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The Association for the Health Care Environment Presents its 2021 Phoenix Award

Chicago, November 5, 2021 – The Association for the Health Care Environment (AHE), a professional membership group of the American Hospital Association, today announced the recipient of the 2021 Phoenix Award as Sandra L. Rials, M.S., AHE director of education. She is the first staff member ever to receive this prestigious honor.

First awarded in 1987, the Phoenix Award is the highest honor bestowed upon an AHE member. The Phoenix Award recognizes a professional who has made an unselfish, lasting impact and outstanding contributions to the growth and professionalism of AHE, the membership and to the advancement of AHE and environmental services. Phoenix recipients are selected by the AHE Advisory Board.

“Sandra’s passion and commitment to education and the advancement of all levels of the environmental services profession, evidenced by the success and industry recognition of the AHE Signature Programs as well as a comprehensive portfolio of complimentary member education made this an easy advisory board decision,” said AHE Advisory Board President Brad Winnie, MBA, CHESP.

The Award was presented to Rials during AHE’s Health Care Leadership and Preparedness Symposium in Orlando, FL.

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About AHE

The Association for the Health Care Environment (AHE) is a professional membership group of the American Hospital Association. AHE is the professional organization of choice for professionals responsible for caring for the patient and resident care environment across all care settings; including hospitals, long term care, continuing care retirement communities and ambulatory care. AHE advances members’ ability to establish and maintain care environments that are free of environmental surface contamination and that support safety, service, and efficient and effective operations. www.ahe.org