Media Contact
Laurence Kaufman
312-360-0382
lkaufman@healthcharitiesillinois.org

DAVID TUCKER NAMED PRESIDENT/CEO OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CHARITIES OF ILLINOIS

For Immediate Release:

(CHICAGO, February 18, 2009) – David J. Tucker, 45, has been named President and Chief Executive Officer of Community Health Charities of Illinois (CHCI), a federation of 38 premier health charities (list attached) that connects organizations and their workforces to wellness resources, volunteer opportunities, patient services, and workplace-giving opportunities. CHCI is an affiliate of Community Health Charities of America, the largest workplace-focused federation dedicated solely to health causes.

Tucker comes to CHCI from the Georgetown University Law Center, where he was Director of Gift Planning. Prior to Georgetown, he spent eleven years with ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (a CHCI member charity) in a variety of senior fund-raising and gift planning positions. He is a graduate of Texas Tech University and of the University of Denver College of Law.

Tucker's appointment was announced by Mollie Cole, CHCI board chair and a director of communications for Career Education Corporation, located in Hoffman Estates Ill. Tucker succeeds Barbara Boden, who remains with CHCI as senior consultant.

"CHCI research shows that a personal connection to a cause is the number one motivator for charitable giving and explains Americans' affinity for giving to health care causes," Tucker says. "With 125 million Americans affected by illness or chronic disease, as patients or as caregivers, workplace wellness programs including a range of philanthropic choices including health causes are better-received by employees than single-option campaigns."

Community Health Charities distributes close to $85 million annually, from the contributions of millions of employees in corporations, federal agencies, and state/municipal governments nationwide. By designating a "health charity of choice" employees have an opportunity to touch the lives of people they know and love, and at the same time help someone they have never met by having a charitable donation automatically deducted from their paycheck.

Funds contributed to Community Health Charities of Illinois are used to support medical research, health education and patient services. Employees have the ability to direct donations to the individual health charities they specifically want to support. CHCI not only advises employers and individuals about the convenience of "one-stop" health support, but also serves as a resource for volunteer opportunities and patient and family services.

For more information about Community Health Charities of Illinois, call 800-299-6842 or go to www.healthcharitiesillinois.org.

# # #

MEMBER AGENCIES

AIDS Research Foundation (amfAR)
Alzheimer's Association, Greater Chicago Chapter
AMC Cancer Research Center
American Diabetes Association
American Hearing Research Foundation
American Liver Foundation – Illinois Chapter
American Lung Association of Illinois
Arthritis Foundation, Greater Chicago Chapter
Autism Speaks
Breast Cancer Network of Strength, Illinois (fka Y-ME)
Cancer Research Institute
Children's Memorial Hospital
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, Carol Fisher Chapter
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Illinois Chapter
Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago
Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago
Hemophilia Foundation of Illinois
Illinois Hospice & Palliative Care Organization
Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Midwest Affiliate
Les Turner ALS Foundation
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Illinois Chapter
Little City Foundation
Lupus Foundation of America, Illinois Chapter
March of Dimes Foundation, Greater Illinois Chapter
Mental Health America of 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, Illinois Chapter
Parkinson's Disease Foundation
Sickle Cell Disease Association of Illinois
Sudden Infant Death Services of Illinois
Spinal Cord Injury Association of Illinois
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Midwest Affiliate
The Arc of Illinois (Disabled Empowerment)
United Cerebral Palsy of Illinois

February 18, 2009