

Empowering the Future of Oncology Nursing

Investing in Oncology Nursing Excellence, Transforming Cancer Care

The Oncology Nursing Foundation extends a heartfelt thank you for your unwavering support in advancing our mission on behalf of oncology nurses. The first half of 2023 has been a transformative period, marked by celebration and a resolute focus on the future.

Through the extraordinary generosity and dedication of the oncology community, the Foundation was able to double last year's donation total at the 48th Annual ONS Congress®, held this year in San Antonio, Texas. This remarkable achievement will serve as a powerful catalyst to ensure the next generation of oncology nurses can continue to sustain excellence in cancer nursing care. ONS chapters then took their commitment to the future a step further and broke a fundraising record for the 13th Annual Parade of Chapters.

We were excited to welcome Angie Stengel, MS, CAE, as our new executive director. With more than 25 years of experience in nonprofit membership organizations, her wealth of knowledge and expertise will be pivotal in shaping our future endeavors. Moreover, we warmly welcomed several new members to our Board of Trustees: Peggy S. Burhenn, MS, Gero-BC RN, AOCNS®, Linda Cuaron, PhD, MN, RN, Bertie Fields, RN, MS, and Anne H. Gross, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN.

Reflecting on this year's accomplishments, we eagerly anticipate building upon this momentum to empower oncology nurses in their crucial work.

As we approach ONS's 50th anniversary, now is the opportune time to reinvest in the future of cancer care and research, ensuring a positive impact on countless lives.

To maintain our unwavering commitment to advancing cancer nursing excellence, investing in the Foundation's future is paramount. Achieving our goals demands a collective effort and commitment from the entire oncology community.

Your continued, generous support remains instrumental in helping us fulfill our mission and empowering oncology nurses to drive positive change for their patients.

**GIVING
TUESDAY**

**Mark your calendars for Giving Tuesday!
November 28, 2023**

New Leadership at the Foundation



The Oncology Nursing Foundation has had the pleasure of welcoming Angie Stengel, MS, CAE, as the new executive director.

Stengel initially left the Oncology Nursing Society Enterprise (ONSE) 15 years ago in pursuit of career opportunities to advance her leadership and management skills, but she said her heart always

remained with oncology nurses.

Stengel recognizes that although well-trained, educated oncology nurses are vital to providing quality cancer care, nurses aren't always getting the support they need. The Foundation is working to change this, she said, by supporting nurses through various aspects of their career, such as professional development and research funding. The Foundation has provided nurses with more than \$31 million in scholarships, research funding, awards, and professional development funding.

But for all the Foundation's success, Stengel finds that there's always room to grow and challenges to tackle. With so many worthy charities out there, part of the challenge the Foundation faces is ensuring everyone knows who they are and can together support cancer nursing excellence, one donor and gift at a time.

"For many donors, they don't know we exist. Others think they can't make a meaningful contribution," Stengel said. "Although we value and appreciate those that are able to

“When the opportunity came available to return to ONSE by serving as the staff lead for the Foundation, I was thrilled. This allows me to connect with people who, like me, believe in the mission and are willing to support oncology nursing excellence.”

give large donations, we also value and appreciate those that are able to give \$10 a month.”

Stengel believes that the upcoming 50th anniversary of ONS will be an excellent opportunity to invite a broader group of donors and supporters to the Foundation. She is hopeful that the Foundation can engage everyone—survivors, members of healthcare teams, those with cancer and their loved ones—to join them in honoring the past and investing in future oncology nurses.

As the field of oncology nursing is constantly evolving, Stengel plans to stay ahead of the curve and adapt the Foundation's initiatives by using insights from nurses from around the world to change and evolve funding.

“When we have unrestricted donations, the Foundation is able to fund new education, professional development, and research needs,” Stengel said. “The Foundation can stay in lockstep with the changing needs, and I invite everyone to consider making an unrestricted gift to the Foundation.”



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Growing Passion: A Recap of the 48th Annual ONS Congress®

At the 2023 ONS Congress®, the Oncology Nursing Foundation proudly invited attendees to “Grow Your Passion” to celebrate the dedication of oncology nurses and their commitment to initiate positive change in the lives of their patients.

With a mission to support and empower oncology nurses in their pursuit of passion, the Foundation invited ONS Congress attendees to share what grows their passion by adding leaf-shaped notes to a symbolic tree at our booth. The heartfelt responses from hundreds of attendees not only adorned the trees with leaves but also exemplified the compassionate and unwavering commitment that defines the profession.



Debi Boyle, MSN, RN, AOCNS®, FAAN, Amy E. Rettig, DNP, MALM, MSN, BSN, RN, ACNS-BC, PMHNP-BC, Lauren V. Ghazal, PhD, FNP-BC, and Suzanne Carroll, RN, MS, AOCN® at the 2023 Mara Mogensen Flaherty Memorial Lecture.

One highlight of the event was the 2023 Mara Mogensen Flaherty Memorial Lecture, which took on a brand-new, conversational format. The lecture aimed to spark engaging discussions and innovative ideas among attendees. The new format allowed the Foundation to make participants feel supported, encouraged, heard, inspired, and empowered.



The Foundation's booth wall at the 48th Annual ONS Congress.

The Foundation celebrated three exceptional individuals who were honored as the recipients of the award: ONS members Amy E. Rettig, DNP, MALM, MSN, BSN, RN, ACNS-BC, PMHNP-BC, Lauren V. Ghazal, PhD, FNP-BC, and Suzanne Carroll, RN, MS, AOCN®. Their significant contributions to oncology nursing have had a profound effect on the field.

The overwhelming support at ONS Congress reinforces our commitment to empowering oncology nurses in their vital work and the immense generosity of our supporters that helped us raise nearly \$60,000 reminds us of the power of this community. As we look ahead, we remain devoted to nurturing and growing the passion that drives positive change in the field of oncology nursing.

“Oncology nursing is my passion. At this point in my career, I can’t imagine working in another field. The patients and their families are at such a vulnerable point in their lives that you can’t help but bond with them. It can be emotionally and clinically challenging at times, which is why I am glad to have received this scholarship and been fortunate enough to attend ONS Congress. It is vital in expanding your knowledge and skills while being able to share it with colleagues. The bonus is networking and meeting new people from around the country! ”

—Mitizi Fish, RN, BSN, OCN®

Blaze a Trail to ONS Congress with a Scholarship

Embark on your ONS Congress journey with educational grants of up to \$2,000. Applications for ONS Congress Scholarships are accepted from September 15–December 1, 2023.

Registration for the 49th Annual ONS Congress opens in November 2023.

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Featured Friend of the Foundation

Scarlott K. Mueller Receives 2023 Friend of the Foundation Award

The Oncology Nursing Foundation is grateful for the many friends in our oncology nursing community who give of their time to serve as reviewers of the Foundation's scholarships, awards, and research grants programs. Scarlott K. Mueller, MPH, RN, FAAN, was proudly welcomed as the latest recipient of the Foundation's Friend of the Foundation award.

"Receiving the Friend of the Foundation award was a special surprise and an honor. It was a humbling experience to be recognized among so many generous contributors and for something that I truly enjoy doing," Mueller said. "I sincerely thank the Foundation Board and staff."

"I learned so much and was mentored in areas of clinical practice, leadership, and research. I credit many of my career successes and lasting friendships to the experiences I gained over the years with ONS. My continued support of the Foundation is one small way that I can foster in others what I have received. I hope that I can inspire others to join me in supporting our oncology nursing colleagues by donating to the Foundation. We need each other now more than ever."



Angie Stengel, MS, CAE, Scarlott Mueller, MPH, RN, FAAN, and Laura M. Benson, RN, MS, ANP at the 48th Annual ONS Congress.

Mueller began her oncology nursing career at Duke University Hospital, where she participated in the development of the institution's first dedicated oncology clinical trials unit.

“My passion for the Foundation stems from my intrinsic desire, and what I consider to be my professional duty, to give back to the most influential professional organization that has shaped my career. ”

She went on to serve as the head nurse of that unit for seven years before relocating to Florida. In Florida, she led the development of HCA Florida North Florida Hospital's first cancer program as its first cancer center coordinator. Following that, she was vice president and chief nursing officer for 21 years. She has held clinical associate positions at the colleges of nursing at Duke University and the University of Florida.

During her lengthy and notable career, she has received the ACS St. George National Award, the highest honor given for continuous and significant service, and the Florida Division ACS Distinguished Service Award, and is an ACS Honorary Life Member.

Mueller has been an active ONS member at all levels for decades. Since the early 1980s, she has contributed to numerous publications. She served as president of the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation board from 1992 to 1994, chair of the ONS nominating committee in 1999, and president of the Foundation board from 2010 to 2012. She has served on numerous committees for both the Foundation and ONS.

A Lifetime of Mentorship

Donna L. Berry Receives 2023 Mentorship Award

The Oncology Nursing Foundation presented Donna L. Berry, PhD, RN, AOCN®, FAAN, with the 2023 Connie Henke Yarbro Excellence in Cancer Nursing Mentorship Award. Her exceptional mentorship and guidance have played a pivotal role in shaping the careers of countless oncology nurses. The Foundation presented Berry with the award in April 2023 during the 48th Annual ONS Congress® in San Antonio, Texas.

“At every stage of my research career, Donna has guided me to anticipate and plan for my next career transition,” ONS member Rachel A. Pozzar, PhD, APRN, nurse scientist and instructor in medicine at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, Massachusetts, and one of Berry’s nominators, said.



Rachel A. Pozzar, PhD, APRN, Donna L. Berry, PhD, RN, FAAN, AOCN®, and Marilyn J Hammer, PhD, DC, RN, FAAN at the 48th Annual ONS Congress.

“ Her sage advice is informed by her genuine concern for what my goals are and what is important to me. Working with Donna has made me a better scientist and a better mentor in that I am compelled to forge the same types of long-term mentoring relationships that she develops with her mentees. ”

Berry has pioneered in important scholarship areas, including cancer treatment decision-making and patient–provider communication. She has mentored more than 100 students and trainees who have carried forward scholarships related to communication and decision-making in multiple myeloma, genetic testing, women’s health, ovarian and bladder cancer, evidence-based practice, and symptom science. With her guidance, Berry’s mentees have published more than 100 oncology-related papers in peer-reviewed journals, contributing tremendously to oncology nursing.

Celebrating Leadership and Generosity at the 13th Annual Parade of Chapters

The Oncology Nursing Foundation’s 13th Annual Parade of Chapters continued its tradition of celebrating ONS chapters’ leadership and generosity during the ONS Bridge™ conference this fall.

The parade provides a platform to actively support the Foundation’s three mission pillars—leadership, education, and research—and make a substantial impact on funding for specialized nursing practice and leadership.

75 chapters participated in the virtual parade raising more than \$119,000 to benefit the oncology nursing community. This remarkable accomplishment not only sets a record

for the Parade of Chapters but also reflects the unwavering dedication and commitment of the entire oncology nursing community. [Watch the recording of this year’s virtual Parade of Chapters.](#)

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13th Annual
Parade of Chapters



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Supporting Oncology Nursing Students

The Oncology Nursing Foundation remains dedicated to the advancement of the oncology nursing profession by supporting the education of individuals pursuing bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees.

In 2023, 88 academic scholarships were awarded to a diverse group of dedicated nurses, totaling \$526,000.



“ I am currently pursuing my doctor of nursing practice in hopes of furthering my nursing career. There were times when pursuing this dream seemed impossible, but financial assistance from the Oncology Nursing Foundation has helped me tremendously and kept me going. Because of what the Foundation has done for me, I can follow my dream, continue working full-time, and be present for my family. Upon completion, I look forward to continuing my career in pediatric oncology. ”

—Christina Cotton, RN, CPNP, AC/PC, from Elgin, TX

“ I want to express my deep gratitude to the Oncology Nursing Foundation and its donors for their belief in the future of oncology nursing research and education. With their support, I am confident I can significantly contribute to the field, improve patient care, and advance our understanding of oncology nursing practices. Being selected as a recipient of an academic scholarship has profoundly impacted my career and academic goals. The financial assistance has alleviated the financial burdens associated with pursuing a doctoral degree. This scholarship has been instrumental in enabling me to dedicate more time and energy to my studies, contributing to my overall academic success. ”

—Nemeh Manasrah, PhD from Aurora, CO



“ Receiving this scholarship through the Oncology Nursing Foundation will provide me with the funds to pursue my dream of advancing my education in nursing. I have always had an appreciation for education, and I firmly believe that obtaining my bachelor's will further provide a strong foundation that will support me in facilitating transformational change in health care. This scholarship will help me through my educational program to provide an infrastructure in which to advance nursing through education, scholarly inquiry, and health policy. ”

—Jonathan Cahall, RN, OCN®, from Ocean City, MD



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Apply now for educational scholarships through the Oncology Nursing Foundation. The following opportunities for 2024 funding are now open:

Academic scholarship applications for undergraduate, master's-level, and doctoral studies

ONS Congress® scholarship applications

Ceira Boyle Student Nursing ONS Congress Scholarship

Creating a Legacy for Oncology Nursing



Marilyn J. Hammer, PhD, DC, RN, FAAN.

What does it mean to create a lasting impact and legacy? For the Oncology Nursing Foundation, it signifies the act of providing ongoing support to current and future oncology nurses who are committed to enhancing patient outcomes and pioneering groundbreaking cancer research. The Foundation offers legacy planning to individuals who are interested in making a planned gift—be it a direct gift, a donation through a donor-advised fund, inclusion in a will or living trust, or other methods.

Marilyn J. Hammer, PhD, DC, RN, FAAN, stands as just one example among many who have forged a lasting legacy in oncology nursing through a dedicated commitment to the Foundation's mission. We asked her about her journey as an oncology nurse, cherished recollections of ONS, and avenues to bolster the realms of oncology nursing and cancer research.

What led you to the field of oncology nursing?

Prior to becoming a nurse, I was a hospice volunteer and felt very honored to spend time with patients with cancer at the end of their lives. It inspired me to become an oncology nurse scientist to help people to not only remain alive, but to also remain engaged in life.

How did you hear about ONS, and when did you first become involved?

As a new oncology nurse, all of my colleagues were members of ONS. I joined immediately.

What are your favorite memories as a member of ONS?

There are so many memories. I have very fond memories of the research meetings that used to exist and the wonderful support, encouragement, and mentorship of the senior oncology nurse scientists at that meeting. In recent years, I've had the privilege of being a part of the ONS Congress® Content Planning Team, having created the research track with the fabulous ONS conference team. Overall, all the wonderful ONS staff and oncology nursing colleagues across the nation and around the world who are affiliated with ONS have the collective vision of making the world a better place for individuals and families affected by cancer.



What inspired your generous legacy gift to the Foundation?

I was first inspired by the Foundation's highlight of Marilyn J. Dodd, PhD, RN, FAAN, being a legacy gift donor. Dodd has been a mentor and inspiration to so many. When I was in the process of my own estate planning, without hesitation, I wanted to ensure that ONS was named. ONS has been an integral part of my oncology nursing and nurse scientist lives with unwavering support through its many resources. Mostly, though, because of its excellent leadership and vision for a future world, I enthusiastically became a legacy gift donor.

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Putting Your Investments to Work for Oncology Nurses

Secure Your Family's Future and Plan Ahead

Planning for the future is crucial, especially when it comes to ensuring your legacy and the security of your family. By thoughtfully creating an estate plan, you can ensure that your hard-earned assets are distributed according to your wishes, providing financial security for your loved ones.

National Estate Planning Awareness Week will be observed from October 16 to October 22, 2023. Whether you're new to estate planning or just need a refresher, the Oncology Nursing Foundation has free resources designed to empower you to make informed decisions about your future.

Estate Planning Starters

Ready to take the first step? This free checklist and questionnaire will help you begin your estate planning journey. Whether you're organizing your financial documents or scheduling a consultation with an attorney, this section will guide you on your path to creating a secure legacy.

Estate Planning You Can Do at Home

Designed to make estate planning accessible and achievable, this resource will guide you on taking inventory of your assets and how you will distribute them.

Planning Toolkit

Choose any or all options from this resource that includes information on personal estate planning, what to do in the first 48 hours after losing a loved one, and a comprehensive guide to crafting your will.



Leave A Legacy of Support

Consider including a gift for the Oncology Nursing Foundation in your estate plan. By doing so, you help ensure that oncology nurses can continue to improve the lives of patients with cancer long into the future.

To learn more about how to include the Foundation in your will or estate plan or to join the Legacy of Care Society, contact the Foundation at 866-257-4667, option four, or at info@onfgivesback.org.

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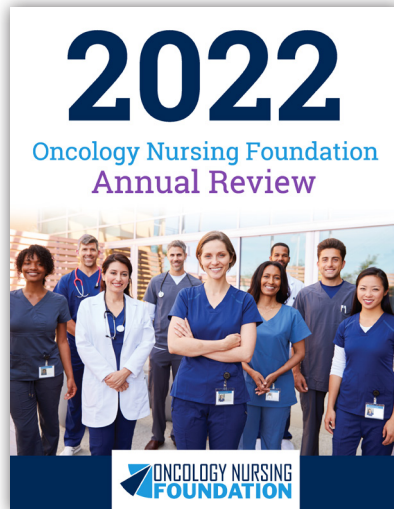
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Discover the inspiring impact of your support for the Foundation in the 2022 Annual Review. This year's report showcases the ways in which we have been able to provide funding and support for oncology nurses.

Read about the positive impact of your support and the more than \$1,300,000 allocated in 2022.



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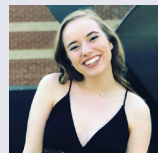
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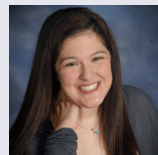
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