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Ann Bergmann to Chair AHA's Committee on Volunteers

WASHINGTON (January 16, 2013) – The American Hospital Association (AHA) today announced that Ann Bergmann will chair the AHA's 2013 Committee on Volunteers.

The Committee on Volunteers, a specialty committee of the board, is concerned with the roles, responsibilities, and services of organized volunteers and auxiliaries, as well as the community perspective they provide for the health care field. The committee supports the AHA mission and policy agenda by its activities in public policy development; participating in AHA grassroots advocacy; providing the association with the benefit of its community perspective on issues related to the health care field; and serving as the selection committee for the AHA's Hospital Awards for Volunteer Excellence (HAVE Awards).

Bergmann joined the Committee on Volunteers in 2011, and also serves as co-chair of the Association for Healthcare Volunteer Resource Professionals (AHVRP) annual conference planning committee. Bergmann currently serves as a volunteer for the long-term care unit of Cumberland Healthcare. She also is public policy education chair for Partners of Spooner Health System and the northwestern district public policy education chair of Partners of Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA).

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Bergmann is a past president of the Partners of Wisconsin Hospital Association, which represents more than 12,000 healthcare auxiliaries and volunteers. She has held various positions on the Partners of WHA Board including district chair, state secretary, president-elect, bylaws committee chair and member of the WAVE (Wisconsin Award for Volunteer Excellence) Award Committee and Strategic Planning Committee.

Ms. Bergmann has been active in community and faith-based organizations including Cumberland Woman's Club, Cumberland Music Club, Cumberland Enrichment Through Culture Association, Northwest Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and Women of the ELCA of which she held the position of National Triennial Gathering Promoter of Northwest Synod of Wisconsin for the national conventions held in Philadelphia and San Antonio.

About AHA

The AHA is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the improvement of health in their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which includes more than 5,000 member hospitals, health systems and other health care organizations, and 42,000 individual members. Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends.

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