It is our goal to act as the missing link and support global efforts to improve maternal health, decrease child mortality rates, and fight the advance of diseases such as HIV, TB, and malaria.”

As the model advances, stewardship of the program in-country will be assured through the oversight of a National Advisory Committee to include Gretta Foundation staff, National Nursing Association (NNA) leadership, academic nursing program representatives, and the Ministry of Health.

The Gretta Foundation is on-track to grant its next nursing scholarships in the spring to healthcare students in Uganda.

About The Gretta Foundation

The Gretta Foundation, established in 2007, is a charitable corporation whose mission is to provide in-country nursing scholarships to persons living in disease-burdened nations, bolstering depleted healthcare workforces around the world. Based in San Francisco, California, The Gretta Foundation is led by President and Founder Meg Styles, daughter of the late Dr. Margretta Styles (“Gretta”) who believed that a nurse’s contribution to humanity is inestimable. For more information, please visit grettafoundation.org.

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