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GORDON CRABTREE NAMED HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

(October 22, 2009) Gordon Crabtree, chief financial officer of University of Utah Hospitals & Clinics, was recently named the Distinguished Healthcare Executive of the Year 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 community. Criteria evaluated for the honor include the candidate's administrative excellence, professional performance and leadership qualities.

Crabtree is a financial expert with more than 35 years of certified public accounting experience. As the chief financial officer at University of Utah Hospitals & Clinics, Crabtree has been an instrumental part of the hospital's management team during a time of great expansion and transformation. The facility recently celebrated the completion of its patient care pavilion, a \$200 million expansion project taking shape over eight years. The most recent phase

of the expansion included the renovation of the main hospital entrances and lobby, and a new patient pavilion featuring 124 private rooms.

Crabtree has served as CFO for University Hospital since 2002 and also served as Interim Chief Executive Officer in 2006. His educational background includes a bachelor's degree in accounting from Weber State University and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Utah. His prior financial experience includes employment as an auditor with Arthur Anderson and for 21 years served in various positions with the state of Utah, including 10 years as the Utah Director of Finance. In 1995, Crabtree was the recipient of the "Donald L. Scantlebury Award," an honor from the Federal government given annually to one federal and one state official for significant leadership in public financial management.

Prior to his work at the University of Utah, Crabtree served for seven years with the Salt Lake Olympic Organizing Committee as the managing director of finance. In this position he was responsible for many of the financial aspects of the successful 2002 Games.

Along with his professional commitments to University Hospitals and Clinics, Crabtree is generous with the time and energy he devotes to healthcare reform and Medicaid financing issues. He serves on the UHA Medicaid Program Task Force, as well as the Association's Healthcare Coverage Coalition and is a past member of the UHA Board of Trustees.

Despite his demanding position and involvement with UHA and healthcare reform issues, Gordon finds time for family. He and his wife, Tonya, have been married for 40 years and have seven children and twelve grandchildren.

According to University of Utah Hospitals & Clinics CEO David Entwistle, “Gordon is an indispensable member of the administrative team at University Hospital. His financial expertise has allowed us to usher in a new era of patient care for those families we serve.”

UHA, Utah Hospitals & Health Systems Association, is a private, not-for-profit trade association representing Utah’s hospitals and health systems.

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