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Association for Healthcare Philanthropy Recognizes Donna Budak with Highest Distinction – the AHP Fellow

WASHINGTON, D.C. (October 20, 2011) -- The Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP) will present Donna Budak of the Seton Williamson Foundation, Round Rock, Texas, with the “Fellow in AHP” (FAHP) medallion at a ceremony Oct. 20 in Boston during the association’s annual international conference.

Ms. Budak 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.”

Donna Budak is vice president of foundation development and executive director of the Seton Williamson Foundation. A certified fund raising executive (CFRE) and past recipient of AHP’s Newcomer’s Award, she is also vice president of fund development for the Seton Family of Hospitals.

Ms. Budak’s extensive fundraising experience with the Seton Family of Hospitals spans several years and leadership positions supporting the Daughters of Charity health ministry in Central Texas. Prior to working at the Seton Williamson Foundation, she was the director of campaigns for the Seton Fund which raises funds and awareness for seven hospitals, three community health centers, and other Seton facilities in the metropolitan Austin area.

Ms. Budak’s position at the Seton Fund was preceded by four-plus years with Children’s Medical Center Foundation of Central Texas where she was part of the Seton team that raised an astounding \$86 million to build and equip the new state-of-the-art Dell Children’s Medical Center of Central Texas. Budak was director of major gifts and director of planned giving during the Dell Children’s campaign, the largest capital campaign to date in Central Texas outside of the University of Texas.

Before joining Seton, Ms. Budak was the director of annual giving and then director of development for Ballet Austin. She began her fundraising career as director of development for a K-12 private school.

The immediate past president of the board of the Greater Austin chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Ms. Budak is a member of the Partnership in Philanthropic Planning and the Southwest Rockies regional cabinet for AHP. She served as conference co-chair for the 2010 AHP Pacific/Southwest Rockies regional conference.

In 2011, Budak served as the education co-chair for both the AHP Southeast/Southwest Rockies regional conference and for the Ascension Healthcare Council on Philanthropy conference.

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.

Established in 1967, AHP's more than 4800 members direct philanthropic programs in 2,000 not-for-profit health care providers throughout North America.



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