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HOSPITAL CORPORATION OF AMERICA NAMED TO COMPUTERWORLD'S ANNUAL LIST OF BEST PLACES TO WORK IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Nashville, Tenn., June 21, 2010 – Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) announced today that it has been selected as one of *Computerworld*'s top workplaces for information technology professionals for the second year in a row. HCA is ranked No. 42 on the publication's top 100 list.

HCA, which is also listed among Fortune's "Most Admired" healthcare companies, has 162 hospitals and 106 freestanding surgery centers in 20 states and England. Its Information Technology & Services department (IT&S) employs more than 3,000 employees across the U.S. and includes five data centers and fourteen division support centers responsible for delivering IT services to HCA as well as more than 145 non-HCA hospitals and facilities.

The IT department provides a full array of IT services, including business analysis, systems development, systems integration, information security, customer support, training and education, and infrastructure support. HCA's IT department is fully engaged in the design and implementation of hCare, the company's new electronic health record, and several other large scale technology projects. The department provides the opportunity for IT professionals to work on a wide range of advanced technology projects. While HCA IT employees have a broad range of responsibilities and commitments, they are still encouraged to participate in giving back to their communities through organized food drives, volunteerism and through company sponsored time off for employees to help out local charities.

"We are very pleased to be named among the Computerworld 100 Best Places to Work in IT again this year, and while it is the IT organization that won the award, it is very much a reflection of and is attributed to the HCA culture as a whole," said Noel Williams, CIO of HCA IT&S. "What we have here is truly a great place to work, not only for healthcare information technology workers but for all of our employees."

The HCA Hope Fund
After the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina on the Gulf Coast, where HCA has several hospitals, the company was overwhelmed by offers from HCA employees who wanted to help their co-workers affected by the storm. The company established the HCA Hope Fund, an employee-run, employee-supported 501(c)(3) charity that provides financial relief to thousands of HCA employees every year. HCA employees' generous gifts have helped employees rebuild homes, pay mortgages and buy groceries. Since its launch in 2005, the HCA Hope Fund has provided $9.7 million in aid to more than 9,000 HCA families who have been affected by hardships, including disasters, extended illness/injury and other special situations.

Caring for the Community Hours
HCA provides Caring for the Community Hours as a benefit for corporate office employees to encourage volunteerism during work hours. This includes 16 hours of paid community support time for full-time employees and eight paid hours for part-time employees each year. HCA also sponsors regular blood drives, Habitat for Humanity builds, food drives and Junior Achievement initiatives at facilities across the nation.

HCA's annual corporate office "Caring for the Community" employee giving campaign gives corporate office employees the opportunity to donate to charities and volunteer at local non-profit organizations on company time during two "Community Days." During HCA's 2009 "Caring for the Community" campaign, employees helped raise $3.2 million to support charities. In addition, about 1,600 HCA employees volunteered nearly 10,000 hours of company time to work on 108 projects at agencies throughout Middle Tennessee. The number of employee volunteers and the number of projects are campaign records.

Since 1994, *Computerworld*'s annual "Best Places to Work in IT" feature has ranked the top 100 work environments for technology professionals, based on a comprehensive questionnaire regarding company offerings in categories such as benefits, diversity, career development, training and retention. In addition, this year Computerworld surveyed more than 27,000 IT workers for the list, and their responses factored heavily in determining the rankings.

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