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AHA ANNOUNCES ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Press Releases Available at AHA Web Site

WASHINGTON (April 11, 2013) – The American Hospital Association (AHA) has available through its website press releases highlighting several awards that the AHA and its affiliated organizations will present during its 2013 Annual Membership meeting in Washington. The releases can be found at <http://www.aha.org>.

The available press releases include:

Reach Out and Read and George Halvorson to Receive AHA's Award of Honor

The AHA will present its Award of Honor to Reach Out and Read in Boston and to George C. Halvorson, chairman and CEO of Kaiser Permanente, based in Oakland, Calif. The award is given to organizations and individuals in recognition of exemplary contributions to the health and well-being of people through leadership on major health policies or social initiatives.

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Jeffrey D. Selberg to Receive AHA Board of Trustees Award

The AHA will present Jeffrey D. Selberg, executive vice president and CEO of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement with its Board of Trustees Award. The award is presented to individuals or groups who have made substantial and noteworthy contributions to the work of the AHA.

Thomas Dolan, Ph.D., to Receive AHA Distinguished Service Award

The AHA will present its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, to Thomas Dolan Ph.D., president and CEO of the American College of Healthcare Executives. This award recognizes significant lifetime contributions and service to the nation's health care institutions and associations.

AHA to Honor Four Hospital Volunteer Programs with HAVE Award

The AHA honors four hospital volunteer programs with the Hospital Awards for Volunteer Excellence (HAVE). The AHA HAVE Awards Program is in its 30th year and highlights the extraordinary efforts of volunteer programs and the positive impact their contributions have on the patients, hospitals, health systems and communities they serve.

The winning facilities are:

- Community Service Program - “The Landing, A Healing Place for Kids,” United General Hospital - Sedro-Woolley, Wash.
- Fundraising Program - “Gingham Tree Resale Shop,” Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital - Downers Grove, Ill.
- In-Service Hospital Volunteer Program – “Parent Wisdom In Shared Experience (ParentWISE[®]),” Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago
- Community Outreach and/or Collaboration Program - “Desert Mission Volunteers,” John C. Lincoln Health Network - Phoenix

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About the 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 care systems, networks, other providers of care and 38,000 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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