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### **Association for Healthcare Philanthropy Recognizes Michael P. Geis with Highest Distinction — The AHP Fellow**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**, (December 1, 2005) – The Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP) recognized Michael P. Geis, executive director for the Office of Development at The Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska, for achieving the AHP Fellow designation (FAHP). Geis is in the 31st 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.

For the past 30 years, Mike has worked in various clinical and administrative capacities on a local, regional and national level. Mr. Geis has devoted his career to providing professional gift planning assistance to literally hundreds of individuals throughout the country, resulting in nearly \$100 million in new funds for various organizations. His specialty is in working with donors to achieve their charitable objectives while working effectively with professional advisors. He has consulted nationally and lectured throughout the Midwest on various topics related to charitable gift planning, fund raising and non-profit management.

Mike currently serves on the Board of Directors for Goodwill Industries and Visiting Nurses Association and the Board of Advisor for TeamMates Mentoring Program-Metro Omaha, Nebraska. He is active in the Association of Healthcare Philanthropy, Association of Fundraising Executives, Planned Giving Council of Nebraska, and the Estate Planning Council of Omaha, Nebraska.

Mr. Geis has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education and Masters of Science in Education degree from the University of Nebraska in Kearney. He is a lifetime resident of Nebraska and a native of Beaver Crossing, Nebraska.

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 4,000+ members manage philanthropic programs in 1,900 of the nation's 3,400 not-for-profit health care providers.

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