



Welcome First Year Nursing Students!

Congratulations on being accepted to the Memorial University Faculty of Nursing! Each year Memorial University students participate in the largest university and college student fundraiser in the country – SHINERAMA! Shinerama is above and beyond the most rewarding event you will participate in during orientation week, not to mention the most fun! You will be one of over 35,000 students from coast to coast who will be participating in Shinerama in an effort to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis Canada.

Cystic Fibrosis (CF) is the most common fatal genetic disease affecting young Canadians today. In 1960 a child with CF rarely lived to attend kindergarten, let alone university. However, since Shinerama began in 1964, the life expectancy for those with CF has increased from four years of age to the early fifties!! Although there is no cure at present, there is great hope!

Since 1987, Memorial University, MUN Faculty of Nursing, and the Centre for Nursing Studies have partnered with Shinerama and CF Canada to raise thousands of dollars through a variety of fundraisers and our annual “Shine Day”. This year our campaign goal is to raise \$6,500!

Throughout the summer and fall, our volunteers help facilitate events, spread awareness about CF in our community and raise as much money as we can for Cystic Fibrosis Canada! This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our fundraising efforts will be largely virtual. We will be having our annual “Shine Day” on Saturday, September 12th, 2020. Shine Day is an excellent opportunity for all of our nursing students to get involved with a meaningful cause. As first year students coming from high school, MUN campus, and other university and college programs, participating in Shinerama is an excellent way to get to know your fellow students! If you wish to become involved in our summer fundraisers, and join our team of dedicated and motivated volunteers, please contact Nicole at MUNshine2020@gmail.com.

Traditionally, this welcome letter would include a pledge sheet for those of you interested in joining our team and fundraising. This year, however, we are promoting online donations and fundraising. We encourage you to join our online team through the link <https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=903584&langPref=en-CA&Referrer=http%3a%2f%2fwww.shinerama.ca%2f> and clicking “Join the Team”, or you can create an account at <http://www.shinerama.ca> using the following steps.:

1. Click “Find Your School” and select Newfoundland & Labrador, then select Memorial University
2. Under “Our Team”, select “Memorial University – St. John’s Campus”
3. Click “Join the Team” and create a profile
4. After you have joined our online team, you can share our team’s donation link and begin to fundraise!!



We also encourage you to follow us on Instagram @pocketfulofmunshine and like us on FaceBook at “Pocketful of MUNShine”. If you have any questions or are interested in more information about Shinerama, please contact Nicole.

As future nurses, you have the ability to change the lives of those living with this devastating disease. You are now becoming advocates and leaders in healthcare. Some day you may encounter patients with this cystic fibrosis, imagine how rewarding it will be to know that you have contributed to a cure – or at least effective control – for this fatal disease. I hope that everyone will enthusiastically participate in this wonderful event. Believe me, it will be worth it!

Have a safe and happy summer. Best of luck in your nursing program and we look forward to meeting you!

Cheers,

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