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**Fitzpatrick Named Chair of American Nurses Foundation**  
*Assumes Leadership as Grant-Making Body Expands Mission and Philanthropic Work*

**SILVER SPRING, MD** – The American Nurses Association (ANA) has named Joyce J. Fitzpatrick, PhD, MBA, RN, FAAN, FNAP, former nursing school dean and current professor at Case Western Reserve University, as the new chair of the American Nurses Foundation (ANF) board of trustees, effective today.

A member of the Ohio Nurses Association, Fitzpatrick comes to ANF at a time of change for the organization, as it moves forward with a plan to revamp its mission and broaden its philanthropic work. Fitzpatrick succeeds past ANF Chair Margarete Zalon, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, FAAN, who stepped down this year after 10 years of service to ANF. ANF, the philanthropic arm of ANA, has helped fund research for more than 50 years to promote the continued growth and development of the nursing profession. For example, ANF recently awarded nearly \$195,000 in grants to 31 nurse researchers to explore issues ranging from patient safety to emergency care to reduction of health care disparities.



“I am honored and excited by the opportunity to lead the foundation toward a greater level of impact,” said Fitzpatrick.

“We are thrilled to bring on board such a proven thought leader in nursing,” ANA President Karen Daley, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN, said. In regard to the foundation’s new approach, Daley know that she will be a great asset to the foundation as we begin this new phase.”

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While dean of nursing at the Frances Payne Bolton School of Case Western Reserve University from 1982 to 1998, Fitzpatrick led two major campaigns and provided leadership for increasing the endowment from \$8 million to more than \$50 million. Currently the Elizabeth Brooks Ford Professor of Nursing at Case Western Reserve, Fitzpatrick has worked with nonprofits such as Physicians for Human Rights and the Dreyfus Health Foundation. She also co-authored the book, *Fundraising Skills for Health Care Executives*, and a chapter entitled “Private Support for Nursing: What is the Philanthropic Appeal?” in *Nursing and Philanthropy*.

Fitzpatrick’s work has been published in more than 300 publications, and she has authored many award-winning books on nursing. Her research has centered on meaningfulness in life, specifically the meaningfulness of nurses’ work life. She is currently undertaking a study funded by the Emergency Nurses Association to examine empowerment and work satisfaction in emergency department nurses.

For more information on ANF, go to [www.anfonline.org](http://www.anfonline.org).

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