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FAHP to Support Feeding Florida & Five Children's Charities During 2016 FAHP Annual Conference

Tallahassee, Fla. – [The Florida Association of Health Plans, Inc.](http://www.fahp.org) (FAHP) today announced that it will support [Feeding Florida](#), as well as five Central Florida-based children's charities – [BASE Camp Children's Cancer Foundation](#), [Camp Boggy Creek](#), [Freedom Ride](#), [Make-A-Wish Central and Northern Florida](#), and the Florida Chapter of the [March of Dimes](#) – during the 2016 FAHP Annual Conference in Orlando, Fla.

Feeding Florida is the state's network of food banks working to solve hunger by providing a healthy, adequate, and consistent food supply to every community every day. The network works to provide a full portfolio of strategies and assets by leveraging partnerships. Farmers Feeding Florida is Feeding Florida's produce recovery initiative that unites food banks with farmers and packers throughout the state to rescue and distribute wholesome and cosmetically blemished produce. The organization will be recognized at a luncheon held during the conference and receive a charitable donation from FAHP.

"Feeding Florida's statewide food banks have made a commitment to go beyond hunger relief by leveraging partnerships that address all aspects of food insecurity to improve the quality of life and health for our communities," said Robin Safley, Executive Director of Feeding Florida. "We are honored to be recognized by the Florida Association of Health Plans and look forward to a continued partnership to ensure a healthy Florida."

"We are pleased that we are able to honor Feeding Florida during this year's FAHP Annual Conference," said Audrey Brown, president and CEO of FAHP. "The statewide network of food banks works with a multitude of agencies in Florida to provide our neighbors in need with food and other essential services. What Feeding Florida is doing with their variety of programs is paramount to promoting and sustaining a healthy Florida and we are proud to have the opportunity to support them at our conference."

In addition, five Central Florida-based children's charities will be honored at the 2016 FAHP Annual Conference Golf Tournament. The golf tournament will be hosted as a 9-hole shotgun scramble consisting of five teams, with each team playing on behalf of one of the selected recipients. A donation of \$500 will be given to the charitable organization, as well as a larger donation to the charity of the winning team.

"It gives us great pride to be able to offer our support to these children's charities and support the tremendous work they are doing by bringing comfort and happiness to the families of critically ill children," said Brown. "As an organization, FAHP understands the importance of ensuring access to quality health care, while also providing services that foster a positive spirit for children who are battling a serious illness. We are proud to recognize these organizations for the inspiring work they do to provide children with the most special care."

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BASE Camp Children's Cancer Foundation provides a year-round series of programs for children and families facing the challenge of living with cancer and other life-threatening, hematology-related illnesses.

Camp Boggy Creek was founded in 1996 and since then has made it possible for children with serious illnesses to enjoy a camp experience in a safe, medically-sound environment. Located just a short drive from Orlando, Florida, the 232-acre camp serves children ages 7-16 who've been diagnosed with chronic or life-threatening conditions.

Freedom Ride, as the only premier accredited PATH facility in the Central Florida area, provides therapeutic riding to adults and children 4 years and older with spina bifida, developmental disabilities, autism, Down syndrome, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, learning disabilities, brain injury and speech-language disorders, among others.

Make-A-Wish Central and Northern Florida grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Locally, the organization has granted more than 4,800 wishes since its inception in 1994.

The Florida Chapter of the March of Dimes helps moms have full-term pregnancies and researches the problems that threaten the health of babies.

The 2016 FAHP Annual Conference, which takes places September 14, 2016 – September 16, 2016, will bring together a distinguished group of thought leaders in national and state health care policy, as well as experts on health care regulation and managed care. These leaders will provide insight on the current and future health care landscape, best practices within the industry, and solutions to improve outcomes and support efforts to provide affordable, quality health care to employers and to all Floridians.

To learn more about the 2016 FAHP Annual Conference, please visit FAHP.net and follow us on Twitter [@FAHPCon](https://twitter.com/FAHPCon).

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