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LARRY McANDREWS TO RECEIVE
AHA BOARD OF TRUSTEES AWARD

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WASHINGTON (April 12, 2012) – The American Hospital Association (AHA) today announced that Larry McAndrews, retired president and CEO, National Association of Children's Hospitals (NACHRI), will be awarded its 2012 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. McAndrews will receive the award at a ceremony at the AHA Annual Membership Meeting on Monday, May 7 in Washington.

"Larry has been an important force in supporting children's hospitals specifically and health care broadly," said AHA President and CEO Rich Umbdenstock. "Larry's advocacy has kept the needs of children high on the national agenda and his collaboration with the AHA has been greatly appreciated. The AHA is pleased to honor Larry's lifetime of service with the Board of Trustees Award."

McAndrews served as president and chief executive officer (CEO) of NACHRI from 1992 to his retirement in 2011. Working with NACHRI members and collaborating with the AHA and other national hospital and health care organizations, McAndrews helped the nation's children's hospitals in accessing the resources needed to deliver care to children, families and communities. McAndrews also was founding president and CEO

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of NACHRI's public policy affiliate, the National Association of Children's Hospitals and he doubled the organization's membership.

As NACHRI CEO, McAndrews served on the AHA's Hospitals in Pursuit of Excellence National Leadership Council and was a long-time board member of the Coalition to Protect America's Health Care. He also served on and chaired AHA's Section for Maternal and Child Health and on the Ad Hoc Committee on Financing Health Care for Medically Indigent Children.

A hospital executive since 1971, McAndrews was president and chief executive officer at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Mo., for six years before serving at NACHRI. Mr. McAndrews previously served as administrator of the Prentice Women's Hospital and, before that, of the Institute of Psychiatry – both components of Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, the teaching site for Northwestern University. Additionally, he was vice president, professional affairs, at Lafayette General Hospital in Lafayette, La., and administrative assistant at MacNeal Memorial Hospital in Berwyn, Ill.

McAndrews has also served on the boards of the Missouri Hospital Association and the Kansas City Area Hospital Association and is a Life Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. Throughout his career, McAndrews has received several honors including the American Academy of Pediatrics' Excellence in Public Service Award in 2011, the National Association of Public Hospitals' Safety Net Lifetime Achievement Award and recognition by the Association of Medical School Pediatrics Department Chairs.

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McAndrews holds a master's of health administration from The George Washington University, Washington, and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. He served two years as an officer in the United States Army.

Larry S. Gage, retired president, National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems, also will receive the 2012 Board of Trustees Award.

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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 health improvement of their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which includes close to 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks, other providers of care 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. For more information, visit the AHA Web site at www.aha.org.