



## The American Hospital of Paris Foundation

### **The American Hospital of Paris Foundation Appoints Bernadette Toomey as Executive Director**

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Mr. Michael P. Schulhof, Chairman of the Board of the American Hospital of Paris Foundation, is pleased to announce the appointment of Bernadette Toomey as Executive Director.

Ms. Toomey will be responsible for enhancing the American Hospital of Paris' brand identity in the United States as well as developing programs that will further U.S. / French relations within the medical community. She will take a leadership role with the distinguished board to create strategies to drive gift-giving, with a focus on major gifts.

"I believe the Foundation has found exactly the right person in Bernadette," said Mr. Schulhof. "Her enthusiasm is infectious, and her experience is a perfect fit for where we are, and more importantly, where we're going."

Ms. Toomey is a seasoned and respected senior-level non-profit professional with a proven track record for identifying strategic opportunities, increasing fundraising results, building brand awareness and driving communications. She has worked extensively with volunteer boards and has successfully built and managed numerous high profile programs and special events. Prior to leading her own consultancy, Ms. Toomey served as President and CEO of the American Lung Association, the first female appointed to head the nation's oldest voluntary healthcare organization. As the Executive Vice President for strategic partnership for the American Legacy Foundation, one of the nation's largest health Foundations, she created the award winning Circle of Friends initiative. Ms. Toomey was most recently the Director of the Northeast Region of the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation.

Ms. Toomey began her career in Washington, D.C. working in public policy and education. At the Brookings Institution she directed education programs for policy makers, corporate leaders and government officials. She served as Vice President of the National Academy Foundation, which forged strong partnerships with business, government, education and labor to create systematic change in public secondary education. She also was a consultant on national post secondary education issues during the Clinton administration.

As Vice President of the Cosmetics, Toiletries and Fragrance Association, a trade association for a multi-billion dollar industry she created the national public service program Look Good...Feel Better, designed to help women recovering from chemotherapy and radiation treatment.

In the private sector, Ms. Toomey was the Vice President, special programs at International Management Group, directing the international event, entertainment, marketing and media corporation's Washington, D.C. office.

“I am delighted to be joining the respected American Hospital of Paris Foundation. It serves as a vital link between the American Hospital of Paris and the hospitals in the U.S. I look forward to being an ambassador for the American Hospital of Paris and strengthening relations with its U.S. supporters at this critical time in its history,” remarked Ms. Toomey, a New York City resident, who received a master’s degree from American University and a bachelor’s degree from Marymount Manhattan College.

*The American Hospital of Paris Foundation is 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to raise funds and awareness in the United States for the American Hospital of Paris.*