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## **American Academy of Nursing Announces the Rheba de Tornyay Development Fund**

*Academy honors first president by renaming annual fund*

Washington, DC (May 13, 2011) – The American Academy of Nursing is excited to announce the renaming of its annual fund to The Rheba de Tornyay Development Fund in honor of its first president and Living Legend Rheba de Tornyay.

The Academy honors de Tornyay for her extraordinary leadership during her term as president from 1973 to 1974 and her continued efforts to raise the standard of care for the elderly. Working closely with the University of Washington, she opened The de Tornyay Center for Healthy Aging, which “serves as a catalyst for promoting healthy aging through its support of research and education in the field of gerontology” according to de Tornyay.

While the development fund will elevate and support a variety of the Academy’s initiatives – including the Nurse Scholar-in-Residence Program, *Raise the Voice*, and expert panel discussions – every dollar raised will directly support AAN’s mission of transforming healthcare policy and practice through nursing knowledge.

“The Academy is eternally grateful for Rheba’s lifelong contributions in promoting research, training, and services for the healthy aging of adults and we could think of no better way to honor her and her legacy than renaming our development fund in her honor” said Cheryl Sullivan, CEO of the Academy.

If you would like more information about the Rheba de Tornyay Development Fund or to donate, please visit AAN online at [www.aannet.org](http://www.aannet.org).

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