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AHA ANNOUNCES ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

WASHINGTON (April 2, 2014) – The American Hospital Association (AHA) announced today several awards that the AHA and its affiliated organizations will present during its 2014 Annual Membership meeting in Washington.

The award honorees include:

Thomas M. Priselac, to Receive AHA Distinguished Service Award

The AHA will present its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, to Thomas M. Priselac, president and CEO of Cedars-Sinai Health System in Los Angeles. This award recognizes significant lifetime contributions and service to the nation's health care institutions and associations.

Russell D. Harrington, Jr. and Daniel Sisto to Receive AHA Board of Trustees Award

The AHA will present Russ Harrington, president and CEO, Baptist Health in Little Rock, Ark. and Daniel Sisto, former president, Healthcare Association of New York State 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.

Rhonda Anderson, R.N., and the Ohio Hospital Association to Receive AHA's Award of Honor

The AHA will present its Award of Honor to Rhonda Anderson, R.N., DNSc, chief executive officer, Cardon Children's Medical Center in Mesa, Ariz. and to the Ohio Hospital Association. 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.

Rep. Henry A. Waxman and Barry Passett to be Presented the AHA Honorary Life Membership Award

The AHA will present its Honorary Life Membership Award to Rep. Henry A. Waxman of California and to Barry Passett, health care advisor and former hospital CEO from Chevy Chase, Md. The award recognizes individuals who have made important contributions to the health care field and who share the mission, values and goals of the AHA.

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 31st 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 - "Mercy Hospital Pet Peace of Mind Program for Hospice Patients," Mercy Health System - Janesville, Wisc.
- Fundraising Program - "Women Working Wonders," Sparrow Hospital - Lansing, Mich.
- In-Service Hospital Volunteer Program "Brain Injury Voices," New England Rehabilitation Hospital of Portland - Portland, Maine
- Community Outreach and/or Collaboration Program - "Operation Sock-It-To-Me," Northwest Medical Center Bentonville - Bentonville, Ark.

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 include nearly 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks and other providers of care. Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for health care

leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends. For more information visit the website at www.aha.org.

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