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## 1. Summary

DOB: 19 August, 1955

U.S. Citizen

### **Skills:**

**Registered Nurse; international disaster health services; international nutrition programs; Human Resources Officer; team management; international medical co-ordination including in-hospital & OPD supervision; health needs assessment; international refugee health care; medical supply procurement and management; war traumatology & surgical assistant; adult & pediatric emergency nursing; outbreak prevention & management; medical / surgical ward nursing; maternal child health Management; refugee arrival / departure screening; E.P.I. immunization & cold chain management; nutrition / immunization Surveys; Cholera management; community health training, ambulance rescue; Cruise ship nursing; Public speaker, published writer; Film maker & multi-engine pilot; Languages: English, native speaker; Spanish and French**

## 2. Work History

### 01/2002 to Present

**EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT NURSING: Halifax Hospital of Port Orange.** RN Casual pool position, since 7/7/08, \$25.50/hr. Supervisor Janelle DeLaRosa 386-947-4662. Staff team member. Triage, assess, treat and manage care of acutely ill and injured patients in a busy eighty-eight bed hospital facility.

**FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF VOLUNTEERS WITHOUT BOUNDARIES (VWB):** Founded in 2004 as a Non-profit Charity (tax deductible 501 (c) 3) to provide donated medical supplies to needy clinics as well as opportunities for volunteers who want to experience caring, sharing and learning while helping others around the world.

**FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF NURSE WITHOUT BOUNDARIES®:** Providing international cultural and health education to individuals and groups through entertaining multimedia lectures, books, clothing, and artifacts from personal experience and actual accounts. Theme: *One person can make a difference in the world.*

**WRITER & FILM MAKER:** Author of *Nurses Nomads And Warlords*, ISBN# 1-877633-79-8. A compelling true story covering social issues, personal struggles and health care in war torn Africa. [www.NursesNomadsAndWarlords.com](http://www.NursesNomadsAndWarlords.com) B&N college books & Amazon.com; Contributing author to the book *Unveiling the Real Terrorist Mind* (ISBN# 140105679-2) Author of several articles in professional publications. The most recent was in the American Journal of Emergency Medicine, May 2005, pg 404,405, Our Waiting room spans the globe & Emergency Physicians Monthly 3/02; After The Attack. My documentary “**Without Borders**” was released in December 2002

### 12/2001 to 01/2002

**EMERGENCY ASSESSMENT** in Afghanistan: International Medical Corps

### 2/1999 to 11/2001

**EMERGENCY ROOM NURSING:** Cape Canaveral Hospital. Emergency care and treatment of ill and injured. Head Nurse; Susan Key RN, MSN. Telephone 321-799-7150; Cape Canaveral, Florida.

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**HOME VISITING NURSING:** Shands home care...now out of business

**INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS:** Consultant emergency assessment in south Sudan and Somalia (May 2001-July 2001). Gathered information necessary to produce a proposal to reduce maternal to child transmission of HIV/AIDS, Sleeping sickness and investigated problems related to low attendance at EPI outreaches.

**MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERS:** Consultant emergency assessments in Burundi (Jan 2000-Feb 2000) and South Sudan (May, 2000-June 2000); Swiss section (MSF-CH).

**LECTURER:** Topic: Humanity; College campuses across the USA

### 8/1997 to 12/1998

**INTERNATIONAL DISASTER HEALTH SERVICES:** Health and nutritional program via road and helicopter post hurricane disaster during November/December 1998 in Nicaragua. Emergency health and nutritional assistance during June/July 1998 South Sudan. Public Relations speaking engagements and ABC news special correspondent during and after emergencies.

**HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER:** One year position in New York to perform active recruitment. Planned, implemented and carried out the tasks of placing recruitment ads in journals, exhibits in Medical conventions; information sessions at various US locations, interviewed, briefed and debriefed volunteers departing to the field. *Doctors without Borders/medecins sans frontieres, 6 East 39th St., 8th floor, New York, NY 10016 (supervisor: Anne Louise Jacquemin 212-655-3769)*

### 1/1997 to 6/1997

**PROGRAM OFFICER; NEW PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT:** **Nairobi** Kenya, for East and Central Africa. 5 month contract began 20 January 97. Objectives, to explore and assess health needs within these areas, write proposals and open new missions for *International Medical Corps, P.O. Box 67513 Nairobi Kenya. Telephone (254) 2 744 107 fax: (254) 2 746 732*

### 6/1993 to 1/1997

**MEDICAL CO-ORDINATION:** **Nairobi**, Kenya, for South Sudan project with MSF Suisse and France, three months. Monrovia, Liberia, Two months' emergency co-ordination for Liberia projects involving in-hospital, cholera, nutrition, & OPD supervision, coordination and management with MSF International (MSF-F and MSF-B).

**HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT:** **Uganda**, Gulu district; Organized, performed, and completed an in-depth emergency assessment in an insecure, Rebel infested territory covering 11,737 sq. meters and 338,308 inhabitants. *In co-operation between MSF-Suisse and MSF-Holland (Artsen Zonder Grenzen).*

**REFUGEE HEALTH CARE:** **Uganda**; Ougejebe Refugee Camp (pop. 40,000-80,000): Developed / Restructured, and Supervised a staff of Ugandan and Sudanese Refugees in the following activities: Outreach Immunization Program; Therapeutic Feeding; Cold Chain; Maternal Child Health; Refugee Arrival & Departure Screening, Antinatal clinic, Planned parenthood, Local Staff Training; Nutritional / Immunization surveys, Vaccination Campaigns; Liased with U.N.H.C.R. and other N.G.O.s. Additionally, made a health Assessment in Butare, Rwanda, in cooperation between Médecins Sans Frontières - Belgique & Suisse. *Médecins Sans Frontières - CH (Suisse), Rue du Lac 12, Case postale 6090, CH-1211 Genève 6 Suisse: tel.: +41 (22) 849 84 84.*

**INSTALLATION OF MAIN PHARMACY:** **Peshawar**, Pakistan; For Hospital and Health Posts in Afghanistan: Developed working system and transferred operational skills to local staff.

**WAR ZONE REFUGEE HEALTH CARE:** **Madhu**, Srilanka; (pop. 20,000): Participated in Medical Outpatient Consultation, Wound care; Mobile clinic; Home Visits; Emergency & in-patient care; Ambulance transfer across front lines; (In close cooperation with U.N.H.C.R. and Other organizations); Pharmacy / Supply Management; General Logistics,

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and assisted Midwife with difficult deliveries. *Médecins Sans Frontières- F (France), 8 Rue Saint Sabin, 75544 Paris, France: tel.: + (1) 40 21 29 29 Fax: +(1) 48 06 68 68*

### **2/1992 to 3/1993**

**WAR ZONE (EMERGENCY) CASUALTY CARE: Mogadishu, Belet Weyne & Baidoa, Somalia:** Organized the care of Casualty, Surgical and postoperative Patients; Supervised and coordinated Digfer Hospital activities, as well as trained the local staff to deliver effective Patient care under diverse conditions. *International Medical Corps, 1150 West Olympic Boulevard, suite 506, Los Angeles, California 90064 USA: tel.: +(310) 442 6622.*

### **5/1986 to 12/1990**

**EMERGENCY ROOM NURSE:** Direct care of critically ill / injured adults and children; Participated in the training of Medical Students and Nurses; Supervised Patient care and staff; Implemented Hospital department improvements.  
*Irene Bruno, Tampa General Hospital (TGH), 1 Davis Island, Florida 33601 USA*

**CRUISE SHIP STAFF NURSE:** Coordinated and delivered health care (Outpatient and Emergency) to 2000 passengers and crew; liaison with port Health Facilities; Medical evacuation as well as Public Health Interventions. (Took leave of absence from TGH to do this work from 8/90 to 10/90) *MV Horizon & SS Britanis Chandris Cruises, 900 Third Avenue, New York, and N.Y. 10022 USA*

## **3. Education**

POPULATIONS EN SITUATION PRECAIRE  
PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS  
Médecins Sans Frontières - Epicentre; Belgique 1996

CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNITY HEALTH & TROPICAL MEDICINE  
Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, Liverpool UK; 1994

*ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING: 1975*  
*Hocking Technical College, Nelsonville, Ohio USA*

*LICENSED REGISTERED NURSE; State of Ohio; 1975*  
*currently licensed in Florida and Georgia*

*CERTIFIED EMERGENCY NURSE; American Nurses Assoc.; 1989*

*ENA TRAUMA NURSING CORE COURSE; TNCC; 4/16/09*

*CPR (BLS) updated June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008*

*ADVANCED CARDIAC LIFE SUPPORT; June 29<sup>th</sup> 2008*

*PEDIATRIC ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT; SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 10, 2009*

*NIH Stroke Scale – Group Test A 12/05/08*

*DREAMWEAVER CS3 Application Development (website development) November, 2008*

*A seasoned veteran of the 1999 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE winning organization*  
*Doctors Without Borders / Medecins Sans Frontieres*

*Private Pilot Multiengine Land 5/19/08 #3106414*

**4. References:**

Available upon request

**A bibliography of my published articles will be provided upon request.**