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MARGARET L. WOLFF BECOMES NEW CHAIR OF THE JOHN A. HARTFORD FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Retiring chair Norman H. Volk led board for thirteen years

New York, NY (June 5, 2015) – The John A. Hartford Foundation today announced that Margaret L. Wolff has become the chair of its Board of Trustees. Ms. Wolff was elected to the Foundation board in 2004 and, more recently, led the search committee that selected Terry Fulmer, PhD, RN, FAAN, as the Foundation’s new president. Ms. Wolff succeeds Norman Volk, who retires from the board after 36 years of dedicated service, including 13 years as chairman.

“The board is deeply appreciative of Norman Volk’s outstanding service, and I join my fellow board members in thanking Norman for his exceptional leadership. I am honored to become the next board chair for the John A. Hartford Foundation,” said Ms. Wolff. “The Foundation’s mission of improving the health of older adults is vitally important to individuals, families, health professionals, and our entire society, and I look forward to working closely with Terry Fulmer, our talented new president, and with the board and staff to promote positive change and innovation in our health care delivery system.”

Ms. Wolff retired last year as a partner of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP, where her practice concentrated on domestic and international mergers and acquisitions. In addition to the Foundation, she serves on the Board of Trustees of New York-Presbyterian Hospital and Mount Holyoke College. She also serves on the board of directors of Travelers Insurance Company of Canada and The Dominion of Canada General Insurance Company. After graduating cum laude from Mount Holyoke in 1976, Ms. Wolff went on to earn her JD in 1979 from Case Western Reserve University Law School, where she also served as an editor of the *Law Review*.

“The John A. Hartford Foundation is most fortunate to have Peggy’s exceptional leadership for the next era,” said Terry Fulmer, president of the Foundation. “She brings keen insight and experience to the role. With the complexities of health care reform and the aging of our society, our Foundation has never been more relevant and impactful. She will lead with dynamic vision and bring the full force of her experience.”

Norman Volk’s legacy of contribution

Norman Volk has served on or chaired every John A. Hartford Foundation committee and played a pivotal role in formulating the Foundation’s current strategic plan. Since Mr. Volk joined the board in 1979, the John A. Hartford Foundation’s grantmaking to improve the health of older adults has exceeded \$561 million.

“Working with the board, staff, and grantees of the John A. Hartford Foundation for the past thirty-six years has been a deeply rewarding experience for me,” said Mr. Volk. “I am very proud of the impact we have had in building the fields of geriatric medicine, nursing, and social work, and of the Foundation’s unwavering focus on aging and health that has helped millions of older people receive better care.”

“Norman Volk has made a tremendous personal contribution to the John A. Hartford Foundation and to the field of geriatrics,” said Foundation president Terry Fulmer. “We are indebted to Norm for his dedication to improving the health of older people, and for the support, guidance, and friendship he has shown to so many of us.”

Norman Volk’s wider contribution to the field of aging and health has been substantial. Since 2009, Mr. Volk has served as a member of the Advisory Council of Stanford University’s Center on Longevity. He has been a member of the New York University College of Nursing Board of Advisors since its inception in 2005, where, with his wife, Alicia, he has endowed the annual Norman and Alicia Volk Lecture on Geriatric Nursing. He was a Trustee at his alma mater, Valparaiso University, and is a member of the National Council at its College of Nursing. In 2005, Mr. Volk became a member of the New York State Delegation at the White House Conference on Aging at the invitation of the Governor of New York and the New York State Office for the Aging.

Honors for Norman Volk include the Award of Distinction from the American Federation for Aging Research; the first Jonas Center Award for Advancing Nursing Leadership; the Friend of the College of Nursing Award from Marquette University; and the International Award from Sigma Theta Tau International, the Honor Society of Nursing. The New York Academy of Medicine will honor him this month at their Healthy Cities, Healthy World gala. Norman Volk has been president of Chamberlain & Steward Associates, Ltd., an asset advisory firm, since 1985.

About the John A. Hartford Foundation

The John A. Hartford Foundation is a private philanthropy working to improve the health of older Americans. After three decades of championing research and education in geriatric medicine, nursing, and social work, today the Foundation pursues opportunities to put geriatrics expertise to work in all health care settings. This includes advancing practice change and innovation, supporting team-based care through interdisciplinary education of all health care providers, supporting policies and regulations that promote better care, and developing and disseminating new evidence-based models that deliver better, more cost-effective health care. The Foundation was established by John A. Hartford. Mr. Hartford and his brother, George L. Hartford, both former chief executives of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, left the bulk of their estates to the Foundation upon their deaths in the 1950's. Additional information about the Foundation and its programs is available at www.jhartfound.org.

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