Association for Healthcare Philanthropy Announces 2013 Board of Directors

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 13, 2012 – The Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP), representing more than 5,000 executives of philanthropic programs in North America supporting not-for-profit hospitals, clinics, health systems and related facilities, has announced its recently-elected board of directors.

AHP is the leading authority for standards, knowledge and leadership in health care philanthropy. As the world’s largest association for health care fundraising professionals, AHP members raise more than $9 billion each year for community health services. AHP supports its members and serves the public through high performance standards, expert knowledge development and executive leadership that advance the practice and performance of health care philanthropy at both the local and national level.

The AHP board of directors is the association’s chief policy-making body, with overall responsibility for ensuring that AHP’s business, property and affairs are managed in a manner consistent with its purpose, bylaws and applicable laws. Officers serve one-year terms and regional directors serve for two years.

Officers of the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy are:

Chair: William S. Littlejohn is CEO and senior vice president of Sharp HealthCare Foundation in San Diego, Calif., which supports the charitable missions of Sharp Memorial Hospital, Sharp Mary Birch Hospital for Women and Newborns, Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital, Sharp McDonald Center, Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center and Sharp Rees-Stealy.

Chair-elect: David L. Flood is president, Meridian Health Affiliated Foundations in Neptune, N.J. Meridian Health is a leading not-for-profit health care organization in New Jersey, comprised of Jersey Shore University Medical Center and K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital in Neptune, Ocean Medical Center in Brick, Riverview Medical Center in Red Bank, Southern Ocean Medical Center in Manahawkin, Bayshore Community Hospital in Holmdel, and Meridian Partner Companies that include home health services, skilled nursing and rehabilitation centers, ambulatory care, ambulance services, and outpatient centers.

Past-chair: Susan J. Doliner, FAHP, CFRE, is vice president for development at Maine Medical Center (MMC) – located in Portland, Maine. The 637-bed teaching hospital Maine Medical Center serves a unique role as both a community hospital and premier referral center for the region requiring unparalleled depth and breadth of services, including MMC’s Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital, and the states only medical school through a partnership with Tufts University School of Medicine. Maine Medical Center is the flagship hospital of MaineHealth, a 12 member health system.
Secretary-Treasurer: **William H. Kiel, CFRE**, is executive director for the Western Indiana Region of Franciscan Alliance Foundation – St. Elizabeth Health in Lafayette, Ind. and is responsible for recruiting and training a regional board of directors and establishing a development program for the three hospitals in the region. Franciscan Alliance, one of the largest faith-based health care providers in the country, has 13 hospitals, hundreds of outpatient and physician office locations and serves patients in Indiana, Illinois and Michigan.

Vice-chair for Membership and Communications: **Randy A. Varju, FAHP, CFRE**, is chief development officer & foundation president for Advocate Health Care in Park Ridge, Ill. Advocate Health Care is the largest fully integrated health care delivery system in the state of Illinois with 3.7 million patient visits annually. It has been named one of the nation’s top 10 health systems based on clinical performance according to Thomson Reuters.

Vice-chair for Regional Affairs: **Julie E. Cox, FAHP, CFRE**, is vice president of development for LifeBridge Health in Baltimore, Md., consisting of Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, Northwest Hospital, Levindale Hebrew Geriatric Center and Hospital and Courtland Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Vice-chair for Education and Certification: **Sharon A. Jones, FAHP, CFRE**, is vice president, development at Chapters Health System in Temple Terrace, Fla. Jones directs and manages a fund development program for the organization’s end-of-life care and senior independence services in four west-central Florida counties. Chapters Health is a leader in progressive hospice and palliative care.

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AHP Midwest: **David K. Burghart, CFRE**, is president at Lakeland Health Foundation in Saint Joseph, Mich. Lakeland is a not-for-profit, community-owned system serving the southwest Michigan region of Berrien, Cass and VanBuren counties. In addition to the three hospitals, the system includes walk-in clinics, long-term care, home care, laboratory and radiology services, rehabilitation and other services throughout the region.

AHP Southeast: **Jeffrey A. Lea, FAHP, CFRE** is head of development at Forsyth Medical Center Foundation in Winston-Salem, N.C. Forsyth Medical Center is an 921-bed, not-for-profit regional medical center providing Winston-Salem one of the largest, best-equipped hospital facilities in the state.

AHP Pacific: **James M. Dale** is vice president of development for Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center Foundation in Pomona, Calif. Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center (PVHMC) is a 453-bed, fully accredited, acute care hospital serving eastern Los Angeles and western San Bernardino counties.

AHP Mid-Atlantic: **Theresa M. Law, J.D., CFRE**, is executive director, philanthropy at Wellspan Health in York, Pa. Wellspan Health serves the communities of Central Pennsylvania with 35 outpatient health care locations; three respected hospitals: Wellspan York Hospital, Wellspan Gettysburg Hospital and the Wellspan Surgery & Rehabilitation Hospital; and partnerships with respected organizations, including Hanover Hospital and Hospice & Community Care (formerly Hospice of Lancaster County), as well as hundreds of private-practice community physicians.

AHP New England: **Jack Dresser, CFRE**, is vice president for development and community services at Emerson Hospital in Concord, Mass. He is responsible for developing philanthropic and volunteer resources to help advance the mission of the 177-bed community hospital.
AHP Rockies and Southwest: Sandy L. Ogletree has served as the executive director of the UMC Health System Foundation of Lubbock, Texas, for 10 years. As the director, she is responsible for all philanthropic initiatives for UMC, a major trauma and teaching hospital serving the Texas South Plains and Eastern New Mexico.

AHP Canada: Jory Pritchard-Kerr, FAHP, CFRE, is executive director at Collingwood General & Marine Hospital (G&M) Foundation in Ontario, Canada. G&M Hospital serves the Georgian Triangle, which encompasses Collingwood, Wasaga Beach, Clearview Township and The Town of the Blue Mountains. The G&M Hospital is a 72-bed facility serving more than 60,000 permanent residents and 2.5 million annual visitors to the communities of Wasaga Beach, Collingwood, Stayner, Creemore and the Blue Mountains.

Ex-officio members are:

Strategic Initiative Chair – Standards: Mark Larkin, CFRE, is vice president of development for CentraCare Health System Foundation in Saint Cloud, Minn. CentraCare hospitals, clinics, long-term care and specialty care serve the central part of Minnesota. The CentraCare Health Foundation’s mission is to engage the philanthropic community to improve health and health care.

Strategic Initiative Chair – Knowledge: Bridget Murphy, CFRE, is chief development officer at VNA Health Group in Red Bank, N.J., a leading nonprofit provider of home care, hospice and community-based care. Ms. Murphy is responsible for the leadership and direction of the VNA of Central Jersey (VNACJ) Foundation, the organization’s fundraising arm.

Strategic Initiative Chair – Leadership, Engagement and Governance: Lisa Hillman, FAHP, CFRE, is senior vice president and chief development officer for Anne Arundel Health System in Annapolis, Md. where she oversees the health system’s fundraising, volunteers and legislative activities.

The Association for Healthcare Philanthropy, established in 1967, is a not-for-profit organization whose members direct philanthropic programs in 2,200 of North America’s nonprofit health care providers.

Institutions for which AHP members raise charitable funds provide essential, comprehensive health care services to their communities, as well as wellness programs, mobile health vans, mammography screenings, hearing and eye exams, and other community-based health care services. AHP members include fundraising professionals, development staff, public relations professionals, trustees, marketing specialists, administrators and executives interested in health care fundraising. To learn more, visit the AHP website at www.ahp.org.

Editor’s Note on credential abbreviations:
CFRE: Certified Fund Raising Executive
ACFRE: Advanced Certified Fund Raising Executive
FAHP: Fellow of the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy