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Shodair Children's Hospital Administrator Receives Advocacy Award

(HELENA)--- The American Hospital Association (AHA), in partnership with MHA — An Association of Montana Healthcare Providers, announced that Shodair Children's Hospital Administrator Jack Casey received one of AHA's sixth annual "Grassroots Champion Awards."

The awards recognize hospital leaders from each state who serve as highly effective advocates for their hospitals and their patients. Jack received his award April 12 at the 2011 AHA Annual Membership Meeting in Washington, D.C.

"Jack Casey has been an active leader in hospitals and healthcare in Montana for over 30 years," said Dick Brown, President of MHA. "As administrator of Shodair Children's Hospital, Jack has been a strong advocate for protecting and promoting health services for the citizens of our state."

Last September, Jack was honored with the MHA Lifetime Achievement Award at its 2010 Annual Meeting in Billings. He has served on many boards, including the Montana Hospital Association Board from 1977 - 1979 and again from 1994 - 2003, serving as chairman from 1994 to 1995. Additionally, Jack was appointed by Governor Ted Schwinden to serve on the Professional Standards Advisory Council and by Governor Marc Racicot to serve on the Oversight Committee for the Montana Mental Health Access Plan. He was also tapped as an alternate delegate to the Regional Policy Board of the AHA from 1996 -1999 and again as a delegate from 2000-2003.

Jack has been Shodair's administrator since 1987. Since that time, Shodair has grown to 20 acute beds and 68 residential beds, and its genetics labs are recognized across the country.

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About Shodair: Shodair Children's Hospital provides acute and residential psychiatric care for Montana children and adolescents, and clinical and laboratory medical genetic services to residents of all ages. Shodair is a non-profit, non-denominational facility and the state's only Children's Miracle Network hospital. The medical genetics department at Shodair is the state's medical genetics program, and provides comprehensive services to patients at the Helena campus and in communities throughout the state via outreach clinics.