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### **Association for Healthcare Philanthropy Recognizes Susan M. Rigo with Highest Distinction — The AHP Fellow**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**, (November 17, 2003) – The Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP) recognized Susan M. Rigo, vice president fund development, Bon Secours Hampton Roads, in Norfolk, Va., for achieving the AHP Fellow designation (FAHP). Rigo was one of three of the 28th class of Fellows to be honored.

Elevation to the status of Fellow in AHP is the highest level of achievement in the field of health care philanthropy. 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.

As vice president for fund development Bon Secours Hampton Roads, Rigo heads up the fundraising efforts for three hospitals, two assisted living centers, two nursing homes and homecare and hospice programs. Prior to Bon Secours, Rigo was vice president of fund development for Sacred Heart Healthcare System in Pennsylvania. An AHP member since 1991, Rigo has volunteered as an annual fund solicitor and member of the hospitality committee for two regional conferences. Rigo is a Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE) and belongs to the Hampton Chamber of Commerce and the Hampton Roads Economics Club.

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 3,500 members manage philanthropic programs in 1,900 of the nation's 3,400 not-for-profit health care providers. AHP members raised more than \$8 billion in FY 2002.



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