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## Association for Healthcare Philanthropy

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### **Association for Healthcare Philanthropy Announces 2007-2008 Board of Directors**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**, (November 26, 2007) – The Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP), an association of more than 4,600 executives of philanthropic programs in not-for-profit hospitals, clinics, health systems and related facilities throughout North America, announced its recently elected Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors is the chief policy-making body for the association with overall responsibility for ensuring that AHP's business, property, and affairs are managed in a manner consistent with its purposes, bylaws, and applicable laws. Officers serve one year terms, and regional directors serve for two years.

Officers of the association are:

**Chair:** Laura Rehrmann, FAHP, president and CEO of the Group Health Community Foundation in Seattle, Wash., the philanthropic arm of Group Health Cooperative, which Rehrmann serves as vice president for community responsibility. Group Health Cooperative is the second largest consumer-governed health care system in the U.S.

**Chair-elect:** Lisa Hillman, FAHP, senior vice president and chief development officer for Anne Arundel Health System (AAHS) in Annapolis, Md., and executive director of Anne Arundel Medical Center Foundation, the health system's philanthropic arm. AAHS is the umbrella organization for Anne Arundel Medical Center and an array of health care facilities serving Anne Arundel County and other nearby Maryland communities.

**Past-chair:** Pearl F. Veenema, FAHP, president & CEO of Hamilton Health Sciences Foundation in Hamilton, Ont. Hamilton Health Sciences is one of Ontario's largest health care providers, comprised of five hospitals and a cancer centre and employing nearly 10,000 people.

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Pamela Puleo, FAHP, vice president for philanthropy and public affairs for Concord Hospital in Concord, N.H., a regional medical center that is the second busiest acute care hospital in New Hampshire with 209 staffed beds.

Vice-chair for Membership and Communications: Janet DeWolfe, CFRE, director of major gifts and philanthropic campaigns for Mission Hospital Foundation in Mission Viejo, Calif., philanthropic arm of Mission Hospital, a 301-bed acute care hospital serving south Orange County.

Vice-chair for Regional Affairs: Russell M. Harris, CFRE, FAHP, executive director of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Foundation in Highlands, N.C., which supports Highland-Cashiers Hospital, whose hospital, long-term nursing center and clinics serve communities in three southwestern counties of North Carolina and Rabun County, Ga.

Vice-chair for Education and Certification: J. Gregory Pope, FAHP, vice president for philanthropy at Saint Thomas Health Services in Nashville, Tenn., a faith-based ministry with more than 7,200 associates serving Middle Tennessee and consisting of Baptist and Saint Thomas Hospitals in Nashville, Middle Tennessee Medical Center in Murfreesboro and Hickman Community Hospital in Centerville.

AHP regional directors are:

AHP Midwest: Bruce A. Bartoo, chief philanthropy officer and foundation president for the Sisters of Mercy Health System in Chesterfield, Mo., a 19-hospital system with health ministries in Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas.

AHP Southwest: Emily Benham, CFRE, vice president for development for the Bayfront Health Foundation in St. Petersburg, Fla. Ms. Benham directs philanthropic initiatives for Bayfront Medical Center, a major trauma and teaching hospital.

AHP Pacific: Mary Anne Chern, FAHP, ACFRE, vice president for fund development and external relations for White Memorial Medical Center in East Los Angeles, a 350-bed acute care teaching hospital.

AHP Mid-Atlantic: Julie E. Cox, CFRE, vice president of philanthropy for Sheppard Pratt Health System in Baltimore, Md., a private, non-profit behavioral health organization that serves children, adolescents, adults and older adults in a variety of settings.

AHP New England: Heather Johnston, director of annual fund and special events for the Anna Jaques Community Health Foundation in Newburyport, Mass., providing philanthropic support to the Anna Jaques Hospital, a 123-bed community hospital serving the Merrimack Valley.

AHP Rockies and Southwest: Barbara Larson, CFRE, administrative director for INTEGRIS Baptist and INTEGRIS Southwest Medical Center Foundations in Oklahoma City. INTEGRIS Baptist is a 508-bed facility with comprehensive health-care programs and services. INTEGRIS Southwest Medical Center offers medical, support and rehabilitation services with 369 beds.

AHP Canada: Linda Saunders, CFRE, regional director of development for the South-East Regional Health Authority of New Brunswick, Canada, which includes Sackville Memorial Hospital, the Moncton Hospital and Albert County Health and Wellness Center.

The Association for Healthcare Philanthropy, established in 1967, is a not-for-profit organization whose 4,600+ members direct philanthropic programs in 2,200 of North America's not-for-profit health care providers. AHP members provide essential services such as wellness programs; mobile health vans; mammography screenings; hearing and eye exams; and other health care services. AHP's audience includes fundraising professionals, development staff, public relations professionals, trustees, marketing professionals, administrators, and executives interested in health care fundraising. To learn more, visit the AHP Web site at [www.ahp.org](http://www.ahp.org).

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