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

WASHINGTON, D.C., (October 25, 2012) – The Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP) today recognized Suzanne Bone of The Foundation of Guelph General Hospital, Ontario, for achieving the AHP Fellow designation (FAHP). She 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.

Ms. Bone, who is a seasoned non-profit executive with particular expertise in fundraising, is a certified fund raising executive. She came to Guelph in 1991 as a student, serving a placement at Guelph General Hospital as part of her masters in health administration program. She joined the foundation when her placement ended, and since that time, has directed fundraising activities that have raised close to \$40 million for Guelph General Hospital. As president and CEO of the foundation, Ms. Bone is a member of the hospital's senior management team and provides a leadership role in hospital communications.

An active volunteer, Ms. Bone recently was honored by the Guelph YMCA as YWCA Woman of Distinction in the public service category. She is currently a member of the Volunteer Centre of Guelph Wellington Leadership Advisory Committee and the Association for Health Care Philanthropy Canadian Cabinet. She also serves as treasurer of the Hospital Development and Education Fund of Canada, and she is a past board member of the Guelph Chamber of Commerce, the Victory Kids Club and the United Way of Guelph Wellington.

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 North America's 3,400 not-for-profit health care providers, including more than 200 in Canada.

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