To Our NurseTRUST Colleagues and Friends,

The NurseTRUST Board of Directors is very excited to announce the call for fellows for the 2nd cohort of the **NurseTRUST Emerging Leaders Program**. This follows the very successful launch in 2022 of the **NurseTRUST E³ Fellowship Program** which originated from and is powered by the conviction of Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellow Alums to pay forward the tremendous gift received during their ENF program. In partnership with the Center for Creative Leadership, a global leader in developing high impact leaders, the NurseTRUST E³ Leadership Development Series focuses on 3 types of nurse leaders: Emerging, Experienced and Executive.

Applications for the first program in the series, the **NurseTRUST Emerging Leaders Program**, will open on August 9, 2023. **Applications are due October 18.**

The eight month Emerging Leaders Program is geared for high potential emerging leaders, who are moving into a first-time leader role or transitioning into a new context or setting, and who aspire to lead and shape health, health care and health equity locally and nationally. The Program is designed for nurses who work in all sectors, such as practice (acute care, ambulatory, long term care, public health & mental health, community health centers), academia, business, government, and entrepreneurs. A unique aspect of the program is that these emerging leaders from different sectors and settings learn with and from each other to understand the leadership opportunities and challenges faced by emerging leaders in all settings. NurseTRUST values diversity, equity and inclusion and we encourage applicants with diverse background to apply to the program.

The Emerging Leaders program will focus on six key competencies that are essential for emerging leaders to master: self- awareness, learning agility, communication, political savvy, influencing outcomes, and motivating others. Each cohort of 24 emerging leaders will create connections, lifelong relationships and networks, and receive personalized mentoring from a NurseTRUST member who completed the RWJF Executive Nurse Fellows Program. The NurseTRUST Fellowship Committee will review applications, semi-finalists will be interviewed, and the 2024 Cohort will be selected and begin in early 2024.

We encourage you to **nominate an Emerging Leader as soon as possible** to facilitate completion of the application by October 18, 2023. The cost of the program is \$5,000 which includes the eight month program, mentoring and registration to our annual NurseTRUST Summit. Travel and hotel related expenses are the responsibility of the applicant or sponsoring organization. We are encouraging applicants to approach their employer or nominee for sponsorship for the program.

Stay tuned to learn how you can participate in this initiative.