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Mark J. Howard, FACHE, Receives ACHE's Gold Medal Award

CHICAGO, January 09, 2008—Mark J. Howard, FACHE, president and CEO, MountainView Hospital, Las Vegas, has been named the recipient of one of two American College of Healthcare Executives 2008 Gold Medal Awards. Howard will receive the award on Monday, March 10, 2008, at the Arthur C. Bachmeyer Memorial Address and Luncheon during ACHE's 51st Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago.

The Gold Medal Award is ACHE's highest honor bestowed on outstanding leaders who, through a career of service, have made significant contributions to the healthcare field. The purpose of this award is to identify Fellows of the American College of Healthcare Executives who best exemplify leadership at the organizational, local, state/provincial and national levels. The Gold Medal Award recognizes individuals who go beyond the confines of their own organization to continually contribute to the improvement of healthcare services and community health.

Howard has been president and CEO of MountainView Hospital since 1995. He began his career in healthcare management in the U.S. Air Force in 1969 as a Second Lieutenant stationed at the 75th TAC Hospital at Bergstrom Air Force Base in Texas as an assistant administrator. He was promoted the following year to First Lieutenant and then to Captain in 1972.

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Howard was discharged from active duty in 1974 but resumed his military career in 1985 when he entered the Utah Air National Guard as a medical service officer. He retired fully from the U.S. Air Force in 2001, having reached the rank of Colonel.

Howard began his civilian healthcare management career at Utah Valley Regional Medical Center in Provo, Utah, as an assistant administrator from 1974 to 1979. He became administrator at American Fork Hospital in American Fork, Utah, from 1979 to 1983 and then returned to Utah Valley Regional Medical Center from 1984 to 1989 where he served as administrator and then executive director.

Howard continued his rise as a healthcare leader in 1989 when he was named CEO of Intermountain Healthcare Hospitals of Utah County in Provo, Utah. In 1991 he was selected to be CEO of Intermountain Healthcare Hospitals of Central Utah in Provo, Utah.

An ACHE affiliate since 1970, Howard served as a Regent from 1986 to 1991, Governor from 1991 to 1995 and Chairman-Elect, Chairman and Immediate Past-Chairman of ACHE's Board of Governors from 1998 to 2001. He also has been active on numerous committees. He serves as a board member at various organizations, among them the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce.

He received the ACHE Regent's Award in 1995, 2002 and 2006 and a Nevada Business Healthcare Heroes award in 2007. He was awarded the March of Dimes Nurse's Choice for CEO of the Year in 2001 and 2007 and named One of the Most Respected CEOs in Nevada in 2003 by Nevada Business.

Board certified in healthcare management as an ACHE Fellow, Howard received his master's degree in healthcare management in 1969 from the University of California-Los Angeles.

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The second 2008 Gold Medal Award recipient is Wayne B. Sorensen, PhD, FACHE, associate professor, Texas State University-San Marcos, San Marcos, Texas.

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The American College of Healthcare Executives is an international professional society of more than 30,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHE is known for its prestigious credentialing and educational programs and its annual Congress on Healthcare Leadership, which draws more than 4,000 participants each year. ACHE also is known for its journals, the *Journal of Healthcare Management* and *Frontiers of Health Services Management*, and its magazine, *Healthcare Executive*, as well as ground-breaking research and career development and public policy programs. ACHE's publishing division, Health Administration Press, is one of the largest publishers of books and journals on all aspects of health services management in addition to textbooks for use in college and university courses. Through such efforts, ACHE works toward its goal of being the premier professional society for healthcare leaders by providing exceptional value to its members.

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