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Association for Healthcare Philanthropy Recognizes Gill with Highest Distinction – the AHP Fellow

WASHINGTON, D.C., (October 25, 2012) – The Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP) recognized Debra Gill of the Bozeman Deaconess Foundation in Bozeman, Mont. for achieving the AHP Fellow designation (FAHP). Gill is in the 38th 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.

Debra A. Gill, MPA, FAHP, CFRE, joined the Bozeman Deaconess Foundation in 1998. She has over 26 years of professional experience creating and leading successful philanthropy programs, including a recent \$9 million campaign for the construction of a 26 room emergency department at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital.

Gill is also a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE). She has been honored with numerous awards for her professional achievements, including: the Community Excellence Award, Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce (2002), the Gerry Gunnin Professional Achievement Award, AHP Rockies & Southwest Region (2001) and the Local, District and State Young Careerist of the Year, Bozeman Business & Professional Women (1999). Gill presented at the 2012 AHP Rockies & Southwest and Southeast Joint Regional Conference. She also serves as a member of the 46th Annual AHP International Conference Advisory Council and functions as track dean for the foundation management track.

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 5,000+ members manage philanthropic programs in 2,000 of the nation's 3,400 not-for-profit health care providers.

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