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Association for Healthcare Philanthropy Recognizes Susan B. Smith with Highest Distinction — The AHP Fellow

WASHINGTON, D.C., (September 30, 2006) – The Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP) recognized Susan B. Smith, St. Jude Medical Center, for achieving the AHP Fellow designation (FAHP) at the AHP International Educational Conference in Orlando. Smith is in the 31st class of Fellows to be honored.

With 18 years of experience in resource development and as vice president of philanthropy for St. Jude Medical Center, Smith is a member of the executive management team with responsibility for all philanthropic, volunteer services and guest relations activities for the medical center. She formerly held fund development positions at California State University, Fullerton, including five years as executive director of development.

The Association for Healthcare Philanthropy is dedicated to the advancement of health care institutions and organizations through the enhancement of its members' performance and professionalism. To this end, AHP sets professional standards for health care development officers, offers comprehensive educational programs to help them achieve those standards, and examines them to determine who meets those standards. Professionals who successfully complete the Fellow examination earn the designation "Fellow of the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy," or FAHP.

Successful applicants must have earned the Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE) designation, have at least eight years of experience in raising and managing philanthropic funds for a health care organization, and pledge in writing to adhere to the AHP Statement of Professional Standards and Conduct and to uphold the AHP-endorsed Donor Bill of Rights. To achieve the status of Fellow, applicants must pass a written and oral exam.

AHP, established in 1967, is a not-for-profit organization whose 4,300+ members manage philanthropic programs in 1,900 of the nation's 3,400 not-for-profit health care providers.

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