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Ackerman Cancer Center's Director of Patient Services Recognized as NASW Social Worker of the Year

Jacksonville, FL – Jennifer Maggiore, LCSW, OSW-C, has been named Social Worker of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW)'s Northeast Florida Chapter. She will be recognized at a luncheon and awards ceremony at Jacksonville Public Library's main branch on Tuesday, March 10.

Maggiore has served as the Director of Patient Services at Ackerman Cancer Center since 2002. "We are proud and privileged to work with Jennifer on a daily basis," said Scot Ackerman, M.D., Medical Director of Ackerman Cancer Center. "She plays a vital role in our whole patient approach to cancer care." Employee Chelsea Foote, MSW, agrees. "Jennifer's dedication to patients, supervisees, and the field make her the epitome of an oncology social worker." Ackerman Cancer Center will show its support by sponsoring a booth at the event.

The American Cancer Society has recognized Jennifer Maggiore on multiple occasions, with the Lane Adams Quality of Life Award in 2003 and the Leadership in Oncology Social Work Award in 2014. "It is a true honor," says Maggiore, "to represent the important work social workers do in all aspects of our community every day. Whether they work with cancer patients, students, or the homeless, social workers provide a helping hand to improve Jacksonville as a whole."

A passionate patient advocate, Maggiore has developed a robust social work program for Ackerman Cancer Center over the past 12 years, including 5 regular support groups. In 2005, she established the First Coast Cancer Foundation, which offers financial assistance to cancer patients in need. In 2009, she developed Kids Together against Cancer (KTAC), a program for children with a parent with cancer. KTAC is now a grant-funded program serving 90 families in Northeast Florida.

To reach Maggiore for interviews, contact Ackerman Cancer Center's Community Relations department.

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Ackerman Cancer Center aims to be patients' first resource when faced with a cancer diagnosis. Ackerman Cancer Center provides the most advanced radiation oncology treatment available, in a compassionate and respectful environment. A highly trained staff of radiation oncologists and medical professionals provide convenient access of care at three locations across Northeast Florida.

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