

Allardyce Recognized as Grassroots Champion

Cranston, R.I. – April 27, 2010 - The American Hospital Association (AHA), in partnership with the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI), has honored Fred A. Allardyce, trustee at The Westerly Hospital, with the Partnership for Action *Grassroots Champion Award*. He's being recognized for exceptional leadership, and his passion and dedication to his organization and the state's health care system.

The award recognizes hospital leaders who most effectively educate elected officials on how major issues affect hospitals' vital role in the community, have done an exemplary job in broadening the base of community support, and are tireless advocates for patients and hospitals. The award is presented annually to one individual from each state. Winners are chosen by the state association and recognized at a special Breakfast of *Grassroots Champions* at the AHA Annual Membership Meeting.

"Fred Allardyce has been instrumental in strengthening advocacy activities at The Westerly Hospital," said Edward J. Quinlan, president of HARI. "He is a vocal advocate for health care reform at the state level and was an active participant on the Rhode Island Community Hospital Taskforce. He pushes for long-term solutions to problems facing community hospitals in Rhode Island."

Allardyce joined the board of trustees at The Westerly Hospital in 2000. Since that time, he has held the positions of secretary, assistant treasurer, vice chairman and chairman. Allardyce is the former vice president and chief financial officer at American Standard, and has held board leadership positions at Phelps Memorial Hospital Center in Westchester County, NY. He is the recipient of the 2009 Trustee Leadership Award from the New England Healthcare Assembly.

Founded over a half century ago, the Hospital Association of Rhode Island is a statewide trade organization that assists member hospitals in effectively meeting the health care needs of Rhode Island, through advocacy, representation, education and services. HARI members work collaboratively to improve the quality of care delivered and address issues threatening access to health care including increasing health costs, workforce shortages and decreasing reimbursement. HARI members work together to ensure that all Rhode Islanders will receive comprehensive, high quality health care.

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