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### **Alberta Cancer Foundation Supports Oncology Nurses**

Edmonton, Alberta (Tuesday, June 29, 2010)—The Alberta Cancer Foundation has awarded Alberta oncology nurses with \$40,000 to support their education endeavours. Alberta oncology nurses will be supported to attend the annual Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology (CANO/ACIO) Conference scheduled for September 11 to 15, 2010 in Edmonton, Alberta.

“This contribution is remarkable.” said Jennifer Wiernikowski, President CANO/ACIO. “This support recognizes not only the value of oncology nursing but also the importance of ongoing professional growth and development for oncology nurses within the ever changing cancer care system. If we think back to 25 years ago when the organization was founded in Edmonton, oncology nursing was an emerging nursing specialty; now, Canadians know that oncology nurses play a vital role in patient care.”

The conference themed, *The Power of One—The Potential of Together*, will unite close to 500 oncology nurses from across Canada for five days. This conference includes abstract presentations highlighting oncology nursing research, evidence based practice, and advancements in oncology nursing practice which aim to advance clinical nursing skills and professional knowledge.

Linda Mickleson Chief Executive Officer of the Alberta Cancer Foundation said, “at the Alberta Cancer Foundation, we make one promise to donors—progress. Oncology nurses are the frontline for people facing cancer. Advancing nursing skills and knowledge is a significant investment in progress. We’re pleased, on behalf of our donors, to support oncology nurses.”

“Alberta oncology nurses are in a privileged position in that they can now access educational opportunities regardless of whether they are rural or urban based,” said Janet Bates, member of the Edmonton Planning Committee. Nurses who wish to access funds should contact Janet Bates at [janet.bates@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:janet.bates@albertahealthservices.ca).

CANO/ACIO was founded in Edmonton, Alberta in 1985. This national association supports nurses to promote excellence in oncology nursing practice, education, research and leadership. CANO/ACIO’s mission is to lead nursing excellence in cancer control for Canadians. CANO/ACIO is committed to supporting its members and all nurses who care with people facing cancer.

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