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COMMUNITY HEALTH CHARITIES RE-ELECTS MOLLIE COLE AS CHAIR

Golla and Tybon Join CHCI Board; Finnegan, Stout and Teske Fill Other Officer Positions

Chicago, July 9, 2008 – Community Health Charities of Illinois (CHCI), the state's only workplace giving federation exclusively devoted to health-related causes, has re-elected Mollie Cole for a second term as its chair; she will serve until June 2009. Cole is the director of communications for Career Education Corporation's healthcare and culinary strategic business units. CHCI is the Illinois affiliate of the nation's second largest workplace giving fund-raising organization.

Cole announced that the 38 member charities in the health federation had also elected two new members to the CHCI Board of Directors: Clare Golla, senior vice president, nonprofits and foundations, ShoreBank, Chicago; and Susan Tybon, executive director, Autism Speaks Illinois affiliate. They replace retiring directors Amy Anderson Day, McGuire Woods Consulting LLC, and Bill Lederer, executive director, American Hearing Research Foundation.

“We’re pleased to continue a board mix that combines representation from our member charities with representation from both public and private sector organizations, and especially to add an officer of a prominent financial institution well known for its commitment to community service,” Cole said.

Elected to serve alongside Cole as officers are P. Kerry Finnegan, National Practice Director at Mercer Health and Benefits, vice-chair; attorney Jeffrey Teske, partner of Hogan Marren Ltd., secretary; and Jeffrey Stout, vice-president of the Arthritis Foundation, Greater Illinois Chapter, treasurer.

Cole has engineered the launch of regional, statewide and national programs including the Chicagoland Entrepreneurial Center, the Office of Women's Business Development at the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and the National Association of Women's Business Advocates. Prior to joining Career Education, Cole was a vice-president at Hodge Schindler Communications and managing director of the Chicagoland Entrepreneurial Center at the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce. She lives in Palatine, Ill., with her husband and son.

The new Board and officers announced a goal of significantly increasing the number of Illinois employers, in both the private and public sectors, working with CHCI to raise funds for leading health charities through workplace giving. Among CHCI beneficiaries are the American Lung Association, the Easter Seals Society, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, and 34 others. (Complete list appended.) CHCI distributes close to $2 million annually for health research, education, and patient services, from funds contributed through payroll deductions by employees in some 200 workplaces.

"We've seen across Illinois, and in fact, across America, that the opportunity for employees to contribute at work to a designated health charity is particularly well received," says Barbara Boden, CHCI president. "Everyone has been touched, at some point in their lives, by one or more medical conditions, and donations to CHCI or any of its member charities allow givers to support research, education and patient services in those areas they find most meaningful." The hundreds of thousands of Americans who participate in payroll-deduction plans like CHCI and United Way attest to the philanthropic impulse inherent in American workers, Boden adds, an impulse that is heightened when a choice of charities is offered.

CHCI welcomes inquiries at info@healthcharitiesillinois.org or (312) 360-0382 from organizations that want to consult its experts on the benefits to the organization of creating wellness awareness through health-oriented workplace giving programs. Individuals are also invited to visit www.healthcharitiesillinois.org to learn about volunteer opportunities with organizations that raise money for medical research, patient services and health education.

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Attachment: Member Agency List

COMMUNITY HEALTH CHARITIES OF ILLINOIS
Member Agencies

AIDS Research Foundation (amfAR)
ALS, Les Turner Foundation
Alzheimer's Association
AMC Cancer Research Center
American Diabetes Association
American Hearing Research Foundation
American Liver Foundation – Illinois Chapter
American Lung Association
Arthritis Foundation
Autism Speaks
Breast Cancer Network of Strength (fka Y-ME)
Cancer Research Institute
Children's Memorial Hospital
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Easter Seal Society
Epilepsy Foundation
Hemophilia Foundation of Illinois
Illinois Hospice & Palliative Care Organization
Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Little City Foundation
Lupus Foundation of Illinois
March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation
Mental Health Association in Illinois
Muscular Dystrophy Association
Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of Illinois
NAMI Illinois (National Alliance on Mental Illness)
National Kidney Foundation of Illinois
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
Parkinson's Disease Foundation
Sickle Cell Disease Association of Illinois
Sudden Infant Death Services
Spinal Cord Injury Association of Illinois
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
The Arc/Illinois (Disabled Empowerment)
United Cerebral Palsy of Illinois

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