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Foundation Leader Elected to Chair National Board

TOPEKA – Billie Hall, president and CEO of the Topeka-based Sunflower Foundation has been elected to chair the board of directors of Grantmakers in Health (GIH), a national organization dedicated to helping foundations and corporate giving programs improve the health of all people. Hall will begin her one year term as chair of the 19-member board on March 16, 2013.

Founded in 1982, GIH is known today as the professional home for health grantmakers and as a resource for grantmakers and others seeking expertise and information on the field of health philanthropy. It works to foster communication and collaboration among grantmakers and to help leverage the combined potential of philanthropy to improve health and health care. GIH currently serves more than 240 funding partners across the country.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to chair the GIH board," Hall commented, "and I look forward to working with my colleagues from across the nation to continue GIH's leadership role and service to the field of health philanthropy." Reggie Robinson, Lawrence, chair of the Sunflower Foundation board, added, "Billie's election to chair the GIH Board of Directors recognizes her on-going and outstanding service as a member of the GIH Board and her strong leadership of the Sunflower Foundation. Grantmakers in Health has been a valued resource to the Sunflower Foundation since our creation more than ten years ago. We are excited and pleased to support Billie's new role with GIH and look forward to the leadership she will provide on this important national stage."

Hall has served as president and CEO of the Sunflower Foundation since its founding in 2001. She has served on the GIH board since March 2010. The mission of the Sunflower Foundation is to serve as a catalyst for improving the health of Kansans, which it supports through a program of grants and related activities. Further details of the foundation's programs and grants are available at www.sunflowerfoundation.org.