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Association for Healthcare Philanthropy Recognizes Betsy Chapin Taylor with Highest Distinction – the AHP Fellow

WASHINGTON, D.C. (October 20, 2011) -- The Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP) will present Betsy Chapin Taylor of Erlanger Health System Foundation, Chattanooga, Tenn., with the "Fellow in AHP" (FAHP) medallion at a ceremony Oct. 20 in Boston during the association's annual international conference.

Ms. Taylor earned the FAHP status based on her 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."

Ms. Taylor has worked in health care philanthropy for more than 16 years. She currently serves as president of Erlanger Health System Foundations and chief development officer of Erlanger Health System, an 800-bed academic medical center affiliated with the University of Tennessee that includes an integrated children's hospital.

Ms. Taylor has been a member of AHP since 1995. Prior to her career in health care philanthropy, she worked in political advance and journalism. She holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Georgia and a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University in New York.

Taylor serves as a member of the faculty of the American College of Healthcare Executives. She is also a frequent speaker at professional conferences, including those of AHP and the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions (NACHRI).

In her spare time, Taylor acts as a committee or board member for a variety of nonprofit initiatives, including the *AHP Journal* advisory committee, the AHP Southeast regional cabinet, the NACHRI philanthropy planning committee, and the United Way of Greater Chattanooga's marketing committee. She and her husband Brett have twin six-year-old daughters.

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.

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