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### **Association for Healthcare Philanthropy Recognizes Eric W. Dean with Highest Distinction — The AHP Fellow**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**, (September 28, 2002) – The Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP) recognized Eric W. Dean, executive director, Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation in Lindsay, Ontario, for achieving the AHP Fellow designation (FAHP). Dean was one of four of the 27th 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.

Dean first became a member of AHP shortly after being hired as the first foundation director of Ross Memorial Hospital, a 156-bed community hospital, in February of 1991. At that time, the hospital received about \$40,000 annually in donation revenue. Since 1991, the Foundation has raised a total of \$15.5 million in realized gifts and has pledges and irrevocable planned gifts outstanding of more than \$4 million. Dean is the Ontario Provincial representative on the AHP Canada Regional Cabinet and has also served the cabinet in the role of secretary and communication chair. He was on the Canada Regional Conference Committee in 1994 and again in 2000. He has been a frequent speaker at regional and annual AHP conferences.

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's 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 3,300 members manage philanthropic programs in 1,900 of the nation's 3,400 not-for-profit health care providers. AHP members raised more than \$8 billion in FY 2001.



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