



# **HEALING OURSELVES WHILE HEALING OTHERS:**

**NURSING DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

*A Webinar Series with Tools & Resources for Professional  
Nurses*

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Millie is the founder of M. Elia Wellness, LLC, a service which offers Integrative Health Program Design within local cancer survivorship communities, larger healthcare systems and organizations. She is the proud recipient of the (SIO) Society for Integrative Oncology's 2019 Clinician Stakeholder Award for the impact her services have had, and continue to have, on the cancer survivorship community. She has twenty years of experience as a Nurse Practitioner and received her Master's of Arts from NYU in Advanced Practice Nursing. Additionally, she is a certified Health and Wellness Coach and Yoga Instructor.

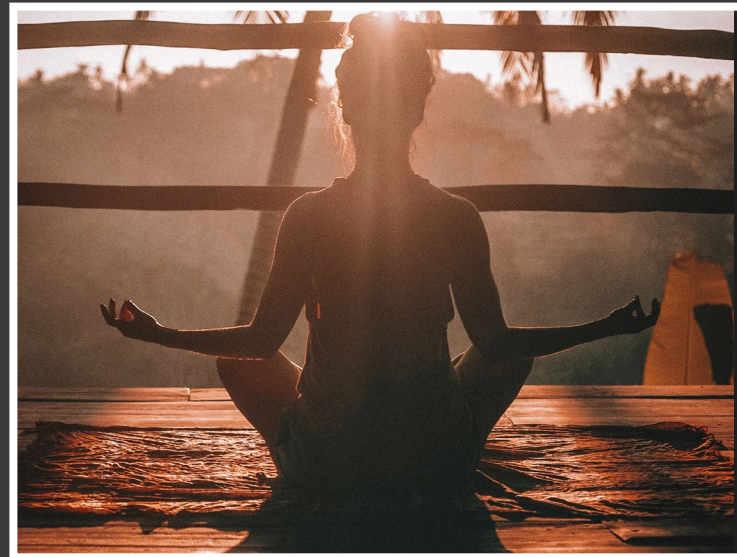
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- This webinar series will support you in your professional and personal lives and provides:
- Relevant content to help you recognize what nursing professionals are experiencing, both at work and at home.
- Exercises, activities and resources that will enhance your own self-care.

The goals of all webinars will be to help you thrive, not just survive.



## OUR GOALS . . .

- 60 minute webinars (45-50 minutes of content and 10-15 minutes for activities and questions) will raise awareness and encourage discussion among participants.
- Webinars 1 (What We Carry) and 2 (Welcoming Self-compassion, Finding Support and Self Care) will provide a foundation for the entire series.
- Participants can select other webinars based on their needs, personal and professional experiences. Although we suggest you attend all of the sessions. The last webinar (Transforming Helplessness to Wholeness) is recommended for all participants.





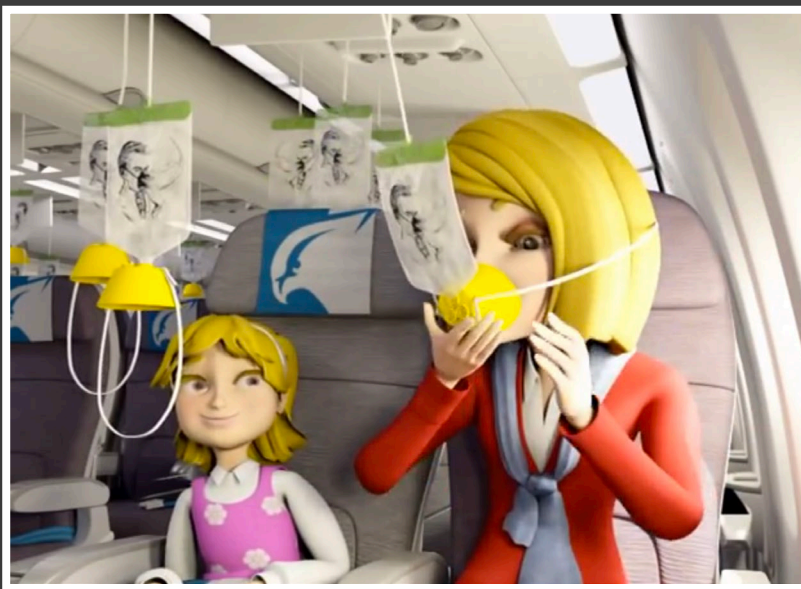
**WHY SELF CARE?  
WHY SELF-COMPASSION?**

“...Place the oxygen mask on yourself first before helping small children or others who may need your assistance.”



“ As soon as you notice you’re suffering you automatically embrace yourself with compassion.”

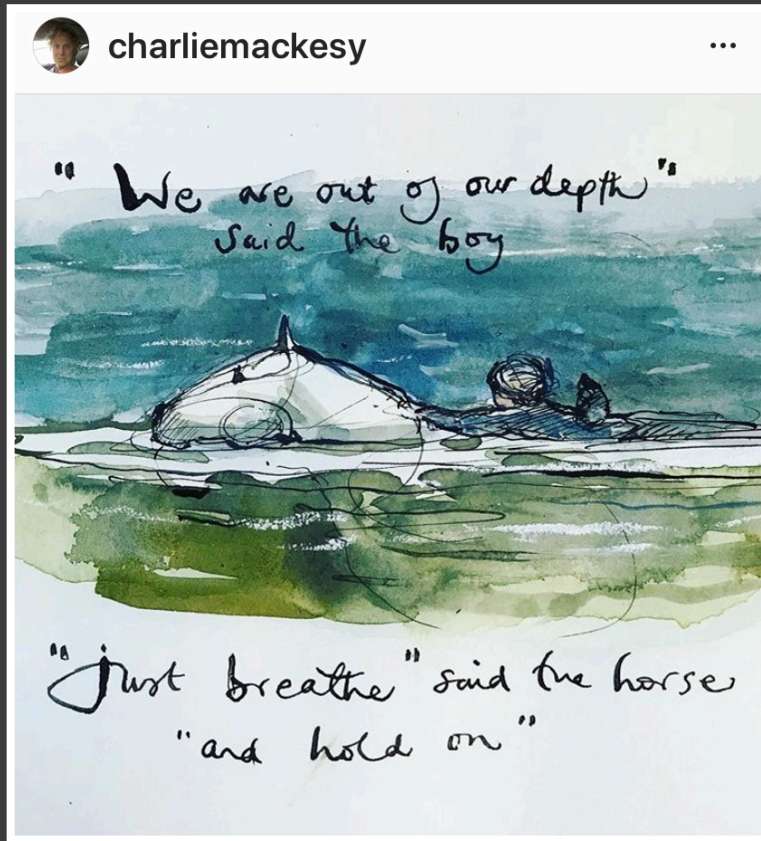
— Kristin Neff, *Self Compassion*





## Welcoming Self-Compassion, Finding Support and Self-Care

Monday 4-13-20



- Identify your ability to provide self-compassion.
- Locate support in your work and personal lives.
- Recognize toxicity in relationships and environments.
- Identify and practice mind-body self-care strategies.

## Offering Compassion and Comfort from a Distance

Friday 4-17-20

- Describe how to be present for colleagues and patients.
- Develop actions that enhance compassion and comforting.
- Reaffirm compassion for self and others.



## When Bearing Witness is Too Much to Bear (Monday, April 20, 2020)

- Name trauma and traumatic Responses in yourself and environment.
- Recognize vicarious trauma.
- Identify how and when to ask for help.

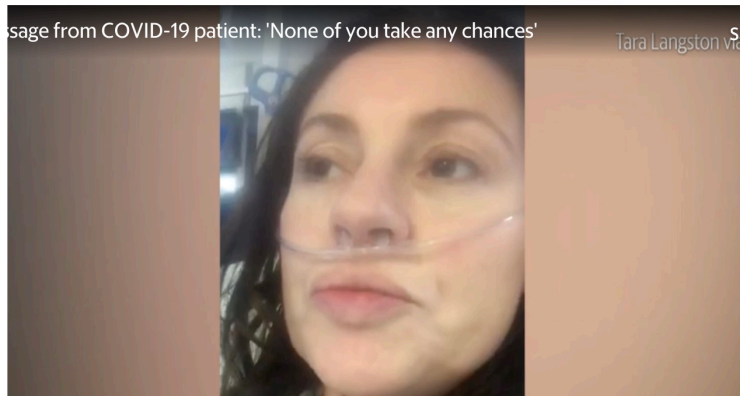


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## Loss in the time of coronavirus: Families say goodbye through windows, walkie-talkies

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## Facing Grief and Grieving

(Friday, April 24, 2020)

- Discuss the effectiveness of videocalls when saying goodbye *with* Patients.
- Recognize your role in a family's mourning.
- Discuss loss, grief, and grieving colleagues.
- Recognize vicarious grief.
- Practicing The Pause.

# Families and Relationships Matter

April 27, 2020

- Discuss how 'social distancing' can narrow one's world of support and connection.
- Make a workable plan when practicing physical distancing and social connections.
- Find effective ways to bridge separations.
- Diffuse tension in relationships.
- Discuss longing for normalcy.



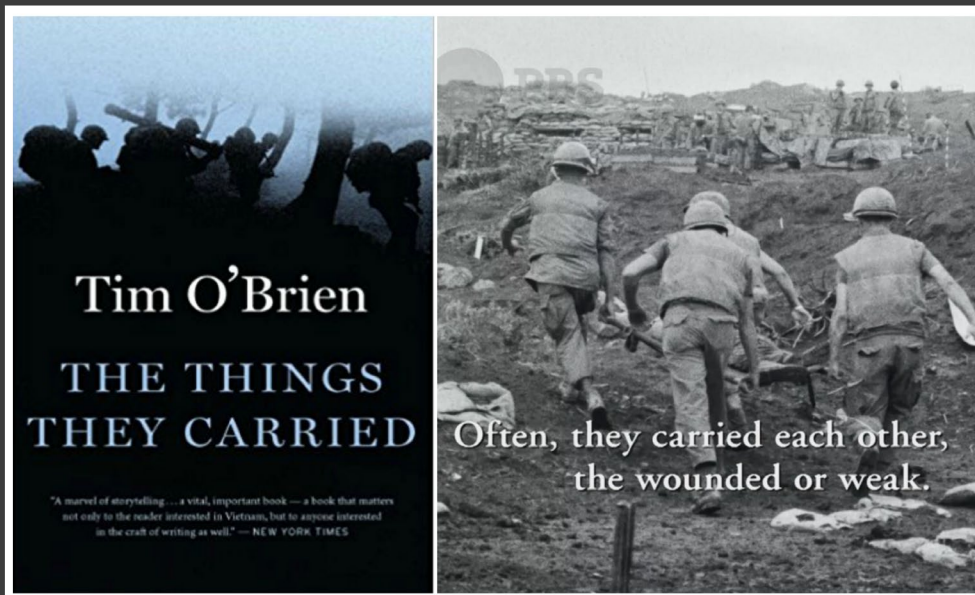
# Transforming Helplessness to Wholeness

Thursday, April 30, 2020

- Recognize and accept vulnerability.
- Reframe uncertainty and fear.
- Identify your best actions and approaches to build growth and strength.
- Make a difference in your own life and the lives of others.
- Emerge from the pandemic whole and on a journey of healing and growth.



# THE THINGS THEY CARRIED . . .



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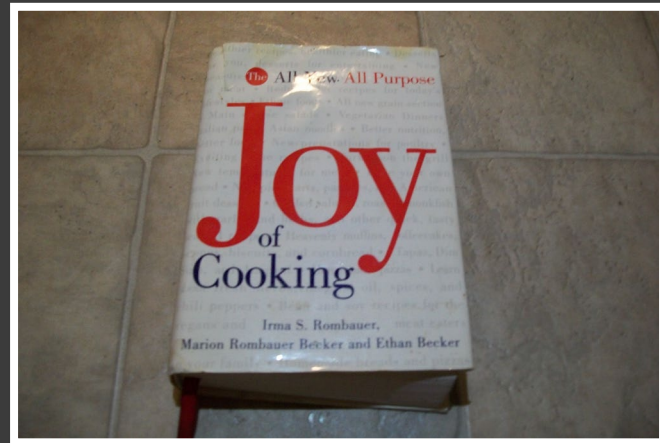
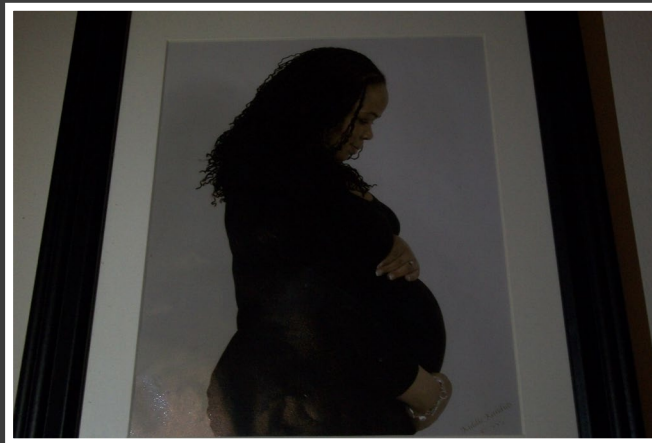
## THE THINGS THEY CARRIED. . .

## . . . THE THINGS WE CARRY

*The things they carried are very similar to what we carry to our clinical settings. . .*

- “The things they carried were largely determined by necessity, or near-necessities, were can openers, pocket knives, heat tabs, wristwatches, dog tags, mosquito repellent, chewing gum, candy, cigarettes, salt tablets, packets of Kool-Aid, lighters, matches, sewing kits, Military Payment Certificates, C rations, and two or three canteens of water. “
- They carried photographs, bibles, letters, good luck mementos, even jokes and humor.
- What they carried varied by mission—some more complicated than others.
- “And because it was Standard Operating Procedure, they all carried steel helmets that weighed 5 pounds including the liner and camouflage cover.”
- “They carried the sky. The whole atmosphere, they carried it, the humidity, the monsoons, the stink of fungus and decay, all of it, they carried gravity.”
- “They carried all they could bear, and then some, including a silent awe for the terrible power of the things they carried.”





#What We Carry. . . Words and images from Children

# What do I carry with me . . .

In my backpack. . . in my pockets. . . on my shoulders . . . in my heart?

- My work.
- My colleagues.
- My family.
- My life.
- My memories.
- My emotions.
- Lessons I have learned.
- My hopes and dreams.

And now. . . .



Time for . . .



And now. . . .



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