

# Giving the Power to Learn

## Mosby Gift Makes Free Online Continuing Education Possible

**O**n April 1, 2008, thanks to a generous donation from Betty and Ed Benson, Northern Michigan Regional Hospital was able to obtain Mosby's Essential Nursing Continuing Education (CE) for Colleagues.

The tool was developed by Elsevier/Mosby, which is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. The program foundation is comprised of regulatory standards, such as those from The Joint Commission, while the lesson framework is based upon professional nursing practice standards, including the American Nurses Association, Association of Critical Care Nurses, and Oncology Nurses Society.

"I was a bedside nurse for 40 years, and I understand how important it is for nurses to continue their education," said Betty Benson. "I want to make sure nurses can maintain their continuing education, and I know the Mosby program is worthwhile and fits into a nurse's busy schedule."

By maximizing the use of the Mosby content, including leadership development and departmental core requirements, Northern Michigan Regional Hospital is able to encourage a healthcare environment of emerging leaders. Since the initiation of Mosby CE, Colleagues have successfully completed 2,239 continuing education credit hours.



*Betty Benson, left, a retired nurse, generously donated funds to help the Hospital purchase Mosby CE for Colleagues. Nurse Amy Mansfield, right, initiated the search for the right product, and the library staff researched Mosby and incorporated it into NetLearning, our online continuing education program.*

## First Annual Nursing Summit Builds Trust and Collaboration Among Colleagues

In November 2008, 95 Colleagues attended the First Annual Nursing Summit. What started out as a small celebration of nursing accomplishments developed into a dynamic eight hour conference featuring Bonnie Wesorick, RN, MSN, founder of the Clinical Practice Model.



The Summit was held off-site at the Bay Harbor Conference Center which promoted collegiality as well as professional focus. The full-day educational experience was made possible by generous donors of the Northern Michigan Regional Hospital Foundation and medical equipment vendors.

Susan Stanford-Rue, PhD, Management Consultant and Patty Walton, RN, MS,

Clinical Liaison, discussed conflict resolution, team building, stress management, and Colleague motivation using concepts of Crucial Conversations.™ The day was an overwhelming success.

*"Thank you for the outstanding program! I am always amazed at how much I learn from our Hospital programs and how relative the topics are to our current needs."*

*"Bonnie was wonderful! Susan was great too! I really enjoyed the info. I can take so much of this with me and use it."*

*"Kudos to everyone! Effective speakers, great organization. Excellent!"*

The Magnet Steering is already working on the agenda for the 2009 Annual Nursing Summit featuring Joanne Duffy, author of the Quality-Caring Nursing Theory.

*Bonnie Wesorick, RN, MSN*