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**Carol Silverstrom Trust Gives Over \$1 Million
to Support Nursing, Cancer Programs at UAMS**

LITTLE ROCK — The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) has received gifts totaling more than \$1 million from the Carol Silverstrom Trust to support the highest priorities of the UAMS College of Nursing and the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute.

Silverstrom, who died in April, named UAMS as a beneficiary of her trust.

“We are humbled by the generosity of Carol Silverstrom’s gift to the College of Nursing,” said Dean Patricia Cowan, Ph.D., RN. “These funds will be used to establish a professorship in nursing to support nursing innovators in teaching and practice.”

“This generous gift from the Silverstrom Trust is so meaningful and timely as we pursue National Cancer Institute Designation,” said Michael J. Birrer, M.D., Ph.D., Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute director and UAMS vice chancellor. “We will put these funds to immediate use in support of our growing clinical trial, research and outreach efforts.”

Silverstrom was a longtime employee of the U.S. Small Business Administration, Arkansas District Office in Little Rock. She retired in 2017 after 37 years with the agency and more than 40 years with the federal government.

In her spare time, Silverstrom volunteered as an advocate for nursing home residents. She also was passionate about enabling more potential nurses to attend nursing school.

UAMS will also recognize Silverstrom as a member of the 1879 Society, which recognizes philanthropists who have made transformative bequests to the university.

UAMS is the state's only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; hospital; a main campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute,

Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, Translational Research Institute and Institute for Digital Health & Innovation. UAMS includes UAMS Health, a statewide health system that encompasses all of UAMS' clinical enterprise including its hospital, regional clinics and clinics it operates or staffs in cooperation with other providers. UAMS is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. *U.S. News & World Report* recognized UAMS Medical Center as a Best Hospital for 2021-22; ranked its ear, nose and throat program among the top 50 nationwide for the third year; and named five areas as high performing — colon cancer surgery, diabetes, hip replacement, knee replacement and stroke. *Forbes* magazine ranked UAMS as seventh in the nation on its Best Employers for Diversity list. UAMS also ranked in the top 30% nationwide on *Forbes*' Best Employers for Women list and was the only Arkansas employer included. UAMS has 2,876 students, 898 medical residents and six dental residents. It is the state's largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses, Arkansas Children's, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit www.uams.edu or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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