

## Foundation for C.H.O.I.C.E. and The Johanniter Humanitarian Group Texas (JHG) Partnership

DALLAS, Texas, February 26, 2020 -- Foundation for C.H.O.I.C.E., leader in high school college prep educational mentoring for underserved high school students, is excited to be partnering with JHG Texas (The Johanniter Humanitarian Group) to extend scholarship and support to aspiring nursing students in the Foundation for C.H.O.I.C.E. mentoring program.

JHG Texas is a non-profit organization sponsored by a 900+ year-old order of Hospitaler Knights known as the Balley Brandenburg of the Knightly Order of St. John of the Hospital in Jerusalem. In response to the critical shortage of nurses, JHG Texas Nursing Scholarships help increase the number of registered nurses in Texas by supporting financially needy but qualified nursing students who would otherwise be unable to afford the cost of attending nursing school.

Foundation for C.H.O.I.C.E. students are generally from low-income families, averaging less than \$27,000 yearly income for a family of 3. Because of this financial strain, many of the students in the C.H.O.I.C.E. mentoring program - especially those seeking a competitive and lengthy BSN degree in nursing - would not have the opportunity to attend college.

As part of the career readiness portion of the 27-week structured curriculum, Foundation for C.H.O.I.C.E. students explore career options. Every year there is an exciting and ambitious number of students interested in pursuing the nursing field for their collegiate course of study. To date, JHG Texas has awarded \$69,000 of Nursing scholarship gifts to 21 deserving student nurses. Foundation for C.H.O.I.C.E. is excited to collaborate with JHG to share this opportunity with our qualified aspiring nursing students.

“JHG Texas is very pleased to help support the fully mentored students of the Foundation for C.H.O.I.C.E. as they enroll in a college of nursing studies and build a career in nursing,” stated Henry Fink, President of JHG Texas.

A shortage of 500,000 nurses is projected in the United States by the year 2021 and the Texas Workforce Commission predicts a shortfall of 70,000 nurses in Texas by the year 2020. The need for nurses in the United States is a growing concern and it is our sincere hope that this partnership will provide, not only the Foundation for C.H.O.I.C.E. students with the resources they need to achieve their post-college career goals, but also meet the growing need of nurses in the United States.

For more information or to make a pledge to nursing scholarships, please visit [www.jhgscholars.org](http://www.jhgscholars.org)

