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Association for Healthcare Philanthropy Recognizes Amy S. Dorrill with Highest Distinction – the AHP Fellow

WASHINGTON, D.C. (October 20, 2011) -- The Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP) will present Amy S. Dorrill of Nell Hodgson School of Nursing, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., with the "Fellow in AHP" (FAHP) medallion at a ceremony Oct. 20 in Boston during the association's annual international conference.

Ms. Dorrill earned the FAHP status based on her outstanding career record and after passing rigorous oral and written examinations as a development professional in the health care field.

"Elevation to the status of Fellow in AHP is the highest level of achievement in the field of health care philanthropy," said William C. McGinly, Ph.D., president of the association. "Conferring of the Fellow designation is not so much an award as it is recognition of individual professional distinction, well earned through dedication and continual self-advancement."

Amy S. Dorrill is associate dean of development and alumni relations at Emory University's Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, where she manages the fundraising program, alumni relations, and stewardship initiatives. Ms. Dorrill leads her team in the development of strategy, planning, and implementation of a \$20 million comprehensive school campaign that surpassed its financial goal 16 months ahead of schedule as part of a \$1.6 billion Emory University campaign.

Ms. Dorrill has 13 years of fundraising experience. She is a certified fund raising executive (CFRE) and holds a master's degree in business administration (MBA). Prior to her work with Emory University, she was chief development officer with the University Health Care Foundation in Augusta, Ga.

Dorrill is an active member in AHP having served as membership chair, conference education track dean, regional conference chair, regional conference committee trustee/CEO track dean, and regional conference strategic fundraising track dean for the AHP Southeast region. She has also chaired and facilitated AHP's Development Primer Workshops for members who are beginning careers in health care philanthropy.

AHP is dedicated to the advancement of nonprofit health care institutions and organizations through the enhancement of its members' performance and professionalism. The association 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 the standards. Professionals who successfully complete the Fellow written and oral examinations earn the designation Fellow of the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy.

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.

Established in 1967, AHP's more than 4800 members direct philanthropic programs in 2,000 not-for-profit health care providers throughout North America.

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