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Local Executive Earns Top Healthcare Management Credential

Graceville, MN. January 9, 2009 — A. Todd Howell, FACHE, Administrator/CEO of Graceville Health Center, recently became a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, the nation's leading professional society for healthcare leaders.

“Because healthcare management ultimately affects the people in our communities, it is critically important to have a standard of excellence promoted by a professional organization,” says Thomas C. Dolan, PhD, FACHE, CAE, president and chief executive officer of ACHE. “By becoming an ACHE Fellow and simultaneously earning board certification from ACHE, healthcare leaders can show that they are committed to providing high-quality service to their patients and community.”

Todd Howell of Graceville Health Center is privileged to use the FACHE credential, which signifies board certification in healthcare management and ACHE Fellow status. Fellow status represents achievement of the highest standard of professional development. In fact, only 7,500 healthcare executives hold this distinction, with less than 100 in the state of Minnesota. To obtain Fellow status, candidates must fulfill multiple requirements, including passing a comprehensive examination, meeting academic and experiential criteria, earning continuing education credits and demonstrating professional/community involvement. Fellows are also committed to ongoing professional development and undergo recertification every three years.

For more information regarding the FACHE credential, please contact the ACHE Division of Membership at (312) 424-9400 or membership1@ache.org, or visit the Credentialing area of ache.org.

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