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### **CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION CHOSEN AS FINALIST FOR OKLAHOMA NONPROFIT EXCELLENCE (ONE) AWARDS**

**OKLAHOMA CITY, OK (February 3, 2011)** – Children's Hospital Foundation has been selected as a finalist for the Oklahoma Nonprofit Excellence (ONE) Awards in the Large Scale Health Services category.

The fourth annual ONE Awards, sponsored by the Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits, will take place at Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa, on April 2, 2011. The event serves to honor and recognize some of the best nonprofits in the state.

"To be recognized for our work to help the children of Oklahoma is an honor and a privilege," said Brent Hensley, Children's Hospital Foundation Board of Directors President.

Out of 70 organizations nominated for this year's awards, only 27 were named finalists.

Awards are presented to a winner and two finalists in each of the following nine categories:

- Arts & Humanities
- Community
- Community Health Services
- Education
- Health Services
- Self-Sufficiency
- Seniors
- Sports & Recreation
- Youth Development

The winners in each category are awarded \$7,500, and two finalists in each category receive \$5,000. At the conclusion of the program, one nonprofit is selected as the overall winner and receives \$10,000 for its organization. A total of \$160,000 will be awarded to nonprofits that evening.

"Children's Hospital Foundation is operated by volunteers and a small staff based in Oklahoma City, but our organization's impact is statewide," said Kathy McCracken, CHF Executive Director. "As a statewide award, this will promote our mission to care for Oklahoma's children through research, clinical care and education."

"All the finalists for this award deserve praise and recognition for the admirable service they provide to their communities," said J. Jerry Dickman, chairman of the ONE Awards Selection Commission. "These nonprofits represent some of the best in the state."

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The commission, chaired by J.Jerry Dickman (Tulsa), includes: Michael A. Cawley (Ardmore), Nance Diamond (Shawnee), Frederick Drummond (Pawhuska), Ken Fergeson (Altus), R.H. Harbaugh (Tulsa), Kim Henry (Oklahoma City), Phil Lakin, Jr. (Tulsa), Frank Merrick (Oklahoma City), Polly Nichols (Oklahoma City), the Rev. George Young (Oklahoma City) and Stanton L. Young (Oklahoma City).

Children's Hospital Foundation helps to fund pediatric research, education and clinical care, with 100 percent of all funds raised staying in Oklahoma. Despite dedicated and steady progress, we are faced with obstacles in the quest to combat pediatric illness and disability. Children from every county in Oklahoma are served CHF supported physicians with over 168,000 patient visits annually.

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ABOUT US: Children's Hospital Foundation, proud affiliate of Children's Miracle Network, is a nonprofit 501 c(3) organization in Oklahoma striving to improve the health of children. Since its inception in 1983, Children's Hospital Foundation, through its volunteer board and vast community support, has funded pediatric research and education programs including collaborative projects with the OU Department of Pediatrics, the Children's Hospital at OU Medical Center and the University Hospitals Authority and Trust. For more information, contact CMN Director, Jan Dunham at 405-271-2258 or visit our website: [www.okchf.org](http://www.okchf.org).