Diversity & Inclusion Statement

The American Association of Heart Failure Nurses (AAHFN) in principle and practice respects, values, and celebrates the unique attributes of all heart failure nurses. In keeping with that spirit, AAHFN strives to seek diversity and inclusion from all heart failure clinicians.

By bringing diverse individuals together, AAHFN promotes an environment that encourages involvement, innovation, and expanded access to leadership opportunities that maximizes engagement across all groups within the framework of heart failure care. AAHFN prizes the unique characteristics, perspectives and contributions of all members, regardless of, age, appearance, disability, ethnicity, gender, geographic location, nationality, professional level or practice setting, race, religion, and sexual orientation.

Social Justice Statement

In harmony with like-minded organizations that educate and set standards for professional conduct, AAHFN expresses not only our support for, but also active commitment to fairness, equity, equality, and social justice as well as advocating for efforts to end systemic racism and affirm the inherent dignity and value of every individual.

Our profession is rooted in the ideal that we serve and advocate for our patients regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, or disability. As an organization, we strive to strengthen and empower AAHFN members to exhibit these ideals in their professional lives.

Our professional and personal beliefs compel us to champion these ideals in both word and deed. In this context, we bring renewed focus to the first four principles of nursing practice as they are particularly salient in today’s social, economic, and political circumstances. We expressly recommit to our responsibility to:

- Place the patients’ interest above our own at all times;
- Respect the rights and inherent dignity of others;
- Always maintain objectivity in our relationships with patients; and
- Act with integrity, dignity, and fidelity with patients and others.

The American Association of Heart Failure Nurses believes this statement supporting social justice aligns with our mission and core values to unite professionals, patients, and caregivers in the support and advancement of heart failure practice, education, and research, thus promoting optimal patient outcomes.