

THE AMAZING IMPACT OF PUBLIC & COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSES

Community engagement has led to the success of public health efforts that have saved millions of lives. The efforts of these selfless nurses include:

The eradication and reduction in vaccine-preventable diseases

Prevention and control of infectious diseases such as tuberculosis and HIV

Decreasing birth defects by fortifying foods with folate

Prevention and early identification of childhood lead poisoning

Motor vehicle safety

Targeted efforts to prevent or diagnose cancers sooner

SOME COMMUNITY HEALTH HEROES



Florence Wald
(1917-2008)

Known as the mother of the modern hospice movement



Mary Breckinridge
(1881-1965)

An early pioneer in rural healthcare



Dorothea Dix
(1802-1887)

Created lasting reforms in America's mental health system

