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CARY SMITH NAMED HEALTHCARE TRUSTEE OF THE YEAR

October 19, 2009—Cary Smith, board member for Uintah Basin Healthcare, was recently awarded the Rural Hospital Trustee Service award by UHA, Utah Hospitals and Health Systems Association. The award, presented during the Association's Fall Leadership Conference at the Homestead Resort in Midway, recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to Utah's healthcare sector while serving as a community trustee.

Smith has served on the Uintah Basin Medical Center board since 2003 and immediately became an active member, agreeing to chair the hospital's Facilities Planning Committee. During his tenure as Facilities Board Chair he has had the responsibility of overseeing the addition of 125,000 square feet of new facility space and the completion of \$26 million in building projects. As a trustee of Uintah Basin Healthcare, Smith has provided exceptional leadership and a strong commitment to serving the citizens of the Uintah Basin community.

A native of Pittsburgh, Smith has been in the oil and gas business since 1972. He moved to the Uintah Basin area in 1982 to continue his career in energy resources. Smith is active in many trade organizations, including the Board of Trustees of the Utah Chapter of the Association of Energy Engineers and also serves on the national Geothermal Applications Committee of the American Society of Heating and Refrigeration Engineers.

In addition to his board service to Uintah Basin Healthcare, Smith has held many volunteer leadership positions in the community. He is a founding director of the Roosevelt Chamber of Commerce and a former Republican Party Chair in Duchesne County. He is an active member of the Catholic faith, having served in his Parish Council as well as the Utah State Pastoral Council. Smith is also Chair of the UHA Trustee Council and serves on the UHA Board of Trustees.

In his spare time, Smith enjoys spending time with his family, hiking and mountain climbing. He also holds a pilot's license. Smith and his wife, Judy, have four children and two grandchildren.

"Cary's keen intelligence and innovative nature have been instrumental to the expansion of healthcare services in the Uintah Basin community," commented Brad LeBaron, CEO of Uintah Basin Healthcare. "Cary exhibits the very best leadership qualities celebrated through UHA's Trustee Service Award."

The 2009 Trustee Service Award was presented by the Trustee Council of UHA, Utah Hospitals and Health Systems Association. UHA is a private, not-for-profit trade association representing Utah's hospitals and health systems.

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