

## NURSING CROSS-CULTURAL PATIENT CARE TRIP TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



**Mission Statement:** “The FOUNDATION FOR PEACE is a 501(c)(3) not-for profit organization dedicated to working hand in hand with people in materially impoverished areas of the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Kenya. Our goals are to provide educational support, healthcare access, economic opportunity and hope and to enable personal success and community achievement. It is our belief that working together as long-term partners in solidarity will result in sustainable and successful initiatives that relieve the effects of poverty, encourage personal growth, and overcome injustice.”

**Goal:** To enact relationship-centered, transformational, knowledge-based nursing service through collaboration with the Foundation for Peace to develop leadership programs, to support health promotion, to facilitate the diagnosis and treatment of acute disease, and to develop chronic disease management programs in the Dominican Republic.

**What:** Travel to the Dominican Republic for about a week and get educational credit for it! Spend sunny days on the island of Hispaniola providing humanitarian health services to an underserved population. The cost is only \$85 per day plus airfare for lodging, transportation, translators, meals and contact hours.

**Where:** The Foundation for Peace has 6 locations to house, feed and care for groups throughout the year. They have 4 full-time staff to make all of the preparations for groups and to organize the clinics in communities, and they have established partnerships with local Dominican churches who provide the community-based organization needed to facilitate the nursing teams serving about 1,000 patients per day.

**When:** We are hoping to have nursing teams working every month of the year so that chronic health problems and child development can be monitored. The collection of baseline data over the first year would allow us to measure the effectiveness of this program. Working collaboratively with the Foundation for Peace, the program could have continuity between groups.

**How:** Contact Ken Culver, President of the Foundation for Peace at [ken@foundationforpeace.org](mailto:ken@foundationforpeace.org) or at 973-813-6122 to discuss your interest and contact one or more of our nursing leaders regarding curriculum, logistic and other nursing education issues:

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