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NEWS RELEASE

Former U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher to Receive HRET's 2009 TRUST Award

CHICAGO—April 1, 2009—The Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET), an affiliate of the American Hospital Association (AHA), has selected David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D, as the recipient of the 2009 TRUST Award. Established in 2003, the TRUST Award recognizes individuals who have exhibited visionary leadership in the health care field and who symbolize HRET's commitment and desire to rebuild trust within health care organizations and with community partners.

Satcher is director of the Center of Excellence on Health Disparities and the Satcher Health Leadership Institute and the Poussaint-Satcher-Cosby Chair in Mental Health at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Ga. Satcher also served as the sixteenth Surgeon General of the United States, appointed by President Bill Clinton in 1998.

“The award committee overwhelmingly praised the impact and breadth of Dr. Satcher’s contributions to the field over the course of his distinguished career,” said Thomas F. Zenty III, chief executive officer of University Hospitals and chair of the HRET Board of Trustees. “His commitment to eliminating health disparities and teaching principles of cultural sensitivity are among the many reasons why he was selected as this year’s award recipient.”

“At a time when our nation once again assesses the need for health care reform, Dr. Satcher is a welcomed voice to health care leaders on the need to place greater emphasis on preventing disease, improving quality of care, and eliminating health disparities,” said Maulik S. Joshi, DrPH, president of HRET.

As surgeon general, Satcher addressed issues that had not previously garnered national attention, including mental health, sexual health, obesity, as well as racial and ethnic disparities in access and quality of care. His groundbreaking reports were often both controversial and highly respected. Satcher issued the first surgeon general’s report on mental health and asserted that mental health is a critical public health problem that the nation must address.

Before being appointed surgeon general, Satcher was the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. Prior to this role, he was president of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee.

Satcher served as fellow at the Kaiser Family Foundation and was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar and Macy Faculty Fellow. He has received over 30 honorary degrees and many distinguished honors, including awards from the American Medical Association, the American College of Physicians, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and *Ebony* magazine. Satcher received the 2007 Research!America Raymond and Beverly Sackler Award for Sustained National Leadership. In 1999, he received the Benjamin E. Mays Trailblazer Award and the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Award for Humanitarian Contributions to the Health of Humankind from the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases. In 1997, he received the New York Academy of Medicine Lifetime Achievement Award and in 1995 the Breslow Award in Public Health.

Satcher graduated from Morehouse College in Atlanta in 1963 and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his medical degree and doctorate in cytogenetics from Case Western Reserve University in 1970 with election to Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. He completed his residency/fellowship training at Strong Memorial Hospital, the University of Rochester, UCLA and King/Drew Medical Center. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American College of Preventive Medicine, the American College of Physicians, and the American Psychiatric Association.

HRET will honor Satcher at a reception on Thursday, July 23, 2009 in San Francisco, during the AHA/Health Forum Leadership Summit.

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About the TRUST Award

The TRUST Award is presented annually by HRET to a health care leader who has made significant contributions to improving our health care delivery system. Previous recipients include David Lawrence, MD, retired chairman and CEO, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. (2003); Donald Berwick, MD, president and CEO, Institute for Healthcare Improvement (2004); Brent James, MD, vice president for medical research, Intermountain Health Care (2005); Gail Warden, president emeritus, Henry Ford Health System (2006); Janet Corrigan, PhD, president and CEO of the National Quality Forum (2007); and Robert H. Brook, MD, ScD, FACP, vice president at the RAND Corporation and director of RAND Health (2008).