WASHINGTON, D.C., (October 21, 2012) – William C. McGinly, PhD, CAE, president and chief executive officer of the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP), will retire as of July 1, 2014, culminating a 30-year career at the helm of the 5000-member association of professionals who direct philanthropic programs for nonprofit hospitals and related facilities throughout North America.

McGinly announced his retirement October 2, at the AHP International Conference in Toronto.

During his tenure, AHP has experienced membership and operating revenue growth as well as broad influence in improving reporting standards for efficiency and effectiveness in health care philanthropy. McGinly has been named to The NonProfit Times Power & Influence Top 50 list for 15 consecutive years.

“AHP demands a lot – from delivery to education, networking and research. But at the heart of AHP, for me, is leading an organization that is instrumental in bringing meaning to our members and to those whom they serve.” McGinly said. “We have built a reputation founded on our ability to structure productive relationships with many sectors of the profession, other professional associations and governments. It has been very rewarding.”

“AHP has become the indispensable resource for health care philanthropy under Bill’s leadership,” said William Littlejohn, AHP board chair and senior vice president of Sharp HealthCare Foundation in San Diego, Calif. “Bill has enabled AHP to become the premier association for professional development in health care philanthropy, impacting thousands of members and institutions. Communities across the globe have helped transform health care through philanthropy, and AHP and Bill McGinly have played a vital role in making that happen. Every member of AHP is grateful for Bill’s service and leadership.”

With the announcement, AHP will soon begin its search for a successor, ensuring a smooth transition. A search committee has been formed of volunteer leaders to best represent the association’s members in this effort. The committee is working with the search firm Korn/Ferry International to identify and assess potential candidates. With more than 40 years of nonprofit management experience, McGinly is a former board member for the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University Indianapolis; a past chairman of the Greater Washington Society of Association Executives (GWSAE); an active member of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE); an I/D/E/A/ Fellow; and a Certified Association Executive (CAE). He received his doctorate in administration from The American University.

Reflecting on his 30 years leading AHP, McGinly said, “I arrived on a Monday morning in 1983 and stayed with it for 30 years because I believe in the members, what they do for communities around the world and how their efforts change lives. Their work and dedication has created meaning in my life.”

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