

THE THEORY OF NURSING AS CARING: NATURAL HISTORY – ONGOING DEVELOPMENT

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UNDERLYING ASSUMPTIONS of NURSING AS CARING

- **PERSONS ARE CARING BY VIRTUE OF THEIR BEING HUMAN**
- **PERSONS ARE CARING, MOMENT TO MOMENT**
- **PERSONS ARE WHOLE AND COMPLETE IN THE MOMENT, GROWING IN CARING FROM MOMENT TO MOMENT**
- **PERSONHOOD IS LIVING GROUNDED IN CARING**
- **PERSONHOOD IS ENHANCED IN RELATIONSHIP WITH CARING OTHERS**
- **NURSING IS BOTH A DISCIPLINE AND A PROFESSION (PRACTICED DISCIPLINE)**

CONCEPTS

- **FOCUS OF NURSING** IS NURTURING PERSONS LIVING CARING AND GROWING IN CARING
- **NURSING SITUATION** IS A SHARED LIVED EXPERIENCE IN WHICH THE *CARING BETWEEN* NURSE AND NURSED ENHANCES PERSONHOOD
- **DIRECT INVITATION** TO EXPRESS CALLS FOR CARING
- ***CARING BETWEEN*** POWERED BY PRESENCE AND INTENTIONALITY
- **CALLS FOR CARING**
- **CARING RESPONSE**

DANCE OF CARING PERSONS



Source: Boykin, A., & Schoenhofer, S. O. (2001). *Nursing As Caring: A Model for Transforming Practice*, p. 37



DANCE OF CARING PERSONS

- ▶ A person-centered, caring-focused relational model
- ▶ Intentional knowing of persons as caring
- ▶ Acknowledgement that all persons have the capacity to care, by virtue of their humanness
- ▶ Commitment to respect for persons in all institutional structures and processes
- ▶ Recognition that each person in the enterprise has
 - ▶ a unique valuable contribution to make to the whole and
 - ▶ is present in the whole
- ▶ Appreciation for the dynamic, rhythmic nature of the relating, enabling opportunities for human creativity

DANCE OF LIVING CARING – ROBOTS AS PARTNERS-IN-CARING



CHALLENGES > OPPORTUNITIES

- **RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN AND AMONG KEY CONCEPTS?**
- **STORIES OF WAYS OF LIVING CARING?**
- **DESCRIPTIONS OF *CARING BETWEEN* IN A RANGE OF NURSING SITUATIONS?**
- **DIRECT INVITATION IN PRACTICE?**
- **DANCE OF CARING PERSONS AS ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK?**
- **PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF DANCE OF LIVING CARING?**

ONLINE RESOURCES

- ▶ Boykin, A., & Schoenhofer, S. O. (2001). *Nursing As Caring: A model for transforming practice*. Sudbury, MA: Jones & Bartlett.
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