

American Cancer Society Honors Outstanding Quality of Life Researcher

Ruth McCorkle to receive 2011 Trish Greene Quality of Life Award

ATLANTA — April 21, 2011—**Ruth McCorkle, R.N., Ph.D., F.A.A.N.**, the first Florence Schorske Wald professor of nursing at the Yale School of Nursing in New Haven, Conn., has been chosen to receive the 2011 American Cancer Society Trish Greene Quality of Life Award, a prestigious award honoring investigators in the field of quality of life research. The award will be presented in a ceremony in Atlanta on Thursday, May 12, 2011.

Dr. McCorkle is the program leader for Cancer Control at the Yale Comprehensive Cancer Center and a professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health at the Yale School of Medicine. In addition to being a former Society grantee, Dr. McCorkle has been the recipient of several nursing research awards. Her interest in cancer and palliative care is longstanding. Her involvement with clinical studies to relieve distressing symptoms associated with dying as well as her studies on managing life with cancer make her a pioneer in oncology nursing.

Improving the quality of life for cancer patients is an important way in which the American Cancer Society is helping people get well from cancer every day. Throughout her career, Trish Greene, R.N., Ph.D., focused on improving quality of life for people with cancer and their families. In 1999, following her death from pancreatic cancer at age 50, a small group of people close to Trish embarked on a project in her honor, and in recognition of the work in quality of life to which she was so passionately dedicated.

The American Cancer Society combines an unyielding passion with nearly a century of experience to save lives and end suffering from cancer. As a global grassroots force of more than three million volunteers, we fight for every birthday threatened by every cancer in every community. We save lives by helping people stay well by preventing cancer or detecting it early; helping people get well by being there for them during and after a cancer diagnosis; by finding cures through investment in groundbreaking discovery; and by fighting back by rallying lawmakers to pass laws to defeat cancer and by rallying communities worldwide to join the fight. As the nation's largest non-governmental investor in cancer research, contributing more than \$3.5 billion, we turn what we know about cancer into what we do. As a result, more than 11 million people in America who have had cancer and countless more who have avoided it will be celebrating birthdays this year. To learn more about us or to get help, call us any time, day or night, at 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org.

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