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### **DEBORAH Y. RASPER, FACHE, ELECTED TO AMERICAN COLLEGE OF HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVES BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**CHICAGO, March 25, 2006**—Deborah Y. Rasper, FACHE, has been elected to serve on the Board of Governors of the American College of Healthcare Executives, an international professional society of 30,000 healthcare executives.

Rasper took office today at the Council of Regents Meeting during ACHE's 49th Congress on Healthcare Leadership at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. She will serve a three-year term representing ACHE affiliates on ACHE's Board of Governors, the authority that oversees ACHE operations and member services.

Rasper is administrator of St. Vincent Mercy Hospital, Elwood, Ind., a member of St. Vincent Health, a spiritually centered healthcare system sponsored by Ascension Health. Rasper's responsibilities include operational and strategic direction for the 25-bed, federally designated Critical Access Hospital and rural-based primary care practices.

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Prior to her current position, Rasper served the rural healthcare field as a consultant, serving as regional network consultant from 2001 to 2003; interim chief executive officer for St. Vincent Clay Hospital, Brazil, Ind.; and consultant for Continuum Solutions Consulting in Indianapolis. Before that she served in a number of healthcare-related roles, including as executive vice president of Operations at Kendrick Memorial Hospital, Mooresville, Ind.; administrator and vice president of Operations at Community Hospital South, Indianapolis; team leader/vice president of Clinical Support Services and executive director of the Neuroscience Service Line for Community Hospitals Indianapolis; and vice president of Clinical Services at Margaret Mary Community Hospital, Batesville, Ind.

Prior to being elected an ACHE Governor, Rasper was the ACHE Regent for Southern Indiana from 1999 to 2003. She has served on the board of directors for Executive Women in Healthcare, the Indy Healthcare Executive Network, the United Way of Madison County and the Indiana Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Rasper currently is a member of the National Rural Health Association.

Board certified in healthcare management and an ACHE Fellow, Rasper received her master's degree in hospital and health administration from Xavier University, Cincinnati, and her bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati.

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### **American College of Healthcare Executives**

The American College of Healthcare Executives is an international professional society of 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 is also 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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