

## **Endowment Fund Established in Memory of Patricia F. Waller, PhD (1932-2003)**

Friends and colleagues of Dr. Patricia F. Waller have established an endowment in the University of North Carolina Injury Prevention Research Center to honor her as the Center's founding director.

The Patricia F. Waller Endowment Fund will be used initially to support an annual lecture in her honor to be overseen jointly by the UNC IPRC, the UNC Highway Safety Research Center, the Department of Psychology, and members of the Waller family. As the funds grow, the ultimate goal is to create the Patricia F. Waller Professorship to ensure a lasting presence for injury control research at UNC.

Dr. Waller exemplified the spirit of interdisciplinary collaboration and was a critical thinker whose ideas were often ahead of her time. The hope is to attract other scholars to campus who share these attributes to continue to celebrate the vitality and importance of her ideas and continue to innovate.

Dr. Waller received her doctorate in psychology from UNC and worked for nearly two decades as a researcher with the UNC Highway Safety Research Center. She launched the UNC IPRC in 1987 with a vision that merged her background in traffic safety with public health perspectives on injury control. She later served as director of the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute and professor of public health policy and administration. She retired to Chapel Hill in 1999.

Questions or suggestions about the fund may be directed to: Dr. Carol Runyan, Director, UNC Injury Prevention Research Center, CB#7505, 137 E. Franklin Street, Suite 500, Chapel Hill, NC 27599 (919-966-1808) or email: [Carol\\_Runyan@unc.edu](mailto:Carol_Runyan@unc.edu).

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