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HCA MIDWEST HEALTH SYSTEM CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER SARAH RICHARDSON NAMED A RISING STAR

KC Business Magazine award recognizes Richardson's contribution to business and the community.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—(Nov. 21, 2013) — Sarah Richardson, Chief Information Officer, HCA Midwest Health System, has been named as a KC Business Magazine Rising Star. Richardson's profile will be listed with those of other Rising Stars in the February 2014 issue of *KC Business Magazine*.

HCA Midwest Health System is Kansas City's largest healthcare provider and private sector employer.

Since 2010, Richardson has led a 193-person, \$41 million annual budget organization while serving as Chief Information Officer for HCA Midwest Health System. In that role she has helped HCA Midwest Health System attain technology-enabled Stage 1 Meaningful Use Attestation, including 14 MU criteria-driven objective measures. Project delivery capacity also expanded by six percent over a 14-month period, for a 90+ project portfolio through Management Office implementation due to Richardson's efforts.

"Sarah Richardson is a true asset to HCA Midwest Health System," says M.L. Lagarde, President of HCA Midwest Health System. "Her strong work ethic coupled with passionate delivery makes her a highly valuable and respected employee."

Eight years after she began working with HCA Midwest Health System, Richardson's designation as a Rising Star is another indication of achievements. Her previous awards have included recognition among 25 Women Who Mean Business by the *Kansas City Business Journal* last summer; Toastmasters International Distinguished Toastmaster and Outstanding Corporation Support Award (2013) ; and she also received ImpacT Awards (HCA Midwest Health System) for Client Interface & Efficiency (2011 & 2013) from the *Kansas City Business Journal*.

"Sarah daily demonstrates how hard work and firm commitment in both her professional life and community participation have resulted in her exemplary reputation," says Clifton Mills, Chief Financial Officer for HCA Midwest Health System. "HCA Midwest Health System is fortunate to benefit from Sarah's expertise and she is highly deserving of this honor."

Richardson also directed field operations at HCA's corporate headquarters in Nashville, TN, where she implemented a Corporate and 14-division Distributed Support Model which strengthened customer service and

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demographic-driven business needs fulfillment. By transitioning the 14-division staffing, payroll, training and education, financial and project management practices and systems into common approaches and platforms and introducing best practices, she also eliminated cost, complexities and confusion while increasing performance.

Richardson's other previous positions with HCA have included Division Information Security Official for the Far West Division of HCA, Henderson, NV; and Director, Information Services & Technology, HCA's Mountain View Hospital, Las Vegas, NV.

She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Hotel Administration from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and completed the MBA program through the University of Phoenix. In 2010 Richardson also attended the Scarlett Leadership Institute Executive Program.

A dedicated community volunteer, Richardson served as Vice President Membership for the not-for-profit HIMSS Heart of America (2011-2012); Board Member for Happy Tales Humane (2010; Franklin, TN); and Board Member for Monroe Harding Inc. (2009-2010; Nashville, TN). In addition, she chaired a major HCA Hope Fund event (2010) and was a team leader of Caring for the Community Campaign (HCA-sponsored, 2009). She was also Area Governor of Toastmasters International (2011-2012), founding the MidAmerica Division Chapter in 2011. Most recently, she is now a Big Sister for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kansas City – Kauffman Scholar Program (2013).

"It's wonderful to be recognized for my work with HCA Midwest Health System," Richardson says. "I'm so honored that I've been included among this group of stellar, accomplished professionals. I am thankful that HCA fosters an environment where this is possible."

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About HCA Midwest Health System

HCA Midwest Health System is the Kansas City area's largest healthcare provider consisting of 10 hospitals, outpatient centers, clinics, physician practices, surgery centers and an array of other services to meet the healthcare needs of the greater Kansas City area. HCA Midwest Health System is also the area's largest private sector employer with more than 9,000 employees, the largest provider of charity and uncompensated care, and annually donates more than \$1.2 million to local charities. Since April 2003, HCA Midwest Health System has invested more than \$845 million to enhance and expand patient services and has paid more than \$216 million in taxes to local communities. HCA Midwest Health System facilities serving the Kansas City area include Allen County Regional Hospital, Belton Regional Medical Center, Cass Regional Medical Center, Centerpoint Medical Center, Lafayette Regional Health Center, Lee's Summit Medical Center, Menorah Medical Center, Overland Park Regional Medical Center, Research Medical Center and Research Psychiatric Center. Midwest Physicians, which is part of HCA Midwest Health System, is a network of experienced, multi-specialty physicians located throughout the Greater Kansas City metropolitan area. Midwest Physicians currently represents 344 physicians, including 142 primary care providers and 197 specialists with 80 physician practices providing care in 146 locations to serve the community. The physicians, licensed professionals and support staff who comprise the HCA Midwest Health System team are dedicated to improving healthcare in the Greater Kansas City and outlying areas. For more information, visit hcamidwest.com.