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Association for Healthcare Philanthropy Recognizes Richard F. Kammerer with Highest Distinction – the AHP Fellow

WASHINGTON, D.C. (October 20, 2011) -- The Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP) will present Richard F. Kammerer, president of The Christ Hospital Foundation, Cincinnati, Ohio, with the "Fellow in AHP" (FAHP) medallion at a ceremony Oct. 20 in Boston during the association's annual international conference.

Kammerer earned the FAHP status based on his 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."

The Christ Hospital Foundation supports the 555-bed, not-for-profit acute care facility. With more than 28 years of experience in healthcare including 11 years in professional fund development, Kammerer served as system executive at Memorial Hermann Foundation in Houston before joining The Christ Hospital Foundation in 2010.

He has also been executive director of development and alumni relations at University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston; national director of sales at Lifecell Corporation in Houston; national director of sales and marketing at Osteotech, Inc., Eatontown, N.J.; and biomedical sales specialist at Kendall-McGraw Labs, Inc., in Irvine, Calif.

In his spare time, he is a world-ranked competitive swimmer. He is a four-time national champion, two-time national record holder, All American in 2010, and was a member of a world record-setting relay in 2009.

A Cincinnati native, he holds bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Missouri. Kammerer is a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) and belongs to the Association of Fundraising Professionals as well as the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy. He also serves on the board of the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati.

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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