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2008 Charlotte Brody Award

The Charlotte Brody Award was created in honor of a lifelong advocate for social change, a registered nurse and activist who has spent her life making the world a safer place for people around the world. The award recognizes a nurse's activity towards "brilliantly lighting the way to a healthier environment and inspiring other nurses to do the same."

This year's Charlotte Brody Award winner is Barbara Sattler

Barbara Sattler, DrPH, RN, FAAN professor of nursing at the University of Maryland School of Nursing and Director of the School's Environmental Health Education Center has been awarded the 2008 Charlotte Brody Award. Dr. Sattler was chosen because of the shining example she has set as a role model, educator, author and leader in the important work of improving public health by protecting the environment. Her long-time commitment and passion has inspired nurses, nursing students and others; raised nurses' awareness of the vital role they can play in environmental activism; and helped put nursing at the forefront of this important work.

Nursing Student Essay Contest

In an effort to spread the word to nursing students about the important role nurses can and do play in advocating for environmental health, the Nurses Work Group of Health Care Without Harm, along with The Luminary Project, held a Nursing Student Essay Contest. The contestants were asked to discuss, in an essay of 600 to 1500 words, the nurse's role as an environmental health activist. The Luminary Project was very pleased to have many nursing students demonstrate their interest in environmental health issues by entering the Nursing Student Essay Contest. Overall the essays expressed that nursing students understand the critical interplay between the environment and health.

This year's first prize winner is Naomi Higenbottam

Naomi Higenbottam's essay, Nurse's Role as an Environmental Activist has been awarded first prize for Health Care Without Harm's and The Luminary Project's Nursing Student Essay Contest. Naomi is a nursing student at York University in Toronto, Ontario. Naomi's essay was chosen from over fifty contestants from schools of nursing throughout the United States and Canada.